

## In Christ Alone: Dump Your Debt

~ Carmen Velasquez

As part of the “In Christ Alone” sermon series, Pastor Estay explained how in Biblical time someone’s debt was taken so seriously that debtors or debtor’s children were often taken as slaves until that debt was paid. However, for God is serious business when creditors take advantage of debtors getting interests for their debts; this is why, God asked a year of remission every 7<sup>th</sup> year. Israelites failed in doing so, and as a consequence, they had to live in exiled in Babylonian captivity for 70 years. Debt in the New Testament has a spiritual perspective, as is shown in the parable of the two debtors, where the one who owed the king 10 thousand talents and its debt was forgiven, was unable to forgive his debtor of one hundred denarii. “What God has forgiven His people, said Pastor Estay, is beyond human calculation. Because God has forgiven you zillions, He only asks is for you to forgive people thousands.”

Papers were distributed for member to write their name as a way to accept Jesus’ forgiveness of our sins on the cross. Colossians 2:13-14 says, “you being dead in your trespasses and in uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us, He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

“You can walk debt free out of this church today,” said Pastor. Many accepted this called, wrote their names, and nailed them in a cross that was placed in front.



### November Board Actions

**Motion 2023-107 2nd and PASSED.** Purchase a Kawai CN29 Digital Piano from D C Charles Piano Company for \$1200. They will deliver and also remove the piano from the Fellowship Hall at no cost (Unrestricted Funds).

**Motion 2023-108 2nd and PASSED.** Ask Tim Roosenberg to present a 10-day seminar “Islam and Christianity” from April 26 through May 5, 2024.

**Motion 2023-109 2nd and PASSED.** Host a National Night Out August 6, 2024

**Motion 2023-110 2nd and PASSED.** No board meeting for December 2023

**Motion 2023-111 2nd and PASSED.** Accept the minutes from the October board meeting.

**Motion 2023-112 2nd and PASSED.** Accept the Financial Report from the October.

**Motion 2023-113 2nd and PASSED.** Put an addition \$25K into the Pacific Union Income Fund



- U.S. Army – Randy Brucker, Frank Gonzalez, Mike Wilensky
- U.S. Marine Corp – Frank Gonzalez, Pete Jimenez
- U.S. Navy –Larry Leach, Rudy Noble, Ed Politano
- U.S. Merchant Marine – Ken Fuch



You are invited to Vallejo Central Cantata Christmas Program on 12/16/2023 during Sabbath worship.



# Pastor's Appreciation Day

Submitted by Carmen Velasquez

Pastor Chris Estay received many displays of affections for his labor at Vallejo Central on Pastor's Appreciation Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Children of Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior Classes made posters, cards, and sang special songs to show him how important he is to our church. Elders prayed for him, and Larry Leach presented him with a gift from all the members. The congregation also signed cards and filled them with cash to show their appreciation Pastor Chris and his family. At the end, children give him a big hug as is a tradition in Vallejo Central.



The Kindergarten Class gave HUGS to Pastor Estay and a signed card.

*I am a C  
I am a CH  
I am CHRISTIAN  
And I have  
CHRIST  
In my HEART  
And I will  
LIVE ETERNALLY*



Teacher Isabel presented a green monkey card signed by the Primary class.

Primary Sabbath Class





# Pathfinder Canned Food Collection

The Pathfinder Club collected over 1,000 items of food to assist the Community Services.



## DECEMBER

Sonia	Killiam	1
Marbue	Marke	8
Sheryl	Jacob	8
Rudy	Patricio	8
Micah	Ruban	12
Michelle	Chi	14
Bienvenido	Magbanua	14
Randy	Brucker	15
Leticia	Pacas	15
Soley	Abad	16
Joelly	DaSilva	16
Nellie	Dicen	18
Mae	Mangrobang	18
Joseph	Arce	19
Luis	Gomez	21
Mary Joy	Protacio	23
Elizabeth	Daniel	24
Carole	Jackson	24
Dennis	Robinson	25
Noe	Clark	25
Lisa	Martinez	26
Tanya	Molina	26
Allan	Ellorin	27
Joseph	Vasquez	28
Ruth	Vasquez	31

ON OCTOBER 20, and 27th  
 Pathfinders left at 1:40 to 3:10  
 on 20th to put bags on houses  
 to hopefully get dry and canned foods  
 for community service. On the  
 27th all the pathfinders went and  
 collected all the bags and some  
 extra bagged food, around 200 bags  
 where filled with extra food  
 and extra bags full to the  
 brim with food. Pathfinders spent  
 1:30 to 5:23 collecting and putting  
 food on the stage for everyone  
 to see.

from Leo



Vallejo Mariners Pathfinders  
**2023 PATHFINDER  
 HOLIDAY "MAKE AND  
 BAKE" SALE**



From August 5 – 11, 2024 more than fifty-five thousand Pathfinders from around the globe will converge at Gillette, WY for the "Believe the Promise"



## IN LOVING MEMORY



Lynda Leach, 1948-2023



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lynda Leach, a beloved family member, friend, and pillar of the church. Lynda departed from this world on November 25, 2023, while surrounded by her loving husband and four daughters.

Throughout her life, Lynda's selflessness was demonstrated by her involvement in community services, giving back to those who were less fortunate. Lynda's commitment to service inspired many, and the compassion she showed will continue to impact the lives of others for years to come.

Above all, Lynda cherished her role as a devoted wife, mother, sister, and grandparent, creating a nurturing and supportive environment for her loved ones. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will forever cherish the memories they created together and her guiding presence will be sorely missed.

Lynda leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will continue to inspire all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and those whose lives she touched.

May Lynda find eternal peace with her savior, Jesus Christ. And may we find solace in knowing that she suffers no more. We look forward to meeting her in the clouds at His second coming. Lynda will forever remain in our hearts.

From Casey Peck



### December Pray List

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people-" 1 Timothy 2:1

- Miriam Avalos-Monjaras
- Randy & Evelyn Brucker
- Brian & Joelly Ann Da Silva
- Pearlette Dobbins
- Gina Garrett
- Gregory & Mariel King
- Debbie Mallerie, Antoni and Andre Hamilton
- Fausto & Tanya Molina. Chelsea, Valerie and Nathan
- Raimundo & Erin Romero
- Joseph & Ruth Vasquez

A big thank you to Lynda Leach for all her prior Newsletters. She transferred her Newsletter task to Trinh Bui. If you have suggestions or articles for the newsletter each month, please send to [Trinh2t@gmail.com](mailto:Trinh2t@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We also want to hear what God has done in your life.



### ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the month of November, the following people volunteered at Community Services: Emmy Vega, Ed Politano, Rudy Patricio, Jane Sarmiento, Randy Brucker, Rose lauglug, Edith Gasmin, Nelma Traubb, Eunice Villar, Donaca & Kiara Klapp, Kyla Palacios, Cindy To, Leticia Aquino, Pearlette Dobbins, Kay Tibbits, Cathy Keating, Erwin Protacio, Roland & Renz Daguna & Pastor Chris Estay, with a total number of 375 hours. This month we served a total of 167 households and 333 individuals. From Jane Sarmiento.