



Tri-State Tres Dias



Dear Tri-State Tres Dias family,

As my term as your new Lay Director begins, there are admittedly a few challenges before this community. In reading God's Word, He tells us in James 1:2 that we should consider it all joy, brothers and sisters, when trials (challenges) come our way.

These challenges may test our faith but endurance will have its perfect result, so that we may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. With that in mind, I'd like to share an immediate challenge this community recently faced and how God faithfully answered our need.



Ladonna Dartt

We announced at our January sequela that Olivet Community Church has sold its building and property. This wonderful church has blessed us for about 40 years with a beautiful place to hold our monthly sequelas. Olivet has shown incredible hospitality to us and made us feel at home in their space. We are very grateful and blessed by the relationship we have shared with this congregation.

Please pray for the Olivet Community Church congregation under the leadership of Pastor Dave Mills as its body faces new and exciting challenges moving forward. We hope you will make a special effort to join us for our March 3 sequela, which will be our last time to meet at Olivet Community Church.

I'm pleased to share that Christian Fellowship Church has opened its doors and touched our hearts by offering to let us meet in their beautiful facility beginning with our April 7 sequela at the usual time (7 p.m.)

We hope you will make every effort to join us at this new location just up the road from Olivet. Christian Fellowship Church's address is 4100 Millersburg Road in Evansville. Members of the Secretariat will be there to welcome and direct you to our new meeting area. Childcare will be available. Remember, our sequelas are open, so please bring a friend with you.

At our April meeting, we will welcome new pescadores from Men's Weekend #85 and you'll have the opportunity to sign up for supporting and serving the

Women's #85 Weekend scheduled for April 16-19.

You can always access weekend information as well as candidate and sponsor applications on our Web Site at www.tri-statetresdias.org

We hope you will prayerfully consider sponsoring someone on a weekend.

I am both honored and humbled to have been asked to serve our Lord and this community as your Lay Director along with my brothers and sisters on the Secretariat. Your prayers for and support of this community are most appreciated. Please pray for the members of the Secretariat as we continue to seek God's assignment for our part in encouraging men and women in their personal spiritual walk with Christ, impacting their environments and serving as leaders in their churches and communities.



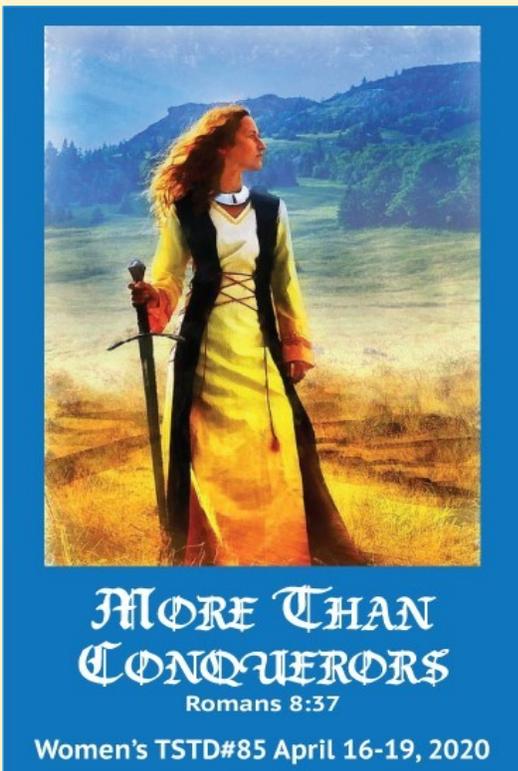
If you have any concerns or comments you'd like to share with me regarding this Tres Dias community, please call me. My cell phone number is 812-431-6110. Challenges may come but the Lord will be with us through it all!

*Ladonna Dartt
Tri-State Tres Dias Community
Lay Director*

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Rectora Expectations for Women's Weekend #85



De Colores brothers and sisters of the 4th Day,

What a joy and honor it is to have been selected as Rectora for Women's Tres Dias #85. I am so blessed to be on this wonderful journey!

Preparations are well under way for Team #85 and God has brought together a fantastic group of ladies and men to serve. I am excited to begin our formations and to watch our awesome God draw us to Himself and to each other as one. Pray that we bless, encourage, support, and strengthen each other in preparation to serve the candidates of TD #85.

Your help as the Fourth Day are **vital** to the weekend – before, during and after. I prayerfully ask that you be intentional about covering us in prayer, in serving and by sponsoring someone to attend the weekend. Thank you, corporately and individually, for your sacrifice of time, love, service, energy and prayer. You are a great blessing!

More Than Conquerors! (Romans 8:37)

Deb Whobrey, Rectora, TSTD Women's #85

Rector Expectations for Men's Tres Dias #85

De Colores brothers and sisters of the 4th Day,

The team of Tres Dias #85 is full steam ahead. Formations are bonding the team together to be the hands and feet serving our Awesome God. This, along with the hearts of the full fourth day, your prayers and your servant acts of palanca and sponsorship, are and will be much appreciated by both team and candidates.

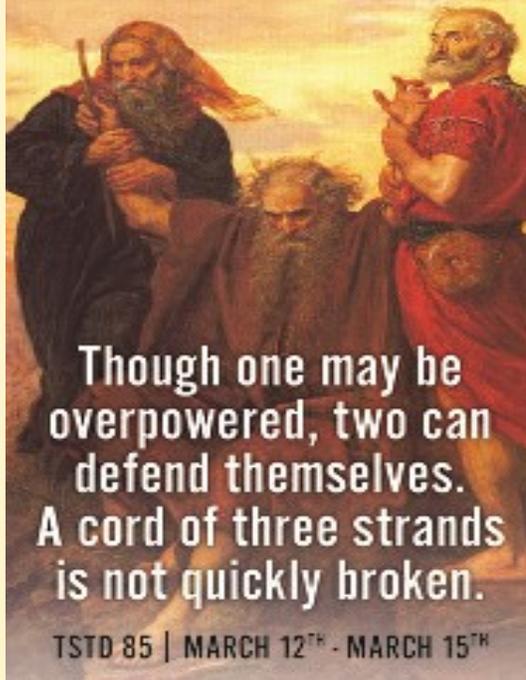
We have felt your prayers and covet them. God is so present in actions already seen, and we are secure in what He has to come.

Please continue to pray for the candidate that is on your heart, and the team.

Christ Grace in abundance.

Bruce Damm, Rector, TSTD Men's #85

ECCLESIASTES 4:12



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SECUELA

March 3, 7 p.m.
Olivet Presbyterian Church

MEN'S #85 WEEKEND

Date
March 12-15
Rector
Bruce Damm

SECUELA

April 7, 7 p.m.
Christian Fellowship Church

WOMEN'S #85 WEEKEND

Date
April 16-19
Rectora
Deb Whobrey

MEN'S #86 WEEKEND

October 15-18

WOMEN'S #86 WEEKEND

November 19-22

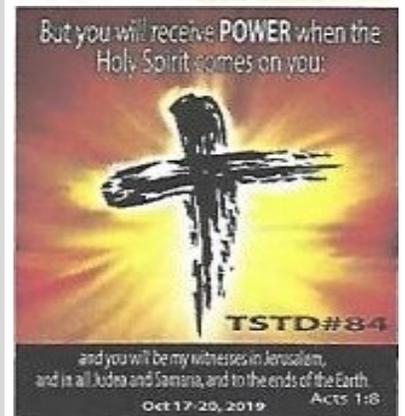
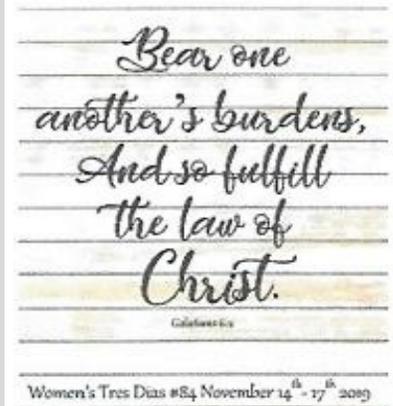
Reaction to #84 weekends

Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

The Word of God is living. It builds, strengthens and teaches. It walks us through our sanctification. The women and men of Tres Dias #84 experienced the strength of the Word through experiencing Christ working through His body of believers, bearing one another's burdens.

We were encouraged to come along side one another, to support and build one another. The message was clear that we need each other in this process of sanctification and that a powerful way to fulfill that need is to get involved in a group. Groups formed before the weekend ended have continued to meet, bond, and encourage. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Rely completely on Him!

Lorelei Findley, Tres Dias Weekend #84 Rectora



Missions: Allowing ourselves to be open to God's Will

By Loretta J. Igo

Ever since I became a Christian in 1995, I've dreamed of missions, but the timing was never right. I was convicted to seek mission opportunities in the fall of 2015. After a few calls, I was invited to join a Belize youth team and asked to create a women's Bible study in Belize. This was way out of my comfort zone, but I heeded the call and let God lead me.

The group was small, and I was nervous. The second night, a category 2 hurricane tore through Belize. When it ended, we were eager to help rebuild the community, and as we worked, the community saw Christ's love through us. On our last day, the Bible study group doubled in size with both men and women attending. The Spirit prompted me to share the Bridge Diagram. The diagram shows Man on one side of a river, separated from God. Jesus creates the bridge to God, restoring the relationship.

Many souls accepted Christ that afternoon. I'd never led anyone to Christ before. I know the words were not my own, and I stood hum-



Angela Peraza, Loretta J. Igo, Jahaira Ruiz and Claudia Burgos.

ble and amazed at the change in the women of Belize. I had no idea at the time how that relationship would change me.

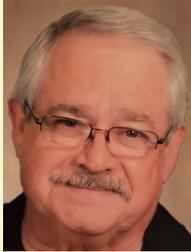
Each time I return, it feels as if I had never left. More friendships grow as does our dependence on God. Last April, a personal event exposed a long-buried trauma. I heard the Spirit tell me to share. God used the women's group as a can opener, allowing me to let past hurts and repressed emotions spill out. It was the first time I ever admitted to anyone besides a pastor about my childhood abuse. While God used the men and women of Belize to encourage me to speak openly, He spoke to them through me, allowing them to expose their pain. We cried together and prayed together, and most of all we started to heal together.

By allowing myself to be vulnerable, they saw my heart and also the heart of Christ. Heart-to-heart connections open the door for Jesus to walk in, helping us share the message of forgiveness, and forgive ourselves for a past that wasn't our fault.

Missions is about allowing ourselves to be open to God's will in whatever way He wants to use us.

We must step up to meet the many challenges

We close another year of work for the Lord in bringing forth new leaders for Him in spreading the good news. As Margo indicated, we welcomed 78 new pescadores into the fourth day. We continue to have less than capacity for our week-ends. We continue to use facebook



Craig Butler

and emails to remind the fourth day about sponsoring. We've held the line on the fees for candidates and teams members in the face of increases in expenses. We likely will not be able to do this long term with the numbers that we have been hosting. Therein lies one of the challenges for the Secretariat in the coming years.

I mentioned before the departure of Staci Specht and Jim Hendrickson from the Secretariat. The challenge for Debbie Tucker and Rick Martin will be to faithfully help in our mission. It seems that the effectiveness of the Secretariat continues as fourth day folks come and go. I ask that current members of the Secretariat stand and be recognized. Ladonna has a strong group of leaders with her. Trust me, she will come to rely on every one of them.

As for changes on the Secretariat, Ashley and James Dye have taken the role of supply coordinators and Sally and John Bagby have been added as sequela hosts. Thanks to Terry Schultheis and Charlie Selzer who had supply previously. I've enjoyed the Bagby's as they have hosted our sequelas along with Tom.

I leave my role with challenges on the table. Our banner for Tres Dias International needs updating and our sequela location will change as of next month. (In the versions of this talk up to now, that subject ended right there. But the Lord has provided. Is anyone surprised?? Our next sequela will be the last one at Olivet. In April, we will be meeting at CFC. Our thanks to Ladonna, Nick, and Jim for their work on this subject.) As for

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our departure from Olivet, we will leave with memories and regrets but thankfulness that the Lord brought us there so many years ago into the midst of such wonderful people.

Our communication with the Fourth day continues to need constant attention. And an issue of authority that has emerged in Tri-State Tres Dias points to that communication.

The candidate application review process has served us well for many years. We've tried to look upon each application with grace, often meeting with sponsors and interested parties concerning the applicant.

But by extending this grace, we have faced challenges in which enthusiastic sponsors have guaranteed a candidate a spot on the weekend in spite of the candidate and sponsor applications not having been received or reviewed. In addition, we continue to receive candidate applications without sponsor applications in spite

of repeated requests. The take-home message here is that your secretariat is responsible for the application/review process. The final decision rests with the group that the Lord has chosen to lead this community. We must rely on their authority. Failure to do so results in disappointment and turmoil. Prayerfully, Tri-State Tres Dias will meet challenges and continue to fulfill our mission.

As I started this role, I felt my strongest challenge would be in getting weekend leaders, but that hasn't been the case. Thankfully, Chris Naas, Melanie Atwood, Steve Simmons, Kim Ellis, Dana Selke, Lorelei Findley, Bruce Damm, and Deb Whobrey answered the Lord's call and stepped up to lead our week-ends. Jason Claus and Kim Barnhart will prepare those teams in the fall of 2020. As exemplified by the secretariat and this list, the fourth day does leadership well, truly a living example of the purpose of our weekends.

Finally, I would like to call Ladonna and Dale to the podium. I ask Dale because, if I have learned nothing else as your Lay Leader, I have learned that this job requires a team effort. I certainly have received nothing but support from Tammy in my service to the Lord. Let's go to the Lord:

Father we love you, honor you, and bless you. We come to you as Your imperfect children seeking the light of Your way. I ask for Your blessing and guidance for Ladonna as she moves into the position of Lay Leader. We are constantly reminded that no matter how much we prepare for the jobs that You have for us, You are always there providing us with all that we need. I ask for You to give Dale the words to say in supporting Ladonna. And I ask that Your thoughts, motivation, and clarity be one with Ladonna, the Secretariat, and this body. I thank You for the opportunity You have given me to serve You and I look forward to the next mission that You have for me. In the name of your precious son, our savior Christ Jesus, all the people said, AMEN.