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Alongside Pastors & Churches

# SUMMER 2023

## NEWS & NOTES

**Some years ago, a fitness gym was looking for ways to increase their membership. One idea they conceived was that of hiring a world-renowned weightlifter to squeeze the juice out of a lemon. After doing so, the challenge went out for someone to attempt to squeeze more juice from the pulverized lemon. If someone was able to meet that challenge, they would be granted a year of free membership to the gym. Due to the strength of the weightlifter, no one was able to meet that challenge. Until one day...**

**Into the gym walked a man of medium build. There was nothing in his appearance that indicated that he was a man of unusual strength. He received permission to participate in the lemon squeeze challenge and grip the pulverized lemon in his right hand and, to everyone's surprise, was able to squeeze 6 more drops.**

**Since he did not resemble a man of strength, the owners of the gym inquired if he was some kind of kung-fu or karate master. He replied that he was not. They became even more curious and asked for the secret of his strength. He replied, "I work for the IRS."**



**Finances can seem to be like that for ministries like ours. Start-up costs and state requirements are quite demanding. A few times we also have felt like a pulverized lemon that keeps getting squeezed to produce more. Yet, we joyfully press on because we know that our pulverizing and squeezing is in God's hands as He actively works these things for our good to conform us more to the image of His Son.**

## Prayers Requested

We are still working with Cornerstone Church Los Banos. We are in negotiations to continue for another 6 months helping them to replant.

For the month of July, we have enlisted pulpit supply for Cornerstone through Dave's former associate, Robert Torrez, and Rich's former Associate, Dave Theis.

Dave will be preaching at Grace Community Church, Wasco, July 16th and 23rd.

Rich will be preaching at Grace Community Church, Wasco, July 30th.

Rich will be presenting 6 lessons to the young adults of Grace Community Church, Visalia, at Westgate Landing (Lodi) July 12th through July 15th.

We are still actively fundraising to reach our Capital Funds goal of 100,000 dollars by the end of the year. (We had a little over 60,000 dollars but had an unforeseen bill that took 4700 dollars of that amount – squeezed lemon!)

We are in the dialogue stage of working on a Pastor's house beginning in August.

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**(Corrie Ten Boom) Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

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