



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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Reflections on Get Away, Give Away Spring Break Trip to Mexico

For the last nearly thirty years, North Valley has participated in what we call “Get Away, Give Away” (or GAGA) every other year during spring break. Last month when participants shared about their trip, Jim Fisher asked for anyone who’s been on a GAGA trip to stand up, and he estimates about 60% of the group stood. In that thirty years, GAGA has developed from something we join Eugene Friends Church for, to a ministry we plan with other Newberg-area Friends churches in cooperation with a congregation in San Luis, Mexico, called Nueva Esperanza. That congregation is pastored by Rafael, pictured above, and his wife Beni. You can hear more about the trip and view a slideshow on our podcast, found [here](#).

This year, as with previous years, our crew built three homes and participated in a Bible school program for local kids. This year we were also able to build chicken coops and purchase chickens for the families. Through a generous donation we also donated our blue van to Nueva Esperanza. In the past we’ve organized and carried out the Bible school program ourselves, while this year we followed the lead of the ministers in the Nueva Esperanza congregation. Beni made thirty clown costumes and many of our youth went door-to-door. Over one hundred kids came to Bible school the first day. We also donated about 1500 pounds of food for Nueva Esperanza to distribute to those in need.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5 (Sunday):

- Senior Recognition Sunday
- Spaghetti Feed & Dessert Auction for Feltons’ adoption following worship

June 8 (Wednesday):

- Monthly Meeting, 6:45-8:15 pm, childcare provided

June 12 (Sunday):

- Promotion Sunday—next year’s 3rd graders receive Bibles, all kids move classrooms to their grade in the fall
- Junior Helpers Training during worship—training for youth entering 6th grade interested in helping in younger kids’ classrooms
- 8th Grade Graduation Lunch—8th graders, join Leslie for lunch at the Spaghetti Factory!

June 17 (Friday):

- Community Dance for all ages in the sanctuary, 6:30-8:30 pm. Invite your friends! Children dance for the first hour, childcare provided after that.

June 19 (Sunday):

- Intergenerational Worship: this summer we’re experimenting with Sunday morning worship that includes our children. (Children’s Church will be provided for kids through 1st grade.)

June 20 (Monday):

- Lithuanian Dinner & Update from Andrew & Kim Stave

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We are also much more involved now in building relationships with the people for whom we build homes. Several from our congregation go to San Luis a number of times between GAGA trips to talk with Rafael and a government agency in charge of housing. Together they create a list of people who would benefit from a house. Rafael visits families on the list, not telling them we might build a house for them. He helps our team discern who has the greatest need. In between our spring break visits, Rafael and Beni continue to visit the families for whom we build houses. They do pastoral counseling and also teach family and spiritual life skills.

Jim Fisher has been involved with GAGA for about twenty years. He, Leslie Murray and Michael Fisher go to San Luis to meet with Rafael and plan. One thing that stood out to him this year occurred when the early group of folks went down the week before the rest of the crew. They needed to clean off the site of one of the houses, and Jim says it was the dirtiest thing he's ever seen. The group from Newberg needed more help, so Rafael asked his youth group to come help out. Jim says Rafael smiled from ear to ear the entire time, knowing the kind of character building that was happening in his youth. The kids worked without complaining and with an excellent attitude the whole time, mirroring the attitude of their pastor, and the attitude of Christ.

Following are some reflections from North Valley members who went on the trip. Don't forget to listen to more on our [podcast](#) if you missed their sharing in worship! There you can hear a few more voices.

"I loved seeing how the traditional 'short term mission trip' has grown into a long term relationship with a community of people. The additional resources needed to build this kind of long distance and ongoing community seems to be filling an important spiritual hunger in both communities and I feel blessed to witness this new type of short term mission.

Adina Briggs McConaughy

"Through this experience my love for the Church deepened. The Church worldwide grew-up just a little bit more during this trip. The community of local Friends churches was deepened, the relationships that formed in serving together grew healthier roots. We had the opportunity to practice the Fruits of the Spirit with one another, moving each of us closer to spiritual maturity. The Mexican church and the Anglo church moved closer to being peers as we gave up some of our "traditional" forms of ministry and got out of the way a bit more. Of course physical church buildings were built/improved which will be used to encourage even more growth."

Shawn McConaughy

"It is important to plan ahead unless you don't modify those plans as the project develops over time. In past trips to Mexico with GAGA there always seemed to be plenty of people and organizations who would provide the much needed funds to purchase lumber, concrete and supplies. When the economy slips and there is less ready cash available we had the opportunity to adjust. Money was saved by mixing our own cement and gravel instead of paying for ready-mix delivered to each site. The concrete was mixed by hard work and help from the combined GAGA crew, some from the host church in San Luis along with help from adult family members of those who were to receive the new homes. Just like concrete is a balanced mixture of water, sand, gravel, and cement--this year's GAGA building project is stronger with the mixture by many people along with materials and water (part of it sweat)."

Keith Baker

"My experience this time was very different than my first trip two years ago. The building process was very similar. The team and relationship building with others on the trip was exciting. And the Food is always amazing. The part I loved best about this trip was working along side the family we were building for. Literally sharing tools, nailing the same sheet of plywood, holding ladders for each other and marveling as a home grew from the ground up. Even better, after working together, we worshiped together. Sharing God's word and our experiences related to scripture was powerful. I realized though our circumstances are very different, our relationships and understanding of Christ's Love are one in the same. I came home with a feeling we had more in common with our Mexican friends than we are different."

Nathan Murray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We have a number of graduates to congratulate this year:

Newberg High School: Olivia Anderson, Anna Jolliff, Sharisse Rourke, Mary Weaver

George Fox University: Carleen Bock (BS), J. Rourke (BA), Noël Carey (MAT)

Berklee College of Music: Jacob Jolliff

Administrators Certificate: Michael Fisher

SUMMER CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

Three interns will be working with our kids this summer: Emily-Grace Cropper, Bryanna Henry and Austin Huelsbeck. Normal Sundays will look like this:

9:30-10:30 am: Childcare available

10:45 am-12:00 pm: Gathered worship, children dismissed around 11:15 am

- 0-3: Nursery
- Age 4-1st grade: Bryanna
- 2nd-5th grade girls: Emily-Grace
- 2nd-5th grade boys: Austin

Every third Sunday we are experimenting with inter-generational worship, so the 2nd-5th grade kids will stay with us during worship. Nursery care and Bryanna's class will still be available for 1st grade and younger.

Each intern will have one adult volunteer with them each week. The interns will be in charge of the curriculum, so all you have to do is show up and help with crowd control. If that's something you feel a nudge to help with, contact Priscilla: jpcilla@comcast.net.

PODCAST

You can now listen to North Valley sermons online! If you miss a week or want to hear the sermon again, or if you want to refer a friend to a particular message, these are available to you anytime, anyplace (where you have an Internet connection...). You can subscribe to the [podcast on iTunes](#) or visit the [podcast site](#) to find a specific message. The artwork from the bulletins is also there, as well as quotes from the week's Power-Point presentations. From time to time other material will be found there, such as Stan Thornburg's devotionals during this Practicing Resurrection sermon series.



Tilikum Day Camp July 25-29, 2011

Children entering grades 1-6 are invited to attend Tilikum Day Camp July 25-29. Cost is \$127 if registered by **June 24**, or \$150 after that. The final registration deadline is July 18. You can find the [registration form](#) online or in the foyer. Turn in your completed forms and checks to the North Valley office.



"Encountering Christ on the Oregon Coast"

GIRLS CAMP: July 3-8

- Girls entering grades 4-6
- **Register by June 17** for \$252
- \$282 after June 17
- Final cutoff: June 27

TWEEN CAMP: July 10-16

- Youth entering grades 7-9
- **Register by June 24** for \$273
- \$303 after June 24
- Final cutoff: July 4

BOYS CAMP: July 17-22

- Boys entering grades 4-6
- **Register by July 1** for \$252
- \$282 after July 1
- Final cutoff: July 11

SURFSIDE: August 7-13

- Youth entering grade 9 through graduating seniors
- **Register by July 22** for \$273
- \$303 after July 22
- Final cutoff: August 1



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm MS Youth Group	2	3	4
5 Senior Recognition 12 pm Spaghetti Feed & Dessert Auction for Feltons	6	7	8 6:45 pm HS Movie Group 6:45 pm Meeting for Worship for Business	9	10	11 10:30 am Baby shower (women only!) for Feltons, NVFC nursery
12 Promotion Sunday Junior Helpers Training 12 pm 8th Grade Luncheon 12:30 pm Of a Certain Age Lunch	13	14	15 6:45 pm HS Movie Group	16	17 6 pm Community Dance	18 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital
19 Intergenerational Worship	20 6 pm Lithuanian Dinner with Staves	21	22 6:45 pm HS Movie Group	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JUNE WORSHIP CALENDAR

<u>June</u>	5	12	19	26
Greeters	Rob Felton	Vonnie Burton	Earl Tycksen	Janine Saxton
			Annie Tycksen	
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Don Parrish
	Michael Pender	Ron Fieldhouse	Jim Allison	George Piper
	John Frost	Jessica Trout	Daryl Burton	Alan Parry
	Anna Baker	Alan Kanne	John Frost	Jared Jones
	Stuart Griffith	Jeremy Baker	Bill Rourke	Eric Funk
Music	Jared Jones	Sandi Thornton	Janine Saxton	Joel Bock
		Lukas McKennon	Michael LeClair	
		Emily-Grace Cropper	Linda LeClair	
		Peter McKennon	Steve McKennon	
		Adria McKennon	Aletha McKennon	
		Steve McKennon		
Sound	Mike McConaughey	Austin Huelsbeck	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon
Power Point	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout
Media				
Preach/Facilitate	Leslie Murray	Paul Bock	Paul Bock	
Monthly Focus	Peace Prayer		Missions: Staves	
10:45 Nursery	Janelle Olivarez	Adina McConaughey	Jeanne Boyd	Heidi Pender
under 3	Liz Majdecki	Leanne Baker	Becky Headley	
		Brenna Baker		
Preschool	Beth Woolsey	Lydia Cathers	3s to nursery	3s to nursery
3s & 4s	Greg Woolsey	Jonah Harkema	4s with K-5th	4s with K-5th
	Abby Woolsey	Olivia Pugsley		
	Elsie McConaughey	Erinn Baker		
Children's	Kim Boyd	Kim Boyd	Bryanna Henry	Austin Huelsbeck
Worship	Katrina McConaughey	Amy Lutz	1 volunteer	Emily-Grace Cropper
K-5th grade				Bryanna Henry
				3 volunteers
	Graduate Recognition	Promotion Sunday	Intergenerational	

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Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Lead Pastor
- Leslie Murray Youth Pastor
- Kim Boyd Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Cherice Bock Administrative Assistant
- Paul Bock Worship Coordinator

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours:

- Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - Wednesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 am
 - Friday 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Phone:** 503-538-5340
E-Mail: office@northvalleyfriends.org

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Sunday:** 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
- 9:30 am Unprogrammed Meeting
- 10:45 am Programmed Meeting

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