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to glorify God through the prayerful nurturing and sending of disciplined believers to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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Imagine!

By Rob Reimer

Hello to all of you out there in Emmanuel Land. Imagine something with me if you would. Imagine that you are in charge. In charge of what really doesn't matter, you are just in charge. Everything depends on you and you alone. So what would you do first? If you are like me you would look for a team to work with you

because that is your style of leadership. If you are not like me then you would relish the thought of being able to implement your own ideas and take the train in the direction that you think it should go. Both of these are valid styles of leadership and have their place in society and in the church, but the situation that I am going to write about today is best

handled by a team approach. As a matter of fact it is best handled if everybody impacted by it becomes a part of it.

It is spring time and therefore it is time to plan for Children's Ministries in the fall. We have had a good year and are very thankful to all of you that have had an active part in making the

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What Do You Smell Like

By Julie Acree

We all want to give off a pleasing aroma to those with whom we come in contact. Have you ever considered that we don't need the outer putting on of perfumes to have a pleasing aroma? Our fragrance can come from the inside.

Consider Mary of Bethany. A familiar account of an experience in Mary's life is found in John 12:1-8. She was an ordinary woman, yet she took a step to show her love, devotion and worship of Jesus that cost her a great deal. She took a jar of expensive perfume and anointed Jesus' feet and then wiped His feet with her hair. What an extravagant, costly act of worship and love was shown to Jesus that day! John says that the house was filled with fragrance.

Our lives of worship and living in the power of Christ bring a fragrance to life so that ordinary places become filled with the presence of Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 2:15 it says: "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God

the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

Whenever the Romans won a major military victory they would celebrate with a spectacular parade. As part of the celebration, the Romans would burn fragrances on altars, filling the entire city with a pleasant aroma. The special fragrance came to symbolize victory to anyone who smelled it.

Paul used this imagery to describe the effect that Christians should have in the world. God permeates our lives with His fragrance that comes from our truly knowing Him. Everywhere we go, our lives should demonstrate to others that Christ is victorious. Even unbelievers should be able to smell the aroma of Christ in our lives as we live before them and demonstrate the victorious power of Christ. We should be the fragrance of Christ. Are you?

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Imagine! (continued)

Connecting

year happen. Most of you have been involved in working directly as small group leaders, directors, song leaders, people counters, record keepers, administrators, toy washers, story tellers, AV setter uppers, visitors etc.. Then there are those of you that have been praying faithfully for the various Children's Ministries. Thank you so much to this group. We don't even know who you all are, but we are very aware that you are very much the backbone of all the good stuff that happens in CM from week to week. The reality is that all of you that are working in CM either are or could be a part of this group. What an opportunity to make a difference and the great part is that everybody can become part of this group. Children's Ministry needs you but probably not in the way that you may have previously thought. We need you to pray with

Growing

us that God would have his way in all that happens in CM both now and when we get back into full operation in September. For items to pray about we refer you to the needs list in the bulletin.

God wants us all to be involved in the discipling of His children because this is the responsibility of all of us that attend Emmanuel. Those of us working with CM here at Emmanuel put in countless hours to ensure that we do the best job we can and for the most part we enjoy what we do. But the reality is that we cannot do this job by ourselves. We need all of you to work with us. We cannot all teach but many of us can, we cannot all administrate but some of us can, but we can all pray. Remember that the education of our children is everybody's responsibility. We need all of us to com-

mit to pray for CM. Pray that God will speak to those of us in the church that he wants to be involved working with CM next fall as we have quite a few positions that need workers. As we pray let's pray that God will show each one of us what our role is to be in CM next year. Thanks again to all of you for your involvement in CM over this past year. God bless you all!

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Serving

Sharing the Light ~ in Mexico

Multiplying

My wife and I went for a vacation in Mexico. Our second day there we went to the beach. While settling down on the beach I looked over to the pier of the beach. I noticed a young Spanish man by the name of Carlos, sitting there all by himself. The Spirit of the Lord nudged me to go and talk to him. I approached the young man and introduced myself and he did the same. He seemed to be very well versed in the English language. I tried to strike a conversation with him. I noticed he had a lovely chain with a cross around his neck. He told me his mother had given it to him before he left home. I remarked, "That is beautiful. Do you know the meaning of the cross?" He said, "Not really". Well here was my opportunity to tell him all about the cross and Christ's death. I quoted scripture verses to him like John 3:16 and told him that we all have sinned and we need a Saviour, and that Jesus had died for him on the cross. I noticed he started to cry, and he said, "I've been searching and I don't want to go to hell". I asked Carlos if he would like to ask Jesus to forgive his sins and ask Him to come into his heart. He said "Yes". I asked him to pray and repeat after me the sinners prayer. He was gloriously and wonderfully saved. I told him, "You are a child of the King. We are brothers

in Christ". I reminded Carlos that it had been no accident that we had met at the pier. He asked me to pray for another need he had. He was new in Playa del Carmen and he needed a place to live. God answered this prayer as well. In two days he had an apartment. I went to see him at work and he was so happy and said God had done so much for him. I knew this young Christian would need help so I directed him to a local church where our daughter attends. I tried to find a bible in the local bookstore but they didn't have any. I found a gospel of John at the church and gave that to Carlos. Several days later our daughter, who lives in Playa del Carmen, found the book "The Purpose Driven Life" in the bookstore and gave that to him. Earlier I had promised Carlos I would get him a bible and we bought him a new Easy Read King James Bible. God directed it that a couple came from Playa del Carmen to Wpg. We were able to send the bible along with them. As I write this article I got an e-mail from Carlos telling us he had just picked up the bible. This is a direct quote from his e-mail. **"Thank-you so much mi friend, you have no idea how this mean to me, its an incredible gift, and I will remember it forever."** I praise Lord for using me in this way.



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