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## SMALL CLOUD OPEN HOUSE

In addition to parents of the students and a few regular school supporters, there were many "distinguished guests" at Small Cloud Christian School's annual Open House on Tuesday evening, May 25, 2004.

They were Martin Luther and David Livingston, Princess Diana of Wales and Indian princess Pocohantas, Albert Einstein and Florence Nightingale, Beethoven and Queen Esther.

The older students had worked on individual in-depth research projects to learn about historical figures of their choice. For the Open House, students dressed as the characters they had chosen and then told the audience about themselves and their achievements.

The younger students also impressed everyone, with the recitation of poems and memory verses (including a large portion of Christ's sermon on the mount).

The entire student body (directed by Sandy Nelson and accompanied on the piano by Margie Seely) treated the group to several well-rehearsed songs.

Following the program there were some light refreshments and everyone had a chance to look around at the school and the work of the students that was on display. The evening highlighted the important work which goes on at Small Cloud every day and demonstrated how the school is, indeed, education for eternity.

*(Small Cloud Christian School has just mailed out a promotional inviting more children and youth from the neighborhood to enroll. Please pray with us for its success.)*

—Small Cloud Staff



## NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST FIELD CONFERENCE, JULY 1 - 4

We received rich blessings at the field conference at Camp Alta, CA. On Sabbath we had over 100 in attendance.

The report of the conference will be included in the August *Newsletter*, the Lord willing, so that you can share the blessings with us.

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## MISSIONARY TOUR

Elder Henry Dering left the States for another missionary tour, this time to Finland, Estonia, Sweden and England, where he will be conduct evangelistic meetings and seminars.

These are difficult fields and Elder Dering has requested your prayers for this trip and his safe return in September.

## TAMPA, FLORIDA

The Tampa Church has just moved into a new chapel. The Lord has done many miracles along the way and we would like to thank Him by means of this *Newsletter*. We want all to know that there is still a God in Israel.

God has provided pews, a baby grand piano and so much more for so little at the time when we got the new chapel. We see His hand everywhere.

A word of encouragement to all those waiting to have a place to meet. In Tampa it has taken over twenty years of meeting in homes and purchasing little houses for worship, but now, in His own good time and after increasing our patience (which is a requirement for the saints), He has made it come to pass.



—Maggie Troncoso

### BR. CHRISTIAN NELSON

Christian was seriously injured on the job on June 24 when a large 7-ft. refrigerator that was being installed in a commercial building fell on him.

There was a manufacturing defect on the foot of the refrigerator, and Br. Christian was on the floor trying to figure out how to reattach the refrigerator's foot. He opened the refrigerator door and then closed it, causing the refrigerator to tip forward (it had a compressor on top). Trying to get out of the way, he rolled to his side. It fell on him and bounced off, crushing his pelvis and fracturing the sacrum.

He spent the next two weeks in the trauma center in the hospital while the doctors debated as to whether to operate or not. They finally decided not to operate but to see if the fractures will heal on their own.

Br. Christian is now home and doing well, considering the severity of the accident. He uses a walker or wheelchair and has a hospital bed. He is of good courage in the Lord. Due to this accident, however, the youth outing to Yosemite National Park after the conference was canceled.

Please pray for Br. Christian. You may write him at 12434 Pear Lane, Wilton, CA 95693, or call him at (916) 687-6069. You may also monitor his progress (with pictures) at [www.ciexchange.com/christian.htm](http://www.ciexchange.com/christian.htm)



### REPORT OF THE WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA

Elder Henry Dering conducted evangelistic meetings and seminars in Ecuador, Chile and Argentina during the months of February and March.

There was an interesting experience he would like to share with you. In Ecuador a plane dropped invitations to the meetings. The invitations came down like snow. A young man picked up one of them and attended the meetings. (Someone will follow up on this interest.) This man said that he had been suicidal. If it had not been for the invitation he picked up, he would have committed suicide.

God works in mysterious ways!

# CALENDAR

2004-2005

1. Canadian Field Conference: July 30 - August 1
2. Northeast Field (Brooklyn) evangelistic meetings: August 15 - September 12
3. Richmond, VA, Youth Training: September 3 - 5
4. Elizabeth, NJ, evangelistic meetings: September 22 - 25
5. Rhode Island, evangelistic meetings: October 3 - 17
6. Northeast Field Young People's Rally: October 8 - 10
7. Bronx, NY, Family Reunion: November 11 - 14
8. Brooklyn, NY, evangelistic crusade for young people: December 24 - 27
9. International Youth Conference, Sydney, Australia: December 27 - January 2, 2005

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Sr. Elizabeth Uden and all the sick and hurting brothers and sisters..

## MOVING? ? ?

Have you moved? Or are you moving? Please notify us. We still get back mail. Thanks!

## LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF NOAH (Genesis 7)

(From a service by Br. Rudy Goni at Camp Alta)

1. Don't miss the boat
2. We are all in the same boat
3. Plan ahead
4. Stay fit and healthy—no one is too old, nothing is too big or unimportant
5. Never listen to the critics.
6. Build your future on higher ground
7. It is better to work together
8. When stressed, float with the boat
9. The ark was built by an amateur; God made the plans
10. No matter how bad the storm, there is always a rainbow waiting

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