

# The Encourager

## Leprosy by Oscar Brooks

I was blessed by the revelation that came through Oscar as he ministered to us about Naaman's leprosy. 2 Kings 5 tells the story and gives us an illustration of how we as believers are to treat the spirit of the world. Elisha as the man of God represents the church. Elisha did not even go out to meet Naaman, showed him no preference and didn't want his gifts. As Oscar preached it created in me a desire to be like Elisha who had no attachments to the world.

I thought of Jesus when He said "the Prince of this world is come but he has nothing in Me." I think of Paul writing what communion hath light with darkness and what concord hath Christ with the devil. We as believers should be as separate today in this present evil world as these heroes of faith and are Savior was in their day and time on earth. Leprosy represents sin and as we see in 2 Kings Elisha's servant Gehazi became polluted with Naaman's lep-



rosy, there was an affinity in him for the world and the things of the world. Let us remember Jude 22-23 "hating even the garment spotted by the flesh", and make a firm decision to mortify the lusts in us and perfect holiness in the fear of God.

Pastor Kelly Rumfield

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### *Church Services*

*Sunday Morning Service  
10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday Evening Service  
6:00 p.m.*

*Generation Impact  
6:00 p.m.*

*Kid's Church 6:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday Bible Study  
7:00 p.m.*

## The Cross Changed Everything



Everything has been different since the Son of God climbed Calvary. Life has been different,

death has been different, sin has been different, faith and hope and love have been different. Round the wide universe the arms of the cross have reached; its head has touched the heavens; its shaft

has gone down deep as hell. ... Here was the Church's message from the very day of its birth: "Christ died for our sins."  
—James S. Stewart,  
A Man in Christ

### **Teachers for the Month**

Nursery: Frances Diaz  
& Rebecca Perez

2 & 3 year old class:  
Kimberly Kilbourn




4 & 5 year old class:  
Tanya Vento

1st & 2nd grades: Angie  
Garza

3rd & 4th grades:  
Chuck Kilbourn

5th & 6th grades: will  
stay in the service

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Samaritan Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 John & Janie Garza's 50th Anni- versary Celebration	 16	17	18	19	 20	21
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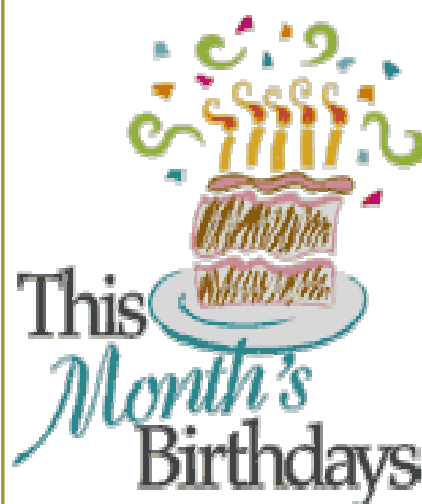
Congratulation! John & Janie Garza  
Celebrating their Golden Anniversary! March 30th.



HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

Gus & Diana Gonzales will celebrate their 17th anniversary on March 7th.

Carlos & Vicky Chapa will celebrate their 14th anniversary on March 11th.



Jose Gonzales will celebrate his birthday on March 2nd.  
Hamid Kuri will celebrate his birthday on March 11th.  
Jacob Navarrette will celebrate his birthday on March 12th.  
Sonya Hile will celebrate her birthday on March 14th.  
Chuck Kilbourn will celebrate his birthday on March 20th  
Isaac Hirschmann will celebrate his 13th birthday on March 22nd.  
Charles Kilbourn III will celebrate his 9th birthday on March 22nd.  
Kobe Brooks will celebrate his 6th birthday on March 23rd.  
Lupita Gonzalez Chavez will celebrate her birthday on March 24th  
Ann Rumfield will celebrate her birthday on March 24th.  
Victoria Snyders will celebrate her 2nd birthday on March 26th.  
Abigail Gonzalez will celebrate her 4th birthday on March 30th.

## Spot Light Kid — Kobe Miqueas Brooks

Kobe Miqueas Brooks is our spot light kid this month and he will celebrate his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday March 23rd. Kobe is the son of Oscar and Sharmayne Brooks. Kobe is home schooled and also attends WOTC Christian School.

Kobe's favorite sport is football and favorite songs are "Jesus Loves Me"; "You are Holy" (with the motions from VBS) and "Give Me Your Eyes".

Kobe was asked if he was born again Kobe says "I asked Jesus to come into my heart with my mom".

Kobe was asked, what is your favorite bible lesson? "David and Goliath" because David got a rock and slammed Goliath in the head". "Then he died". "He was

brave". "I must do that".

What are your favorite verses? "My favorite verse is San Juan 3:16 (in Spanish)".

What do you want to be when you grow up? "When I grow up, I want to preach!

Please share with us any thing else that you would like for us to know about you. Or something the Lord has done for you.

"I asked God to help me to be brave and now he is helping me not to be scared of monsters and also dogs".

A few other things about Kobe: Kobe really loves to learn. He reads all the time in English and Spanish and also likes doing math. He really looks forward to Sunday school and Kids Church at NWBC.



When Kobe was younger, he used to make everyone in the room (usually his grandparents and other family members) sit down in a row and he would stand in front and lead worship and preach. He even would take up the offering and dismiss the kids to go to the back!

Written by  
Sharmayne Brooks

## From the Children's Ministry...

**VBS:** We are so happy to announce that we have 2 teachers that have signed up. Thank you, Nason and Mario!! We still need 3 more teachers. We have 5 crew leaders also signed up. Thank you, Vicky, Ashia, Alicia, Deleine and Jacob & Aida!! We still need to fill 7 crews. So we are asking you, once again, to pray and seek the Lord. If you feel a desire to help with VBS, please sign up! (Don't make us ask! HaHa) If you are curious about what a teacher or crew leader does, please see Diana or Lionel. There will be a VBS teachers'

meeting on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. to go over this year's curriculum.

**Sunday School:** The classes are going well and the teachers are doing an AWESOME job!! There will be a Sunday School teachers' meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 6 pm. Dinner will be provided. \*Note to teachers: If there is anything you feel we need to discuss, please let Diana or Lionel know so that they can put it on the agenda.

Please remember our teachers in your prayers, they are times that they are really battling back there to try to teach the children. We are confident in our teachers and know that they are teaching our children the true word of God. The older children and pre-teens are being prepared for when they transition to the Youth Group.



## Teacher Spot Light — Nason Rumfield

Nason Rumfield is our Spot Light teacher. Nason is the teacher for Kid's Church on Sunday evening. Nason is the brother of Jacob Rumfield and nephew to our Pastor; he is also grand nephew Ann and Evalyn Rumfield.

When were you born again? And give a few words on how you got saved. *I've been told by witnesses that I first accepted Christ into my heart at the age of 4, ha ha, but that's honestly too far back for me to remember. I do remember praying alone in my room one night and dedicating my life to Him of my own sound mind more around the age of 8 though. I grew up in church and with a Christian family, so it's really all I've ever known and I've always counted that as a blessing.*

Are you Spirit-Filled (give testimony) and of how long? *Yes I am, and I have been for about 13 years now. Around the age of 10, I attended a Sunday school class which taught on the Holy Spirit as the lesson, and afterward, they invited those in the class who felt lead to pray to receive the Holy Spirit to come on up. I did so, and when my turn came it made me smile so much because it felt so powerful, and being so young, I had never known anything quite like that before.*

Are you Water Baptized? *Yes I am. Again, much like being Spirit-Filled, it felt very good and I was smiling the whole*

*way.*  
What prompted you to work in the children's ministry? *I love working with kids.*



*It's a lot of fun and VERY interesting. Kids can say and do so pretty random things sometimes. I have a lot of odd memories from my time as a children's minister. More than anything though, it's always been a blessing to see them gain knowledge of God's Word and grow in their relationship with Jesus, and if I can do something to make them laugh and cheer along the way, all the better!*

Tell us about your self, what do you enjoy doing? *Well, I'm usually pretty quiet and kept to myself most of the time. But if you get to know me well or have ever worked with me on something, you'll probably see my "goofy" side come out in a big way. I*

*thank God for giving me the drive to be artistic and the calling to serve him through various forms of media, such as music and movies.*

Where were you born and raised; also share with us a most memorable event as a child? *I was born in a hospital in San Benito, but have resided all of my life in Harlingen. Ha ha, oh wow, my most memorable events as a child were probably some of my more "terrible" days in Kindergarten. I wasn't a very cooperative student. This basically meant that I made a headstrong effort to have all the fun I wanted to have, but the teachers would inevitably suffer as a result.*

Where are you employed? How long have you been employed at the same job? *I am currently working as an interior painter at the St. James Apartments in Harlingen, and have been doing so for about half a year now.*

Why did you choose NWBC for your home church? *Well, I actually grew up here. My father was once the associate pastor and, when I was a kid, I always managed to partake in any of the activities I could get myself into as well. It feels good to come to a church where your family is and where the love is strong.*

Written by Nason Rumfield

## Generation Impact

Generation Impact had a busy start to the year. In February we had a great time joining other Christian teens at two conferences, a local concert night and ministering in Mexico with the church. We thank the Lord for the new youth that are coming to Bible study. Each young person is encouraged to make an **extra effort** to be FAITHFUL in participating in the weekly Bible studies as well as the monthly activities.

In March we will begin fundraising for our annual summer mission trip. We will also be having some other fun stuff planned and a ministry outreach project that will be announced soon.

So if you've been kind of hanging out on the sidelines, now is the time to jump in! Invite a friend to come with you. Let's make it a great month!

Written by Sharmayne Brooks



We are celebrating **John & Janie Garza's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on March 15<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon after service. We are having brisket, rice, beans, salad and cake. We would like for you to please RSVP by Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> so we may have a count of how many will be joining us in their celebration. Please sign up on the back bulletin board.

# The Anointing of God

There is much confusion in the Body of Christ over the anointing of God.

The "AA" of God is more than—  
...an emotional yearning to serve God

...our own human abilities to do the work of the Lord

...does not depend on how we feel, good personality how much we know.

The anointing of God is recognized by the fruit it produces. Those flowing under the AOG will produce results like God. Those flowing under the anointing of man will produce results like man (frustration, discouragement, tiredness, burned-out).

Jesus Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power before He be-

gan His ministry. Luke 4:1, Mark 1:9, Acts 10:38.

The anointing of God is: A Divine enablement given by God for specific purpose (teach, minister, pray, etc).

Like 4:18 Anointed = Greek = to smear or rub with oil; to consecrate to an office or religious service.

To rub with oil typifying the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit covering us, enabling us, setting us apart for His specific work.

Under our own sinful nature we didn't qualify but —

...The Holy Spirit came into our lives and circumcised our hearts (Romans 2:29).

...Sin no longer has dominion over us (Romans 6:14).

...We are washed with the blood of Jesus (1Peter 1:18, 19).

...He abides within us (John 1:32-34).

We have been anointed with His Spirit, separated, dedicated, purified for His work (1 John 2:20).

That's why as we walk in love and respect for each other, His anointing in each one of us can be released to set the captives free, the broken-hearted healed, the lost made whole and the gospel preached. Hand in hand working for our King Jesus Christ.

Written by Isabel Puente

## Ladies Fellowship

Once again we had our ladies Fellowship on Feb. 6th at church. It was a delight to see so many ladies come to the fellowship. We had several guests. One lady, Yolanda Hinojosa, was invited by Eloise Padron she had been part of our church way back maybe the late 80's or early 90's. We had a great visit with her. Velma also invited two friends Anita Rodriguez and Amelia Mendoza and they seemed to have enjoyed their visit with Kim Kilbourn.

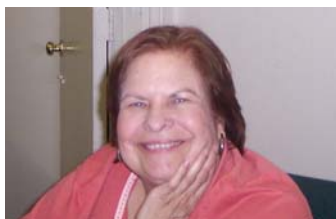
The meal was delicious. Mario Hernandez made the sauce for the enchiladas, John Garza cooked the beans, Alicia Alvarez cooked the rice, Kim Kilbourn made the avocado salad and Frances Salazar baked the pineapple pudding cake.

Velma was very generous in the prizes that she gave out. At least 10 ladies went home with a prize.

The ladies that joined us were Gizelle Hernandez, Asia Hernandez, Haley Hernandez, Frances Salazar, Ann Rumfield, Evalin Rumfield, Isabel

Puente, Janie Garza, Kim Kilbourn, Yolanda Hinojosa, Bertha Gutierrez, Velma Martinez, Anita Rodriguez, Eloise Padron, Hope Delaunay, Lupita Gonzalez, Alicia Alvarez, Loraine Campos, Amelia Mednoza, Lucy Navarrette and Jane Delaunay. Our special guest was our Pastor, Kelly Rumfield. Our next ladies fellowship will be on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at NWBC.

Written Jane Delaunay



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*"Ye have compassed this mountain  
long enough: turn you northward."  
Deuteronomy 2:3*

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Started in 1980 and our mission is to reach souls for Christ and teach families  
and individuals the truth of God's Word and applying it to their daily lives.

## Mexico Outreach

Hello Church,

It gives me great pleasure and honor to write about our Mexico outreach. Before I begin with the story, I must tell you how most people felt in their hearts about going to Mexico. People were fearful, and rightly so; however, it's the LORD that has the final saying. Pastor and I had talked about the serious issues involving Mexico with all the kidnappings and killings. Prior to going we discussed about not going, at one point we actually decided not to go, then through prayer the Lord changed Pastor's heart. We decided to go.

Saturday arrived and I was a little nervous, but I know that we walk by faith and not by sight. After morning prayer, we were having difficulties with the sound system, and also the weather was not looking good. Again, it

crossed our minds that the LORD was giving us signs not to go, but we pressed on. The trip started a little past 3PM and arrived at our destination around 4:15PM. The team quickly took action, set up the sound equipment, and other various things, and then we waited for the people. Kids came in and out of where we were but adults didn't come. I soon realized that the area was hard and the church their needed to be strengthened. By God's grace, that's what we did.

I have been to Mexico many times on outreaches and pleasure trips, and I must admit that this trip was one of the easiest and enjoyable trips I have ever taken to Mexico. Our outreach went without any incidents or injury. Although the turnout was not what we would have liked, we believe that the LORD only wanted the

local church their to get strengthened and motivated. Motivated to start prayer against the drug lords, and strengthened to fight the good fight of faith.

I would like to express thanks to Pastor for making this trip possible. Also, Lucy and Bertha for being warriors for the kingdom. A big thank you goes to Sharmayne and the youth group. Without the two brilliant skits from Generation Impact, I don't think the evening would have been as successful. Other adults that helped were Eddie and Ida Perez, Alicia Alvarez, Jessie Martinez.

I'm confident that what the LORD wanted accomplished, was achieved. AMEN

Ray Perez