

**Make Plans to Attend the 2015
CBF West Meeting, February 12-14**



You are invited to FBC Glendale, CA for the annual CBF meeting and missions immersion, February 12-14, 2015. The meeting will include a local mission immersion experience in the Los Angeles area.

College Interns 2015

Want to be blessed and be a blessing? In our third year of hosting interns we've done more ministries and touched more families in our community. One mother was so blessed by our interns that she insisted on paying the intern for her ministry.

CBF college interns serving throughout the West come with a desire to serve God with energy, new ideas and openness to learning. They bring a freshness to church and community, while host churches help interns experience ministry, help them grow in Christ and consider a possible "call" to career ministry. It is also a chance for many interns to experience "church" outside of the traditional South.

Tired of the status quo? Be creative; use the intern's gifts instead of trying to fit them into a "position" in your church. Our interns have had a salsa dancing ministry, a jazz band, a tutoring program, music lessons, and helped parents with specialized education plans.

Want to host an intern in the West? Contact our CBF West Collegiate Internship Liaison Exter Hardy at Exter3of4@gmail.com to learn what CBF West can do to help. Know a college student interested in serving? Contact our CBF collegiate coordinator Wanda Kidd at asyougo5@aol.com. Our goal is to have 10 interns in the West for the summer of 2015, four more than this year.

**Mission Opportunity:
Macau, China – April 13-24, 2015**

CBF West moderator-elect Exter Hardy is coordinating an international missions opportunity for the CBF West family. Larry & Sarah Ballew, missionaries in Macau, China, have invited CBF West to send a team to their field of service. From April 13-24, the team will assist in the teaching of English as a second language, share personal testimonies, learn about Macau Baptist Church and other ministries in Macau and participate in a worship service. Contact Exter at exter3of4@gmail.com or phone 530-753-4315 for more information.

**CBF West Annual Meeting
Program**

**FBC Glendale, California
February 12-14, 2015**

Thursday, February 12

6:00 PM -- Dinner
7:00 PM – Sharing and Worship
8:30 PM -- Break for the evening

Friday, February 13

Missions Immersion with FBC Glendale

Saturday, February 14

Missions Immersion (continued)

*For more information and to register,
go to cbfwest.org*

Report from the Mexican Border

According to Diann Whisnand, one of CBF's Field Personnel working at the epicenter of the US border refugee influx, the crisis of 2014 has seemingly peaked, and the numbers of refugees coming across on a daily basis are down. During the summer months, around 200 refugees per day could be found passing through the local relief center in McAllen, TX, not including children traveling alone. Unaccompanied children were placed throughout the country without being released out into the streets. Currently, the average number served by the relief center is around 30 per day.

Diann says that despite our broken immigration system, the local response of Christians and churches on the border has been exceptional, and that she is thankful to be part of a community of compassionate people who will care for the stranger. She is also thankful for the many churches around the country that responded with donations and volunteers.

Diann currently serves on the CBF West Council. She is very involved in literacy ministry along the border, along with other ministries which address systemic poverty.

On Mission



Pole Line Road Baptist Church, Davis, California, pastored by Exter Hardy, and Lita and Rick Sample, CBF Global Missions personnel, led a mission team in ministering with five Iranian Christian churches. Pictured here is a photo from the VBS, attended by some 50 children from five Iranian churches.

CBF West Officers:

Coordinator: Glen Foster (Tucson, AZ); **Moderator:** Bruce Gourley (Bozeman, MT); **Past Moderator:** Joy Yee (San Francisco, CA); **Moderator Elect:** Exter Hardy (Davis, CA); **Secretary:** Rick Sample (Fremont, California)

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Mission Trip Reflections

by Rick Sample

Pole Line Road Baptist Church of Davis, CA, sent a mission team this summer to work with CBF Global Missions field personnel Lita and Rick Sample at a family retreat with the Iranian Christian Church. Led by pastor Exter Hardy, the mission team conducted a VBS for about 50 children from five Iranian churches. Most attendees were from a Muslim background. Juan Winstead, a CBF collegiate intern, writes that “the mission trip to Redwood Christian Park for the Iranian VBS was more than what I expected. We were able to connect with a group of people who all have their own personal testimonies of how they found Jesus, rather than Christians we usually encounter who have been raised as Christians.” Faith in Christ is alive and vibrant among Iranian Christians.

The Samples have facilitated the Iranian VBS for about ten years with various volunteer mission teams; this was the second year for the group from Davis. The children look forward to the family camp VBS as a highlight of their summer. Mission volunteer Emily Cortese says, “It was a great weekend to step outside my own life and just dedicate all my joy, energy and knowledge to these kids. The best part, though, was watching the Holy Spirit move in His own way and His own timing with everyone at the camp.” Katie Schaefer says, “I was blessed to see the children give testimony to God’s goodness in their lives. They encouraged and supported each other during tough discussions and asked good questions about Christ.” Juan asked the preschoolers he taught if one of them would like to close in prayer after each session. “On two occasions, with two different kids, it was their first time praying! It was a blessing to share God with such a wonderful group of children who had a desire for God.”

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