

# Porter's Page

**Glimpses from the Los Angeles Nehemiah Project (LANP)  
Dr. Arthur Porter, Iowa District West missionary  
serving the Los Angeles Nehemiah Project**

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

The men's ministry organization, the Vanguard, is geared up for its signature event, The second annual Father and Son Banquet. The banquet is the event that marks the time the primary mission of the Vanguard, reaching and mentoring fatherless boys, is celebrated with the community. It is an evening devoted to God, fathers, sons, and the wholesome and curative benefits of these relationships. The emphasis is upon the need for Christian men to reach and mentor fatherless boys in homes where Christ and His Church are minimal or missing. This situation is exacerbated by the absence of a father. The Vanguard is empowered by the saying, "A man never stands taller than when he stoops to help a boy." This statement is stimulating because we know many have heard the expression but only a few understand it; and an even smaller number are moved to action by it.

This is an evening in which community partners and organizations that share a common mission make a united public expression of their commitment to this critical mission to reach and save so many who do not know the saving grace of God.

The main speaker is a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge. The judge sees the boys we are targeting in his courtroom on a frequent basis; and one common element about them is they are frequently from fatherless homes. The demographic least represented in our churches is the young male. The community partners committed to helping us includes Big Brothers and local public schools. The Second Annual Father and Son Banquet is experiencing high energy and presages a bright future. This is one of our most important ministries. Please pray for this ministry.

## **TRIENNIAL CONVENTION**

The convention is a time of renewal and inspiration. It is a time to renew relations with fellow missionaries and the time we are exposed to the infectious inspiration of others. I look forward to fellowship time with brothers and sisters in Iowa District West, visiting benefactors, and to preaching and sharing our ministries. I always receive enabling comforts and strength to stay the course on my visits to Iowa. The Convention reminds us that we are in the same work regardless where we labor in the vineyard.

## **IOWAY**

The youths of IDW will be in Los Angeles from July 7 through July 20, 2009. This year the 28 workers are prepared to lead VBS and carry out servant projects as planned with several congregations. The invasion of the IOWAY is always an infusion of energy for outreach and service. Thank God for these young believers who still inspire all who come in contact with them. Some of the most moving testimonies come from these mouths. God be praised!

Serving joyfully,  
Rev. Arthur L. Porter

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