

### SERVICE TIMES

#### CROWN RIDGE

**Saturdays**  
5:00 pm (*Instrumental*)

**Sundays**  
8:15 am (*A Cappella*)

9:45 am & 11:30 am (*Instrumental*)  
*Spanish Translation 9:45 & 11:30 am*  
*Deaf Interpretation 9:45 am*

11:30 am *Servicio En Espanol*  
(*Student Center*)

1:30 pm *Servicio Caribeno*  
(*Student Center*)

#### FREDERICKSBURG

**Sundays**  
10:30 am

#### JOURNEY FELLOWSHIP

**Sundays**  
9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

#### NORTH CENTRAL

**Sundays**  
9:15 am & 11:00 am

#### OUTER WEST

**Sundays**  
9:00 am & 11:00 am

#### WESTSIDE

**Sundays**  
10:00 am & 12:00 pm

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### CROWN RIDGE

**Student Ministry Director**  
(*Full-Time*)

**Ministry Assistant** (*Part-Time*)

**Child Care Worker** (*Part-Time*)  
Tuesday mornings and special events. Contact Valerie Taylor at [ValerieT@oakhillschurch.com](mailto:ValerieT@oakhillschurch.com)

#### NORTH CENTRAL

**Child Care Worker** (*Part-Time*)  
Friday mornings, Sunday evenings, and special events. Contact Marci Solis at [MarciS@oakhillschurch.com](mailto:MarciS@oakhillschurch.com)

#### JOURNEY FELLOWSHIP

**Children's Ministry Director**  
(*Full-Time*)

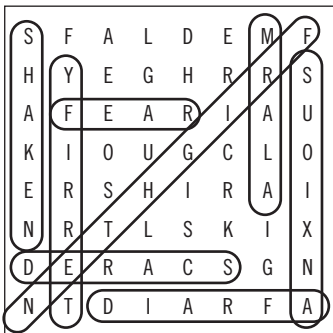
**Child Care Worker** (*Part-Time*)  
Wednesday evenings and special events. Contact Melissa Gregory at [MelissaG@oakhillschurch.com](mailto:MelissaG@oakhillschurch.com)

#### FREDERICKSBURG

**Children's Ministry Director**  
(*Part-Time*)

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# BELSHAZZAR DEAD

### SCRIPTURE

# WRITING ON THE WALL

## DANIEL 5 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. <sup>2</sup>While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup>As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

<sup>5</sup>Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup>His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

<sup>7</sup>The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”

<sup>8</sup>Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. <sup>9</sup>So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled.

<sup>10</sup>The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. (*See Page 2*)

# DARIUS TAKES THRONE

King Belshazzar is dead.

He was murdered by an unknown assailant late last night following his annual “Celebrate Me” event for a thousand nobles. No other details have been disclosed at this time. The investigation is ongoing, according to a palace source.

Darius the Mede immediately took control of the kingdom, claiming the throne and pronouncing himself King.

Speculation about the King’s sudden demise is rampant in the kingdom. An unnamed palace source theorized the death could have been a direct result of the terrifying events that occurred during the banquet. Multiple sources confirmed seeing a disembodied human hand appear without warning. The hand moved along the great hall’s wall, writing words.

The king, reported the source, became so afraid that he grew pale and his legs gave way. He called for enchanters, astrologers, and diviners to interpret the meaning of this strange occurrence, offering rewards to anyone who could explain the writing on the wall. None of the royal crew could do so.

The queen urged the king to

call on Daniel, reminding him of Daniel’s insight and wisdom in interpreting Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams. True to his reputation, Daniel boldly sized up the situation. “You, King Belshazzar, did not learn from the mistakes of your father,” said Daniel. “You have not humbled yourself. You and your nobles drank wine from the gold and silver goblets stolen from the Lord’s temple in Jerusalem. You have dishonored God.”

Then Daniel explained the words on the wall. “God has brought your reign to an end. You have been found lacking. Your kingdom will be divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

When Daniel finished interpreting, King Belshazzar commanded that he be awarded a purple robe and a gold chain, and named him the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

This, then was the king’s last act before his death.

## #DAILYTRIUMPH

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FROM THE COVER

WRITING ON THE WALL

DANIEL 5 (NIV) CONT.

“May the king live forever!” she said. “Don’t be alarmed! Don’t look so pale! <sup>11</sup>There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. <sup>12</sup>He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means.”

<sup>13</sup>So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, “Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah? <sup>14</sup>I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. <sup>15</sup>The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. <sup>16</sup>Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”

<sup>17</sup>Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell

him what it means.

<sup>18</sup>“Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. <sup>19</sup>Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. <sup>20</sup>But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. <sup>21</sup>He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.

<sup>22</sup>“But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. <sup>23</sup>Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. <sup>24</sup>Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

<sup>25</sup>“This is the inscription that was written:

mene, mene, tekel, parsin

<sup>26</sup>“Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

<sup>27</sup>Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

<sup>28</sup>Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

<sup>29</sup>Then at Belshazzar’s command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>30</sup>That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, <sup>31</sup>and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

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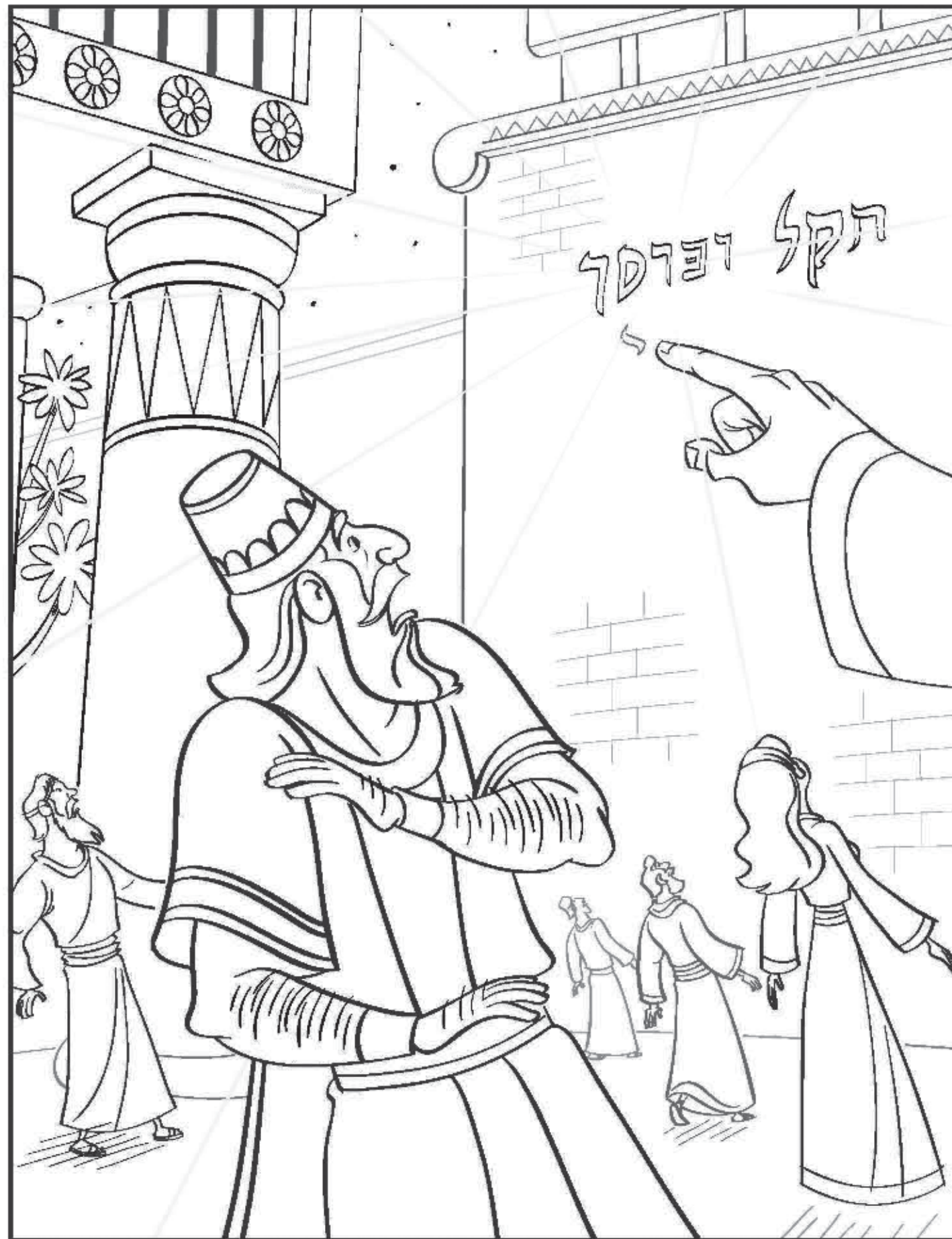
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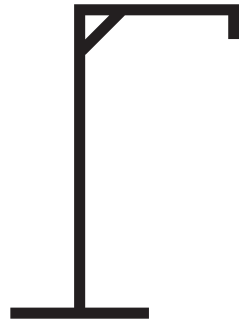
God Gave Daniel Wisdom  
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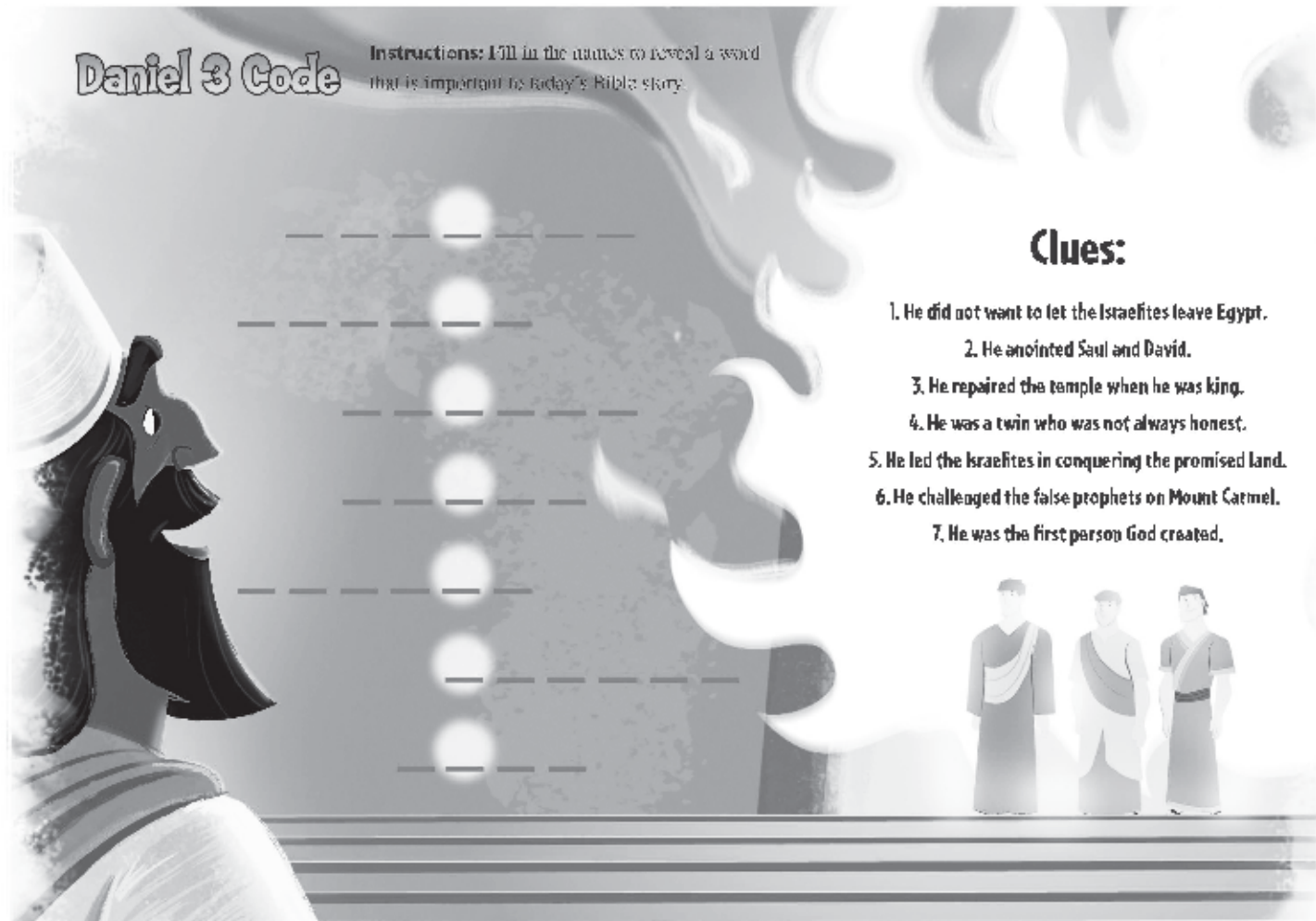
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## COMMUNITY

# THE SPOTLIGHT



**CHARLIE PARVIN | BRANDEIS COMMUNITY MINISTER**

**Area |** Brandeis–Crownridge, Brandeis–Leon Springs, Brandeis–Sonoma Ranch, Brandeis–South, O’Connor



### How did you end up in community ministry?

I was heavily involved in community with my church in Phoenix, AZ. Their sole focus was neighborhood. After six years of being involved in neighborhood ministry, God opened the door for my family to continue ministry in San Antonio, TX at Oak Hills Church.

**What do you enjoy most about your neighborhood?**

I love my neighborhood! We hang out with families, and people of different generations. We genuinely love being around each other. Our neighborhood feels like a family who cares for, celebrates with, and lives life-on-life with each other.

**How have you seen God at work through one of your community groups?**

It's been amazing to watch neighborhood teams rally around people who need to be loved. It's by our love for one another that people come to know God, and we've seen hearts drastically transformed through that love.

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**DEAN MATHIS | NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MINISTER**

**Area** | Alamo Heights, Blanco, Churchill, Fort Sam Houston, Johnson, Lee, MacArthur, Reagan, Smithson Valley



### How did you end up in community ministry?

My family lives life in the Acts 2 zone - inviting neighbors into our home to eat, study God's Word, and live with us as they have need. When we sensed God leading us to move from Indiana to San Antonio, TX to do neighborhood ministry, we told the Lord, "we are in!"

**What do you enjoy most about your neighborhood?**

The best part of our neighborhood has been connecting with our "My5." This connection has revealed to us the highs and lows of those living right around us. It's given us a relational on ramp to celebrate life or come alongside our neighbors as they navigate some of life's toughest moments.

**How have you seen God at work through one of your community groups?**

I have watched our group pray for each other, pray for their neighbors, and help each other. Our group members have also learned the needs of their neighbors, shared those needs with the group, and we've been able to jump in and meet those needs-with no strings attached- in the name of Jesus!

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BUSINESS



God has given Oak Hills Church a vision for reaching our city and beyond. We are being called in three specific areas: our Outer West campus, our Crownridge campus, and Global Outreach, to help facilitate the growth of the Church and to be a light to the city of San Antonio and the world.

**Support the vision of Oak Hills Church and plans for future expansion.**

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(Above) Inside the new Crownridge Campus Worship Center, concrete pours for the elevated seating, and main stage have been completed. The roof structure is in place, with each support crossbeam measuring 120 feet long and weighing 70 tons.



(Above) Natal, Brazil, September 5, 2015: Staff and congregants from the new OHC Natal Campus gather to help clear the land of brush/trash, and build a fence to mark the boundaries of the property. At center, Bryan Carruth, Global Campus Minister, along with team, helps secure the first fence post boundary marker.

STORIES

# AGAPE TRAIL FAMILY MILESTONES

Agape Trail is designed to bring our fifth graders into a greater understanding of who they are in Christ. Agape Trail also supports our fifth graders and their families in the transition from Bibleland to Student Ministries.

Through monthly Bible lessons (September-April), students are reminded of the love that comes from Jesus, their parents, and their church. They also learn important virtues and Bible truths. In addition, parents attend a monthly class led by OHC leaders to help encourage and

equip parents to be the spiritual leaders of their children. Agape Trail culminates with a three-day retreat in April that reinforces these teachings and brings students closer together knowing they have the love and support of family and friends.

Our prayer is that through these teachings their faith and beliefs will increase so they can withstand the upcoming social pressures of middle school.

**Ask your Children's Ministry team for details about Agape Trail.**



(Above) A group of fifth grade boys get to know each other during their group session at the 2016 Agape Trail retreat.

CULTURE

# OHC BELIEFS

**GOD**

There is one true God, eternally existing in three Persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:22-25; Eph. 1:13-14).

**JESUS CHRIST**

Jesus was miraculously born of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35). He lived a sinless life, He died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice, paying the debt for our sins (Mark 10:45). He arose from the dead on the third day showing His victory over sin and death (1 Cor. 15:3-8).

**HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit makes people aware of their needs for Christ. He indwells and empowers the believer (1 John 4:13; Gal. 5:16-26).

**SALVATION**

Salvation is a free gift of God. The death of Christ on the cross is the only sufficient payment for our sins. All have sinned, but all can be saved. This salvation is available for any who put their trust in Christ as Savior (Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23; John 3:16).

**BAPTISM**

Baptism is an outward demonstration of obedience to Christ by one who has declared his faith to others (Acts 2:38).

**COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is a time to remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Matt. 18).

**CHURCH**

The Church is the Body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the task of reaching the lost and discipling the saved, helping them become fully devoted followers of Christ (Eph. 4:1-16).

**BIBLE**

The Bible is the inspired word of God and is the final authority in life and doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16).

**CHRIST'S RETURN**

Christ will one day return (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

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COMICS



by Michael Craddock

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