



CFK Pink Ladies Challenge

This year our National Girls Ministries across the General Council pledged to raise \$225,000 for our Coins for Kids Alaska Project. Poverty is prevalent among Alaska leaving some to use old cardboards in order to insulate their homes. With the long nights during certain times of the year, the children are limited to what they can do which can lead to depression. However, Camp YUPIK is providing a place of emotional, physical, and spiritual renewal for the children of Alaska. In order to meet the needs of these children they need our help. Last year, we of TLHD were able to give over \$2,300 to Coins for Kids, but this year we have pledged \$5,000. I believe that we can even surpass that! If we meet our goal of \$5000, as District Director I have committed, along with other District Directors across our nation, to be a part of the "Pink Ladies Challenge." This means that at the 2013 General Council I would have to dye my hair pink for a day. I believe in Coins for Kids and giving to this worthy cause. I encourage you leaders to spread the word. Notify your leaders and girls of this challenge. Are you ready to see your District Director go pink?



Ready for the Challenge,

Melissa

This newsletter is all about sharing the great things you all are doing across the district! Would you like to share about the exciting things that are happening in your sectional or local Girls Ministries (event, lesson, idea, etc)? Or would you like to take a moment to honor one of your GM Sponsors or girls for their achievements?

Email us a brief 50-100 word write up to malfaro.tldgm@gmail.com
Attach any pictures you would like us to incorporate for your article.
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Daughters In Action



MISSION POSSIBLE : "READY? SET? GO!"

On August 10-11 the TX LA Hispanic District Girls Ministries teamed up with another local church and sent sixteen sponsors and teen girls to our district home mission field of New Orleans, LA! The target areas were the East and West Banks of New Orleans—an impoverished, diverse community—and the target audience for Missionaries Marcos & Maria Elena Acosta (East bank) & Rafael & Maria Herrera (West bank).

After a van break down, a rain storm, and showers upon our arrival to Louisiana, it looked more like a scene from "mission impossible." Despite the rain, we kept our eye on the task at hand and made a conscious decision to put our faith in action. We arrived to the site, unloaded the equipment, and began to set up for the outreach. Miraculously as we put our faith and obedience in action, the rain stopped! The last day while we were singing "Nothing Is Impossible" with the children--the dark clouds parted and a ray of sunlight beamed down on us all. It was amazing!! It was God's way of assuring us that nothing would get in the way of the mission he called us to do if we were willing to act out in faith and obedience.

Thanks to God, we were able to minister to over 300 children and adults through the avenues of music, piñatas, bounce houses, skits, puppets, games, free snacks, and the gospel message, as well as lead over 100 individuals through the plan of salvation. Finally, with the help of the generous churches and local Girls Ministries across the TX LA Hispanic District, the team was able to bless each child with a brand new back pack, fully stocked with school supplies, and a children's Bible. 213 backpacks were given out in total! One child turned to his mother as he put on his brand new backpack and said, "Mom, this is the best day of my life!"

It does not matter if our circumstances look dark and dismal or if we are staring at the face of opposition itself; if we will continue to act out in faith and obedience to what God calls us to do, we will find that he converts the impossible into ... a Mission POSSIBLE!



TLHD GM Mission Volunteers alongside LA Missionaries, Pastors Marcos & Maria Elena

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GIRLS SPEAK OUT ABOUT MPACT CAMP

"My favorite part of camp was the pool and how easy the swim test was. I thought the food was awesome. And the most enjoyable part was the bonfire. But the one thing I'll never forget is the real meaning of camp, is to be yourself, don't be afraid to be the real you. At that camp I took a mask and I promised God that I would never pick it up again."

~Victoria Garcia Houston, TX
Aposento Alto, Daisy Club

"The thing I liked the most at camp was going to the swimming pool, the waterfall that changes color and the food court."

~Isabel Vargas Houston, TX
Aposento Alto, Stars Club

"I had an awesome experience at camp. It was so beautiful to see all the girls being ministered to and allowing God to fill them up with his awesome power. Even though I went to work I did have fun as well. One of my favorites was the peanut butter & jelly girl, it's a great idea to continue practicing on a daily basis and another was the ropes challenge course. I would love to go back just for that. My second favorite was seeing all the talent that the Lord has placed on the girls and I hope that they all continue using their talents to minister to others."

~Cristina Vargas, Houston, TX
Aposento Alto, GM Coord.



Get Real! Mpack Camp 2012

"But the one thing I will never forget is the real meaning of camp . . . don't be afraid to be the real you. At that camp I took a mask and I promised God that I would never pick it up again."

What do masks have to do with girls? A LOT! Many girls hide behind masks or put on masks to be like those around them; however we thank God that we had more than 120 girls make a commitment to take off their mask at our 2nd Annual Mpack Girls Camp at Trinity Pines. We had a record breaking attendance of about 200 including leaders who joined us for a power packed four-day event.

We had a combined worship team band, led by Evelyn Valle of El Tabernaculo A/D and musicians from Aposento Alto A/D take us into the presence of God. God used them mightily!



We also had the honor of having local and dynamic speakers, Cecilia Zelaya and Karina Rivera. Cecilia challenged the girls to be a "peanut-butter and jelly" type of friend while Karina encouraged the girls to be the "REAL YOU!" Each night we could see how God was ministering to the girls through the worship time and the messages.



During the morning we had craft time and the infamous GM Olympic Games! Congratulations to the white team, led by Sis. Isabel Quinones of Templo Bethesda (San Antonio) for taking home the 1st Place Olympic Title! They had to fight through the blazing sun, crawl through the sandbox, come out undefeated in the joust, and endure the muddy tug-of-war. Through it all they were able to come out on top! Way to go team!



Friday evening we were able to crown twelve honor girls from Daisies to Stars. We had three honor stars-Merari Castillo of Templo Cristo Para Todos (Alvin, TX), Xiomara Cruz of Templo Jerusalem (Rosenberg, TX), and Abigail Herrera of El Tabernaculo (Houston, TX).



Merari Castillo and Abigail Herrera were both Bronze Medalists, having achieved honor status for three consecutive clubs. In addition to our Celebration Service and Olympics we had several talented young girls place in our "Get Real" Creative Mask Contest and Talent Show. We have included their pictures down below.



Melodie Balboa, 1st Place-Rainbow Category
Get Real Mask Contest



Isabella Lara, 1st Place-Mpack Category &
Best Overall
Get Real Mask Contest



Iris Soto, 1st Place-GM Got Talent
Poetry

TGM CONFERENCE 2012

SHINE!

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STAND UP!

Today teens are bombarded by media, peers, and the culture to think, act, and dress in a certain way. It takes character to go against the grain and stand up for what you believe in. As daughters of the King we must be BOLD and take a stand! Sin is sin even if it is popular among our friends. To stand up means you are willing to clearly mark boundaries in the type of activities you will engage in, your dating relationships, your habits, your speech, and how you represent Christ through your testimony.

STAND OUT!

If there is one thing girls like to do is set their own trend, however the moment it means they may be left out standing all alone, many would rather forfeit their values and biblical convictions rather than lose friends and popularity. But the Bible clearly calls us to be salt and light in Mathew 5. We are not supposed to blend in with our surroundings, we are called to stand out and show them what life filled with hope looks like. We are called to reflect God's glory not imitate the world's vain glory.

SHINE!

When we stand up and stand out there is an automatic result—we SHINE! The radiance that we carry and transmit to others is not meant to bring us glory but rather it is meant to point back to God! We were created to give God glory! We invite all of our middle and high school girls, youth pastor's wives, TGM leaders, and moms to join us for a mother-daughter weekend "SHINE 2012" on October 12-13th at El Tabernaculo A/D, Houston, TX for our DISTRICT Teen Girls Conference! Girls it's time to stand up, stand out, and SHINE!

Speakers

CONFERENCE HOST



REV. MELISSA ALFARO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



ANA PADRON

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EVELYN VALLE

Vintage Closet Fashion Swap @ TGM Conference

Any young girl or leader who wishes to participate in our FREE Vintage Closet Fashion Swap can do so by bringing with them to the conference one gently used item such as a pair of shoes, a blouse, dress, outfit, jewelry, purse, etc. All items will be collected and prepared during the conference and arranged in our "Vintage Closet." During the Saturday luncheon those who donated at least one item will have



the opportunity to go shopping in the Vintage Closet for FREE!! Finders will be Keepers!! We want all shapes, sizes, patterns, colors, etc. Someone else's outdated outfit is another person's treasure!

*Torn, discolored, stained, or inappropriate printed items will not be accepted.