

# Family update

**MADI** will be one year old the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. She is crawling all over doing her version of talking and generally letting the world know she is a person. **As you can see she loves to eat!**



**ANA** put on a majestic performance in her Ballet recital as a little firefly, wings and all.

**SANDRA** is enjoying a very well earned break from homeschooling for a few weeks as we enjoy the summer and get ready for the upcoming summer trip to Argentina June 29 through July 9. I will take Ana and Victor with me. We are expecting many opportunities to minister together as a family on the trip. Teo gets to join me in the fall.



It is such a joy to watch them grow up in the Lord little by little. —**Your prayers and love mean so much to us as a family.**



**VICTOR AND TEO** just finished their T-ball season. It was a blast. I heard someone say that T-ball isn't a sport so much as a performance art, but by the last game they actually had some idea of what they were supposed to do. Victor hit a double and also made an out. Teo not only hit the ball, but actually remembered to run to the base after doing so. **We are expecting amazing things for soccer season coming up next!**



## »» Where do we go from here?

**Strike while the iron is hot!** Salinas is planning to repeat the exercise in September and November. September 16<sup>th</sup> is Mexican Independence Day; we hope to have Christians come out in mass to minister to the people at the massive block party the city sponsors that day. In early November we plan to have a regional Transformation Training Seminar and then repeat the three day radio exercise and prayer walk, if not all of Salinas, at least several neighborhoods.

Loving Salinas has been embraced by a coalition of leaders from around the region as the first milestone of a strategy to detonate transformation on the West Coast. To serve this goal this group of leaders just launched a West Coast Chapter of the International Transformation Network. As Salinas develops, more and more cities will replicate and build upon the prototype. Imagine a year from now repeating the radio and prayer walking exercise networking radio station all across the West Coast linking dozens of cities where local leaders have embraced the grass roots process. We could mobilize thousands of people to speak peace and cause Satan to fall down all across the West Coast! —*It is the will of God. It's already happening. Now is the time to go for it!*

## Will you partner with us?

Transformation is a marathon not a sprint. We never expected it but God planted us here in the Bay Area. Now 11 years later He is fulfilling promises he spoke to us when we first moved here. What we have dreamed of and labored towards for so many years is finally coming to pass. We would not have been able to stick it out for the long haul without the faithful support of so many of you. Without you we could never have come this far. **We thank the Lord daily for you.**

But there is still a long ways to go. The first fruits of a breakthrough are just beginning to appear. So much is at stake and we are still very vulnerable. —**What happens here impacts our entire nation and the world. We must press forward with all we have.** We need your partnership now more than ever. Will you use the enclosed envelop (or visit our secure website [www.harvestevan.org/donate-to-harvest-evangelism](http://www.harvestevan.org/donate-to-harvest-evangelism)) to **make a tangible investment to help detonate transformation on the West Coast which will impact our nation and many nations?**

For his Kingdom,

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Ted for the Hahs Family

**P.S. We must strike while the iron is hot. Your investment to help detonate transformation will be most timely.**

# DETONATION

## Salinas—West Coast—The World

**det-o-na-tor [det-n-ey-ter] -noun**  
[Origin: 1815-25; DETONATE + -OR2]  
a device or small quantity of explosive used for detonating a high explosive

**det-o-na-tor cit-y -noun**  
1. A city or community that explodes with transformation thus igniting a much larger transformation explosion in the surrounding region!  
2. Salinas, California

In every major region where we have seen a transformation movement take root, it always first began in a smaller, often overlooked community that then influences the rest of the region and sparks a movement. In Hawaii it began in Castle High School; in Minnesota it began in Elk River; in Mar del Plata, Argentina it began in Batan. **On the West Coast of California it is beginning in Salinas.**

## History

Let me introduce Dick Renard and Manuel Dorado. A few years ago the Lord touched Dick Renard with a vision for transformation; but what could he do, he wasn't a pastor, just a businessman. Then one day the Lord gave him the names of 10 people and told him to get them into a room to pray together for Salinas. This list included the mayor, chief of police and several business owners in the city. To his amazement 9 of them agreed and they began to pray together twice a month towards this end. Salinas is infamous for gang violence, but since they began praying the homicide rate has dropped to its lowest in 10 years, for 2 years running! **Not a bad start!**

Meanwhile Manuel Dorado, senior pastor of Rosa de Saron and the leader of the pastors association of Salinas, had a passion to see the city touched but what could he do, he was just a pastor of a predominantly Hispanic congregation and their pastor's association was just a small group of pastors of small congregations.

For transformation to be sustained it requires a partnership between both the pulpit and marketplace leaders. Ironically



it was the mayor whom the Lord used to bring these two groups together. In 2005, then Mayor Ana Caballero attended a lunch we hosted with Mayor Stephanie Klinzing of Elk River, Minnesota and Lt. Governor Duke Iona of Hawaii. There she saw Catholic political leaders just like herself who spoke very openly about their faith and integrated it into everything they did, experiencing changes in their cities and states. Inspired by this she wanted to invite the city to come together for a Mayors Prayer lunch to present to them a vision of transformation. Together they invited the city to a Mayors Prayer Lunch. About 150 pastors showed up from approximately 70 different congregations and ministries. The room was so full that 80 marketplace guys had to hang out in the overflow room next door. Together they invited Jesus into Salinas.

## A New Mayor

In 2006, Ana Caballero announced that she would run for office in the State legislature. To many of us, it looked like the enemy might have a chance to cool down transformation in the government sector, but the Lord had another plan. Enter Dennis Donohue, a middle aged, conservative, white male, not the most likely mayoral candidate in 70% Hispanic



## The Holy Spirit Hijacks a Bank Robbery

Diana Martinez is the Vice President of Customer Relations at First National Bank of Salinas



Diana Martinez

I was very inspired by the Anointed for Business seminar last spring (2006). Immediately after the seminar I went to the bank where I work, dedicated it to the Lord, invited Jesus to come in, anointed the whole place with oil and drove a stake into the ground

outside. I then began coming to work a few minutes early to prayer walk the bank and I also started praying for all my customers as we learned from Luke 10. This totally transformed not only my attitude but also the spiritual climate of the bank. Regularly I had opportunities to pray and minister to my clients.

One day when I was in my office praying for a couple, three young men in ski masks came into the bank with shot guns to rob the bank. I reached under my desk to touch the alarm, but as I did it they noticed me. One then dragged me and the couple out of the office, put us on the ground, shoved the shotgun right in my face and began to verbally abuse me. I was about to panic when I happened to glance over at the lady who I had just been ministering to. I noticed her hands were turned towards me and I knew she was praying for me. At that moment everything came into perspective, I knew if it was my time to die I would go to be with Jesus and I was totally ready. The peace of God that passes all understanding just flooded me. The Lord supernaturally allowed me to keep my cool and to thus diffuse the tension in the situation. The robbers got away with some money, but **no one was hurt**. After the incident everyone in the bank wanted to know how I was able to stay calm. All I could say is that is was God. Two of my colleagues then said they wanted my God and **I was able to lead them to the Lord!** —All the money was eventually recovered as well.

Salinas. However Dennis had two things going for him: he passionately loved the Lord, and he just as passionately loved Salinas. He ran on a platform of transformation. His campaign motto was "Salinas, Imagine a Great City." His stump speech was one of the best transformation messages I have ever heard, articulated in a language everyone could understand. He won in a landslide. Clearly the city was voting not for a personality, but for a message, as if to emphatically say: **"We want transformation!"**

### A Transformation Movement is Born

Transformation doesn't happen overnight; it requires a long-term process designed to serve a movement. This was the challenge put before a core group of leaders at a dinner in December, 2006. 34 community leaders rose to the challenge, including the chief of police, a city council woman, several pastors, prominent businessmen, and the new mayor. They all signed a pledge committing to work together to see Salinas totally transformed and become a model to inspire and serve other cities. Following their commitment, this group of Pastors and marketplace leaders invited the church of the city to love the city Jesus' way, **thus a transformation movement was born.**

### Adopt-an-Everyone and Loving Salinas

They hit the ground running in 2007. One congregation, Salinas Valley Community Church, adopted their local school, La Hoya Elementary School. They began to pray regularly for the school, then they "adopted" the school's felt needs. They raised funds and mobilized people to paint areas of the school, they redid a sports field and playground. Then they interviewed each teacher and asked them for their wish list of tools they needed but had no budget for. To everyone's surprise, the Lord allowed them to totally meet EVERY teacher's wish list. In the end over \$25,000 was given to the school. If you add in the cost of goods, services and man hours also donated, the value would be closer to \$200,000. **That qualifies as a miracle in my book.** The church called this project "Loving Salinas". This inspired Police Chief Dan Ortega to put a "Loving Salinas" bumper sticker on every police car in the squadron. Since then the name stuck..



Pastor Ron Shires

The dream of the Chief is to see each officer hit their beat not only with body armor on, but with the whole armor of God on, including the prayers of the saints covering them so they launched **Adopt-a-Cop**. Inspired by the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, also a believer, shared a similar dream he had for his firemen thus **Adopt-a-Fireman** was born. Next on the agenda: **Adopt-a-Gang-Member, Adopt-an-Orphan, Adopt-a-Single-Mom, Adopt-a-Homeless, and Adopt-an-Anyone-Who-Needs-Adoption** until every one in the city experiences the love of the family of God. **I call that Christianity 101!**

### Changing the Spiritual Climate

The pastors have been training their people in transformation principles and the marketplace people have been hosting *Anointed for Business* study groups in a

variety of places to spread the vision. The last week of May they took their first pass at covering the city *a la* Luke 10. They directed their people to all meet at home for three nights of radio broadcast to implement a "My City God's City" strategy to mobilize *Lighthouses of Prayer* all across the city. (You can download a ppt presentation on the MCGC strategy at: [harvestevan.org/free-downloads](http://harvestevan.org/free-downloads).)

**Monday Night** we dedicated our homes, cars, businesses, school lockers, etc. as embassies of the kingdom of God. All across the city, Christians committed to practice Prayer Evangelism *a la* Luke 10. **Bless, Fellowship, Minister** and then **Declare** the kingdom of God has come near.

**Tuesday Night** a spirit of brokenness and repentance came upon the 20 of us huddled around 4 mics in the radio studio. We put a garbage can in the middle of the circle and directed the listeners to do the same. Then we proceeded to cleanse our homes and our hearts of anything displeasing to the Lord. The conviction of the Holy Spirit fell in the studio and we believe all over the city as parents repented to children, husbands to wives, wives to husbands, people kicked out ungodliness they had been tolerating whether through TV, on the internet, in their computer, or wherever else it could be found. **Cleansing feels so wonderful!**

**Wednesday Night**, now with clean hands and from a secure perimeter of a house and heart cleansed of impurity, each family was directed to prayer walk their neighborhood and speak peace to each of their neighbors.

**Saturday Morning**, the eve of the Global Day of Prayer, Christians from over 10 different congregations met at Grace Christian Fellowship from where they prayer walked the entire Santa Rita district of Salinas, a sector of the city known for high crime and gang activity that had recently seen a spike in violence.

### "I saw Satan fall down..."

This was a first pass that will be repeated later this summer or early next fall and then several more times in the future. It reflects a new lifestyle that has been adopted so we keep doing it over and over. On Saturday we know that the entire Santa Rita neighborhood was covered. It is difficult to estimate how much of the rest of the city was covered, but *the power of the exercise cannot be measured by what is happening in the natural realm alone.*

Peace is the key to changing the spiritual climate of your city. If enough Christians make peace with God, align with His heart and then go speak peace over the city, Satan has no option but to fall down, just as it happened in Luke 10. When this happens the spiritual climate opens up all around the city, **we saw dramatic evidence of this.**

### Sinners ask to be saved

Pastor Ron Shires began pastoring Grace Christian Fellowship right in the center of the Santa Rita neighborhood last year. Since he arrived, the church has reached out to the community in a variety of ways, but the community had never reached out to them, until the week of prayer evangelism mobilization. On Tuesday night during the radio broadcast, a lady who lived near the church was

overwhelmed with the needs in her life, so she walked down to the church, asked for the pastor and then asked him to tell her how to get her life right with God. She had been totally unaware of "Loving Salinas," the radio exercise and that people in the church were praying for the city that very moment. In the week and a half since the broadcast and prayer walk, they have had two more similar incidents. I am sure that plenty of sinners in the neighborhood were overwhelmed with the problems in their lives before, but now those lost sheep not only have shepherds, but they know who their shepherds are. **Sounds like the spiritual climate is changing!**

### Gang members soften to prayer

Kim saw three gang members working on their car. She began to pray and bless them, then felt a strong prompting from the Holy Spirit to go speak with them. This was way outside of her comfort zone, so she resisted the urge, but the Holy Spirit is a hard person to argue with. She finally walked over, introduced herself and asked permission to pray for them. Probably taken aback by her boldness, they reluctantly allowed her to lay hands on them and pray. The Holy Spirit took over and she fervently and thoroughly blessed them. When she finished, their intimidating countenance had disappeared; they reverently had bowed their heads and were clearly touched by the prayer. She then walked around to pray for the young girl who was sitting inside the car. This girl opened her heart to Kim in tears and then after the prayer asked her to keep in touch because she really needed to straighten out her life. They all thanked Kim as she walked away!



Dick Renard and Manuel Dorado

### KSBW, Action News 8

The local NBC affiliate, KSBW, Action News 8 for Monterey County, somehow heard our broadcast on the tiny Christian AM radio station. Intrigued by the concept of praying for the peace of the city, they called the radio station, tracked down Dick Renard and Pastor Manuel Dorado and interviewed them. They aired a wonderful news piece on both the 5 and 6 o'clock news Wednesday night, May 23rd. The story even made the headlines as the second piece in their line up. A follow-up piece aired on Saturday. Both stories couldn't have been clearer or more positive! KSBW was even so kind as to give us permission to post the news pieces on our website. (You can view the news clips and listen to the three nights of radio broadcast at [www.harvestevan.org/free-downloads](http://www.harvestevan.org/free-downloads).) This is unsolicited favor! Remember, we're in California, the media here aren't exactly known for promoting Christian values **but apparently the spiritual climate is changing!**

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