

# Rainbow Bend

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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM



**COASTAL BEND**  
**EMMAUS COMMUNITY**

**CELEBRATING**  
**25 YEARS**  
**1983-2008**

In researching the Coastal Bend Emmaus History for our 25th Anniversary, we came across the endearing poem (below) written by Eleanor McKinney in 1985. Eleanor is one of our pioneer saints, she attended the very first Emmaus Walk in Texas for women, was the first Coastal Bend Women's Lay Director on Walk #20, has served on over 14 teams and is probably the only woman to have served as a Board Rep on a Men's team. She has given all of the Lay talks except one and she was often asked to help start up or serve on Walks in new Communities including Victoria, LaGrange, San Benito and San Juan. She is also an accomplished writer with two published books, "Life's Lines" and "A Road to Paradise" as well as "Praying the Prayer Vigil" which you can find on the CBEC website. Just like the Psalmist of old, Eleanor has a wonderful way of sharing her insights on life and God's love in a deep meaningful way. We look forward to hearing more about the early Emmaus movement, which Eleanor promised to share in the future newsletters. We hope you have also had a chance to peruse the CBEC Walk History on our website.

## CBEC HISTORY

When my son asked to sponsor me on something called a Walk To Emmaus, I was reluctant to say a quick yes. I had too many meetings. My calendar too full. I also had questions. Why did I have to have a sponsor, why did it last three days and why did he think I needed it? But you see, my son asked me, saying it would be good for me. I could never say no to him because I knew he would only want the best for me.

I traveled to Mt. Wesley, a Methodist Encampment in the beautiful hill country in Kerrville, Texas. I was assigned a room that was nice enough with other women. We met in a large room with tables. There were ladies at each table with a table leader. We were all confused as to just what would happen. Even our table leaders had not attended a "Walk" as they came from the Crusillo movement. My table leader was a dear little lady, named Vera Riggins. She slept in the same room with us. We wondered why she kept such strange hours.

It didn't take long to make friends. We had all been sent there by someone who cared about us. Soon we were sharing our lives and thoughts with each other. It

didn't take very long to realize that God was in our midst. We also realized we needed this. We were given little books to take notes. We listened to talks, took notes and knew we were being led with each talk. There was a direction to every thing.

On Saturday we had a feast they called Agape. We had pop corn and left over birthday cake. We also received gifts called agape. Mostly it was sticks of gum or a book mark. The leaders from San Angelo told us people who didn't even know us were sending these gifts and praying for us. The next time a piece of gum was laid before me, I felt the tears sting my eyes remembering what I had been told. It didn't matter that I didn't chew gum, someone was praying for me!

Three people had come from Nashville to put on the Walk. I really didn't get to know them. The last day we were given a cross on a chain. On the cross it said, "Christ is counting on you". Our answer was "I am counting on Christ." I still carry that first cross and it means so much to me. We were also given a service sheet. We were to go home, meet in groups and use the service sheet as our guide. I just

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## Emmaus Walk

I went up on the mountain,  
But I didn't come down the same.

Come now to the well and drink,  
Never to thirst again,  
The well of living water that  
Heals us deep within.

Christ is the living water,  
We can meet Him face to face,  
Christ our Savior, Friend and Brother,  
Who saves us by His grace.

I went up on the mountain,  
But I didn't come down the same.

The living water poured over me  
Like a blanket for my soul.  
I felt the Light shine through me and I knew  
His blood had made me whole.

I walked the road with other pilgrims,  
Who like me,  
Were searching for wholeness within  
God's family.

I went up on the mountain,  
But I didn't come down the same.

With love,  
Eleanor McKinney

## THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU

We, the team of walk to Siloam # 5 would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis, Journey and Kairos communities for their support. We ended up with 28 Pilgrims on this walk and everyone had a beautiful weekend. One count for candlelight was 83. The pilgrims could not believe that many total strangers could love them. Thank you for being the Christ light for our homeless community. Please begin to pray for Walk to Siloam # 6 which will be held February 5-8, 2009. Thanks again for your wonderful support.

De Colores,  
The Team of Walk to Siloam # 5

On behalf of the pilgrims and team of Journey to Damascus # 58, I want to thank the community and our families for all the love and support we received leading up to, during and after the weekend of February 7-10, 2008. I can think of no better way to start our Lenten season than by spending our time serving the pilgrims and each other as we were "making disciples of all nations." The Holy Spirit really made His appearance over the weekend and it was simply awesome to see how the men (and Sister) became small communities of Christian brothers at their tables and eventually left the facility as one big Christian family. From the wonderful testimonies I have been privileged to read and hear, I can tell you that "the magic worked" and that all of these men are now seeking God in their ordinary everyday lives! Again thank you all for your selfless support and encouragement and for helping make Journey #58 an awesome weekend!

Simon Purnell, LD

Greetings from the men of Journey to Damascus # 57. We are most grateful to all those in the community who offered up their prayers, presence and gifts of agape towards the weekend. It was a wet and cold weekend, but right after "dying moments" on Saturday, the sun (and Son of man) pierced the clouds that enveloped us and warmed our minds, bodies, hearts and spirits. The depth of renewal by the Holy Spirit was powerful for all to witness and I can affirm that our Father in heaven did, indeed, "remove our rebellious acts from us as far as the east is from the west". I, and the men of JTD # 57, were privileged to be the vessels and conduits of God's awesome love and grace to the pilgrims. So again, a heartfelt thanks to all in the community. May God's blessings be abundant towards all of you and His peace be with you!

De Colores,  
Mark Thibaut, LD JTD# 57

### SWTX Conference Emmaus Celebration 2008

The SWTX Conference is sponsoring a 3 day Emmaus Celebration at Mount Wesley, Kerrville, Texas April 4-6, 2008. The conference includes: Worship, fellowship, training, music, and of course FOOD. Come and meet the Upper Room and Regional Emmaus and Chrysalis Leadership. Planned activities for children ages 3-15 are included as well. Various vendors will also be in attendance.

Information on all fees and registration is available online at [www.umcswtxprograms.org/html/emmaus.html](http://www.umcswtxprograms.org/html/emmaus.html) or you may contact the Emmaus Registrar at 888-349-4193. Registration deadline is March 28, 2008.

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wanted to go home and be free of any more meetings. Go ahead, now is the time to laugh! What I did was get was get so renewed I wanted to sponsor the whole world! What happened next is too long to tell right now but there were many wonderful experiences over the next twenty-five years!

I wish I knew the names of the two ladies from San Angelo who started making the lanyards. Before long we all had our own little spools and we were making and praying over the lanyards. We were always on a quest to find the rainbow yarn!

We did get mail on the first Walk, which was part of what our sponsor did. I got a letter from someone I did not know very well, but today I consider her my best friend. God has such good plans for us.

I have been on many Walks, given many talks, been a lay director and board rep many times. I have prayed for the Walks, believed in them and feel blessed that the Lord asked my son to sponsor me. I am a humble servant that God sent on that first Woman's Walk.

De Colores, Eleanor McKinney

### Coastal Bend Database

The community database continues to be updated with corrections being made daily. A large amount of team service information did not survive the migration to the new system. Anyone wishing to be considered for team service MUST re-submit the team form found on page 5. Please mail to 5906 McAlpin Dr. Corpus Christi TX 78413. You may also scan and email the form to:

[cindymcm7@grandecom.net](mailto:cindymcm7@grandecom.net)

Please DO NOT assume we have your prior team information. If you have not served on a team or been a pilgrim in the past year, your information is probably not in the database. We MUST have your all your pilgrim information in order to consider you for team selection.

*Happy Easter*



## Kairos Outside # 4

March 7-9, 2008

"COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND CARRY HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." MATTHEW 11:28

The Kairos Outside Team #4 is blessed to have the support of the Coastal Bend Emmaus, Chrysalis & Damascus Communities. At the present time we have 21 guests and counting. We have been receiving "Green Agape" from the community and we encourage you to continue to contribute to: Kairos Outside of Corpus Christi, P. O. Box 773, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403. We still need other Agape as well for the weekend. Please remember to keep it non denominational and bring it to the retreat center March 7, 2008. We hope you will also attend our "Walking in Love" service on Saturday evening, March 8, at 8:30 p.m., which is held in the **dining room** of the Queen of Peace retreat center. We want our "Guests" to feel the same love from our Coastal Bend Community as we did at our own candle light service. We thank you for your prayers and support and we pray that the Peace of Christ be with each of you.

For more information contact: Cheryl Deal, 776-0687 or [judgiebaby@cablone.net](mailto:judgiebaby@cablone.net)

"I have felt unloved."

"I have felt alone."

"I was ashamed for anyone to know that I have a loved one incarcerated."

"After this weekend I feel loved for the first time in my life."

"I feel accepted."

"I no longer feel alone."

When you hear these comments and can sense the hurt, fear and rejection these guests have felt before this weekend, you cannot help but get tears in your eyes and a lump in your throat. At the end of the weekend you realize that you have been blessed by God as you ministered to these women who just needed someone to listen, listen, listen and love, love, love.

### KAIROS OUTSIDE #4 TEAM

LEADER: Cheryl Deal

Advising Leader: Deb Cartwright

Observing Leader #1: Marila Colunga

Observing Leader #2: Gaye Hensley

ADVISING COUNCIL: Patti Nance

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS: Pastor Linda Morrow, Sister Angela Murdaugh

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TABLE SERVERS: Valerie Pompa, Selena Brandenburg, Melissa Donka, Margaret Kennedy, Alma Labato, Debbie Meyer, Nancy Schanen, Sandy Shake

ANGELS: Terri-Lynne Schofield, Natalie Holder, Janie Lopez, Dotty Lowe, Brenda Thomas, Evelyn Thompson

DAY ANGELS: Karen Bridges, Hilda Gonzalez, Marietta Koester, Jann Kullman, Margot Poterfield, Diana Salinas, Frances Schuchardt

KITCHEN TEAM: Men from the Coastal Bend Emmaus, Damascus and Kairos Community who volunteer to cook, serve and entertain.



Due to confidentiality issues, the guests names are not published. Christ knows the women he is calling to this healing weekend. Please lift them in your prayers, that they will be open to His healing touch.



# Notes from the Journey

## Are you interested in being a Lay Director for the Journey to Damascus?

The Board of the Journey to Damascus is in the annual process of collecting information on all interested candidates who are qualified and want to serve as a Lay Director with the Journey to Damascus.

To serve in 2009 the following qualifications should be completed by the end of 2008:

- ◆ service as a Cha/Angel
- ◆ service as Table Leader or Assistant Table Leader
- ◆ service as an Assistant Lay Director on a Journey weekend
- ◆ given two talks, at least one of which was on a Journey weekend or at a Journey Gathering.

If you are qualified or close to being qualified to serve as a Lay Director for the Journey to Damascus, please call, email or write to:

Mr. Jim Kollaja  
 213 Aberdeen  
 Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
 (361) 774-3744  
 JMKollaja@aol.com

## Coastal Bend Emmaus Community 25th Anniversary Celebration Information

The Coastal Bend Emmaus Community is almost 25 years old! Wow - how time flies!

As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, Gail Anderson, the current Emmaus community ALD, has been compiling our Coastal Bend Walk to Emmaus History. This enormous undertaking is now available on our web page. ([www.coastalbendemmasus.org](http://www.coastalbendemmasus.org))

Gail states this project is still "a work in progress and we hope you will want to help us fill in the missing gaps. We are missing Community Lay Director and Spiritual Director names prior to 1992 and some Board Rep names from 1983-1998. Also missing are the number of pilgrims and the scripture references for some of the Walks.

This history site also provides an additional link to the Team and Pilgrim lists for each Walk by clicking on the Walk #, however, at this time we have only collected data for 75 out of 130 Walks. Our goal is to have the Walk History completed by year end. We have included other ecumenical events that started in our community during the last 25 years.

We welcome any additional comments that you think are pertinent to our Walk to Emmaus history." Please send any data you have for our Walk history to Gail Anderson, email: [pga@agcm.cc](mailto:pga@agcm.cc) or postal mail: 409 Grant, CC, TX 78411. Team and pilgrim data can be in the form of a Candlelight bulletin, 4<sup>th</sup> Day packet, pilgrim and team lists or excel spreadsheets.

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The Walk to Emmaus board is currently forming a committee to organize and prepare for our 25th Anniversary celebration. If you would be interested in being a part of this please contact Gail at [pga@agcm.cc](mailto:pga@agcm.cc) or 361-816-6937.

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We are asking the community to send in a favorite memory or short message on how the Walk to Emmaus has impacted their lives. We would like to publish some of these in the Rainbow Bend and on our web page. You may send them in anonymously if you prefer. Please send them to Emmaus, 5906 McAlpin Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78413 or email to [cindymcm7@grandecom.net](mailto:cindymcm7@grandecom.net).

## Mark your Calendar for a Free Concert



Austin based Christian recording artist Devin Garza, backed by a talented group of musicians, "Messenger", perform high energy, message based rock music to spread the truth of forgiveness and redemption. A concert will be held on Saturday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Executive Surf Club, 309 N. Water Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. (361) 884-7873.

Endorsed by Nashville based Christian Music Presenters, each musician considers their talent as a gift that should be used to enlarge the kingdom boundaries for God's glory. His second Album "Every Reason" (produced by Cary Pierce on Foreverything Records) continues the impact for the kingdom and is available on ITUNES and Indieheaven.



# Emmaus Team Service Application

This is a renewal or update of my information already on file  
(Please print & fill out completely)

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (last) (defaults to 1900 is left blank)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_ (other): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Other email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pilgrim Information:

I was a pilgrim/butterfly on:  Emmaus Walk # \_\_\_\_\_  Chrysalis Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

My pilgrim walk/flight was: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Director \_\_\_\_\_

## Application information:

I would like to serve on a team for: (check all that apply)  Angel / Cha  Table or Asst Table leader  Asst LD

Place me on track to eventually serve as a Lay Director  Yes  No

Music  Singer  Instruments \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Medical professional (occupation / title) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you active in local Emmaus gatherings?  Yes  No Are you active in a Reunion Group?  Yes  No

**Previous Team experience:** (The team Selection Committee is charged with maintaining a balance of experience on each team. Please fill out as completely as possible) List most recent team first

Emmaus # \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Chrysalis # \_\_\_\_\_

Kairos # \_\_\_\_\_ Talk Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Emmaus # \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Chrysalis # \_\_\_\_\_

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Chrysalis # \_\_\_\_\_

Kairos # \_\_\_\_\_ Talk Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

(list additional experience on separate page)

**Please update your information after serving on a team. This application is kept for 2 years. Submit a new application after that date if you wish to remain in the Team Selection Database.**

Mail form to: Emmaus Database, 5906 McAlpin Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78413 or email to cindymcm7@grandecom.net

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April 3-6, 2008  
Women's Journey to Damascus # 59  
Hilda Gonzalez, Lay Director

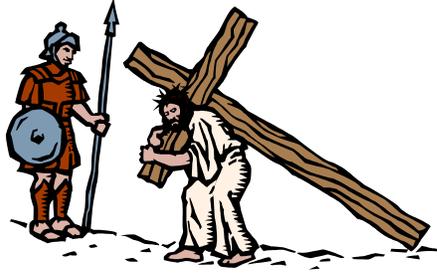
April 17-20, 2008  
Women's Walk to Emmaus # 1430  
Kelle Clark, Lay Director

May 8-11, 2008  
Women's Houston JTD # 60  
Sherri Brokmeyer, Lay Director

May 15-18, 2008  
Men's Walk to Emmaus # 1440  
Brian Calhoun, Lay Director

May 29—June 1, 2008  
Women's Journey to Damascus # 61  
Diana Salinas, Lay Director

*Easter Blessings to  
the entire  
community*



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