

# Annual Fundraiser Dinner

This coming October is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fundraiser Dinner. It is a lot of work to put this event together but we are looking forward to it with great expectations. This past year has seen many changes and growth at The Bridge, and we are excited to share them with you. Being conservative in these financial times, we want to make sure that our efforts and resources are spent wisely so we have planned accordingly. That is why our fundraiser will be held at Calvary Monterey this year. We urge you to reserve Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, and plan on coming to this gala event. This year's event will be different from any event you have ever attended. Our menu is mouth watering... our desserts will entice you... our Silent Auction will excite you.

Please consider this to be your invitation and call Michele to sign up and sponsor a table, (831) 372-2033 or fill out this form and send it in.

## The Bridge Fundraiser Dinner Tickets mail in form

### Program Sponsor - \$1,500

- 8 Dinner Tickets
- 500 Raffle Tickets
- Steak and Jumbo Prawns
- Private Dessert Selection
- Bridge Shirts
- Priority Big Screen Recognition
- 8 Special Ltd. Edition Gifts

### Event Sponsor - \$500

- 8 Dinner Tickets
- 250 Raffle Tickets
- Steak and Jumbo Prawns
- Private Dessert Selection
- Big Screen and Print Recognition
- 8 Special Ltd. Edition Gifts

### Dinner Sponsor - \$375

- Dinner Tickets
- 100 Raffle Tickets
- Steak and Jumbo Prawns
- Recognition on the Big Screen

### Individual Tickets - \$35 ea.

Number of individual  
Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

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We accept PayPal: [bridgedinner@gmail.com](mailto:bridgedinner@gmail.com)  
Make checks payable to: **The Bridge Restoration Ministry**  
Please attach guests names sitting at your table on a separate paper.

Send your form to:

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## Where are they now.....

**David Hill** – Since David's graduation from the program he has married the love of his life, Amanda, been working for Monterey Bay Whale Watch for almost a year, and has been raised up as a leader for The Most Excellent Way. David has been co-leading the meetings with Pastor Mike and has been given the opportunity to teach within the next few weeks. Life has been busy for the Hill family and is about to get a little busier. David and Amanda are expecting a baby boy this November. Praise the Lord!

**Jack Campbell** – Jack is living in Big Sur. He has recently started a Tuesday night bible study in Big Sur and is enjoying this new opportunity to share Gods word. Jack has been doing construction in Moss Landing.

**Louie Stephens** – After graduation Louie moved into the new second phase house. Louie is enjoying having fewer people in the house and having his own room. Louie is working construction in Salinas and is enjoying it. He is a hard worker and very dedicated to his job. Business has been good and he has been working very hard, twelve hour days. Louie is also attending The Most Excellent Way and drops by The Bridge for dinner every now and then.

**Jeff Nixon** – Jeff has also moved in to the second phase house. Jeff has been taking lots of photos and is enjoying working at the gallery. He is also leading the worship team for The Most Excellent Way. Jeff is responsible for scheduling practices and picking the music. The worship team is doing a fantastic job. It is such a blessing to have a worship

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team that works so well together and is completely focused on the Lord.

**Mike Yap** – Last month Mike and his lovely family moved to Montana. After many years and eight kids the Lord has called the Yap family away from the only home that they have known. What new adventure the Lord has for Mike and Silvia is not known yet but what we do know is that whatever it is the Lord will be using them in a great way. They will be missed. Please continue to lift the Yap family up in your prayers as this is a big move.

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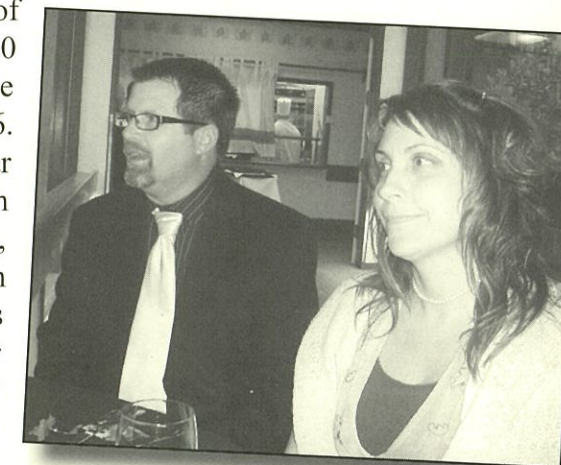
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## Volunteers of the Year in Pacific Grove

Mike and Michele Casey received the 'Volunteers of the Year' award for Pacific Grove in May of this year. An evening of celebrating and recognizing those that have earned a particular place of prominence in the community were given awards on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May at Asilomar Conference Grounds. An excerpt from what the emcee said about Mike and Michele states: 'The ministry, now involving eight residents, with a capacity of twelve, contributed nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer time since it began in November of 2006. Moving to Pacific Grove a year ago, the ministry continued with its many volunteer activities, mostly in Pacific Grove.' Each recipient was given two minutes to speak upon receiving their award. Mike stated promptly that he wanted to thank God, along with all the rest of the people that had made it possible. When asked if Michele wanted to say anything, she simply said 'Ditto'. They each received certificates from the State Assembly, Senate, Congressman Sam Farr, City of Pacific Grove and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. Great job Mike and Michele, along with all the guys at The Bridge!



You are invited to the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser Dinner for  
*The Bridge Restoration Ministry*  
Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Reception starts at 5 p.m. • Dinner 6:30 p.m.

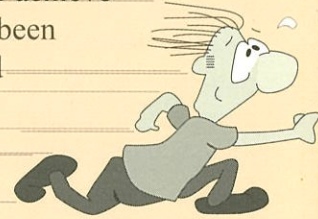
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## Discipleship By The Mile

As Michele, myself, Louie Stephens and a few of The Bridge men, begin preparing for our fifth marathon, (the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Silicone Valley Marathon), I am truly amazed at how our Lord is faithful. Only He could take a small commitment from us and bring such glory to Himself. The time that we spend together running continues to be a fantastic time of fellowship and discipleship. It allows me to have one on one time with the guys and in those times I am able to minister to them and show them how merciful our God is and how much He loves them. It has been such a joy and pleasure to watch these men achieve something that very few will ever achieve. It has also been a great time of fellowship for our friends, family, and support crew as they come and cheer us on. All I can say is that the Lord is good and I am so happy that I get to serve Him daily.



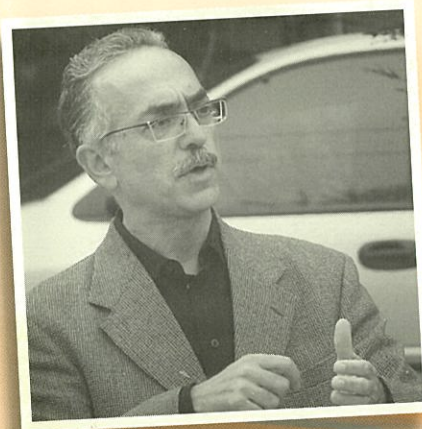
## Approval from the City of Pacific Grove

Earlier this year, The Bridge filed an 'Application for Variance'. It is the municipal code needed for approval of The Bridge to expand from a residency of six men to twelve. Lee Underwood was instrumental in getting us through this process and onto the road of expansion. The vision that Mike and Michele have for this ministry is that it would grow, and grow it has!. Back in March of this year we filed our application for the variance. After posting signs and sending out notices to

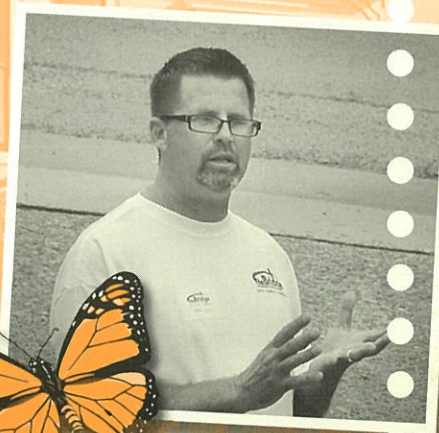


those around the Bridge residence, we ended up at Pacific Grove's City Hall for the town meeting on April 3rd. It was an awesome thing to be there when the counsel asked 'Is there anyone who opposes the city granting this variance?' .... silence .... and then the order came down that the variance was approved! What a great victory that the Lord has given us! Just think of how far we have come since we moved into Pacific Grove. Thank you to all who helped with this approval from 'The Last Home Town' of Pacific Grove.

## Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce Mixer at The Bridge Home

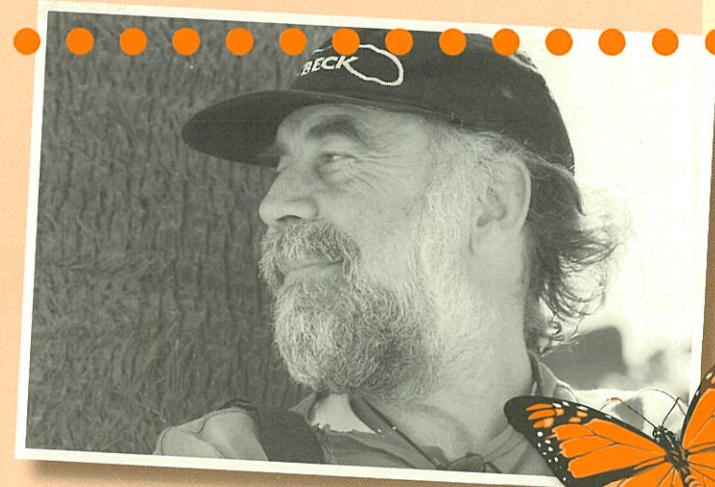


On August 25<sup>th</sup>, The Bridge Restoration Ministry hosted a complementary mixer for the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. There were hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, smoothies and much more for all to taste. All in all, about 50 members showed up to enjoy the afternoon event. Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce President Mo Ammar joined in with all and gave a very nice introduction of The Bridge to the chamber members. Mo introduced Mike Casey, and encouraged him to give a brief description of what The Bridge is all about. Mike inspired and encouraged everyone there with his vision for the future of The Bridge. Tarp's Roadhouse Restaurant provided a gift certificate that was raffled off at the end of the event. All in all, it was quite a pleasant afternoon making friends and acquaintances with other chamber members of Pacific Grove.



*The Bridge men have served 7,076 hours of community service in Pacific Grove and surrounding communities.*

## The Next Step In My Life



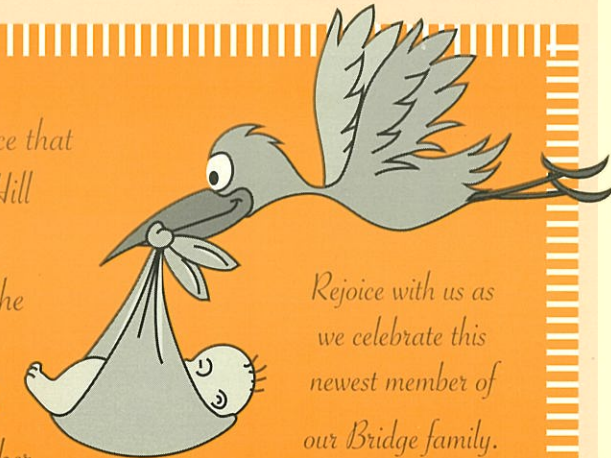
It has been a year and a half since I entered The Bridge, first starting off in our humble abode in Seaside then moving to the larger and more elegant surroundings of the Gatehouse in Pacific Grove. Now being able to set roots in the newest phase, our working - resident house on Forest Avenue, also in Pacific Grove. The transition that the Bridge offers, "life restored to hurting men" has truly become a reality.

I entered The Bridge homeless, without a job, and just about as broken down as one can be. Fortunately, I had made contact with Mike and Michele through a special friend of the church, Tom McCartney. When an opening came up I was reluctant to 'give up a year's freedom', but knew there were no other options. I gave myself to the program, to Mike and Michele's care, and to the Lord Jesus Christ. And in reverse order, I found Life. My family now revolves around church life, I can see no other way. What at one point in my life would have been seen as a giant stumbling block, has become my most important stepping stone.

With God's help I have rediscovered my skills in the workplace, and as a matter-of-fact have "discovered" some new ones. Not only has my personal business as a fine art photographer prospered, I have also become a worship leader for the Most Excellent Way, playing guitar with joy. I also participate with the worship team in the main sanctuary. Long neglected skills have been brought forth as well as a resurgence of those I have used in the past. Our new house offers the freedom to pursue these goals outside of the daily structure of the main house, but we certainly are under the umbrella and protection of the Bridge, without which we would have no foundation.

*"I thank God, and those who are so dear to me at The Bridge, for this opportunity to be of service to the Lord and to my community."* Jeff Nixon.

*We are happy to announce that David and Amanda Hill are expecting. The newest member of the Hill family, Dylan Michael Hill, is due this coming November.*



*Rejoice with us as we celebrate this newest member of our Bridge family.*