

CAMP MOZUMDAR NEWSLETTER

Newsletter for August 2014

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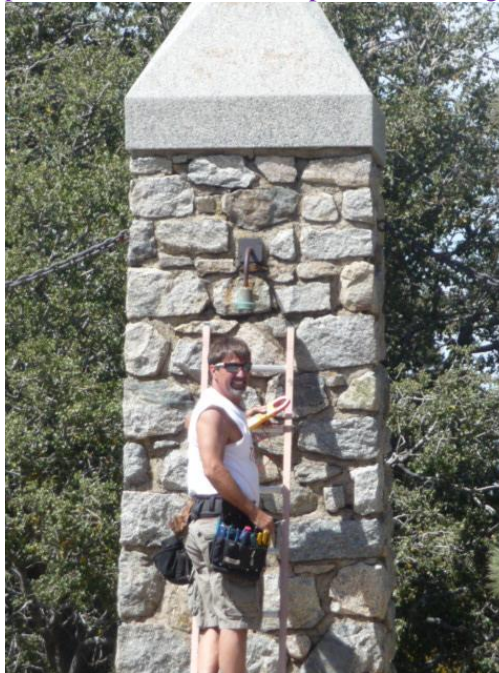
Welcome to the first Issue of the Camp Mozumdar Newsletter! This Newsletter represents a turning point the direction of Camp Mozumdar! The Unification Church and its new Camp Director, Juan Morales, are working to honor the original intentions of Prince Mozumdar. "This is your spiritual home of worship," Mozumdar was fond of saying. "You come and go as you please. You may come here to worship alone, or with your congregation. Even to stop here for a brief period is to commune with God, your Eternal Self."



A.K. Mozumdar 1925

It has been a busy month getting the Camp ready to receive the first visitors from the public. We officially launched "The Camp Mozumdar Community Project" on Saturday the 26th of July. Preparation for this event has been in high gear for the last month and several people have made contributions to make this happen. Gene Barnhurst, who has contributed his electrical skills to the camp for over 2 years, tackled the problem of restoring power to the Pillars of God. It has not

worked for many years and now we have power and the side lamps are working!



Gene on one of the Pillars

Aimee Barnhurst has recently completed a new website for Camp Mozumdar located at www.Mozumdartemple.com. Special thanks for giving us a web presence! JJ Strano (thanks JJ!) contributed the \$150 fee to allow Camp Mozumdar to join the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce. This gave us an opportunity to take advantage of the Chamber's new powerhouse leader Polly Sauer and made it possible for us to send out an e-blast through the Chamber to announce our project and upcoming concert. Polly just recently led a very successful event that gave SkyForest a great boost with the SkyForest Festival! Over 2000 people came to that event. She also recently organized a chili cook-off for the San Bernardino Land Trust. We will be meeting with the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on August 6th to discuss our goals with the Chamber and about the Seiko Lee Concert which is set based upon Seiko

Lee's availability on October 4th, 2014! Seiko Lee is a world renowned Soprano and she has volunteered her talents to help raise funds for Camp Mozumdar!

Seiko Lee



Seiko Lee is a Japanese Soprano who began her musical studies at age four in Tokyo. As a member of the NHK Children's Choir for ten years she traveled on several good-will tours including a concert tour of Eastern Europe. To see a video of Seiko-lee singing Caccini Ava Maria, click on her picture above!

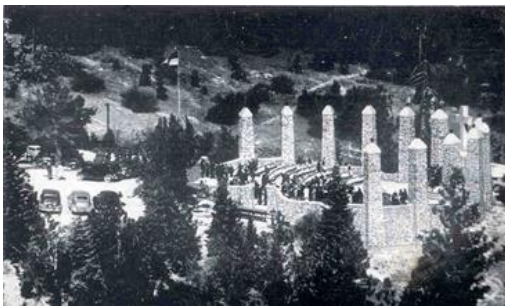
Volunteers Wanted!

The Camp needs a lot of work and we are looking for all types of volunteers to make this concert happen and to also make Camp Mozumdar a treasured destination for everyone!

The Camp Mozumdar Community Project

On Saturday July 27th at 12:00 P.M. we began our outreach to the community to help turn Camp Mozumdar into a destination of meditation, communing with nature and of worship. The camp has over 105 acres of land, part of which has not even been explored! There are many opportunities for the public to get involved at all levels which range from just stopping by to pick up debris, to project leader or donations. The main thrust is to make the camp ready to have people come and picnic for the day and stay for the concert on October 4th, 2014. This is really a large task to accomplish. We need to build picnic benches and place them around the camp. We also have a major task to perform in fixing up the Pillars of God!

~The Pillars of God~



The Pillars with a seated audience

The Pillars of God is an amazing outdoor amphitheater that provided A.K. Mozumdar and his followers, a beautiful place for lectures on healing and other spiritual topics. It is also the location where the concert for Seiko Lee will be held. The problem is that it has been sitting unused for years and time has taken its toll on it. The concrete stadium floors are cracked and broken in many places and weeds are everywhere. The once novel

benches are all in pieces in a heap!
The original design of the bench mounting was also a problem as it incorporated a single point mounting design that stressed and cracked the concrete. A new design has been made in AutoCad and I am working out how many brackets will need to be made and welded to the old brackets that Mozumdar originally used.



A Heap of destroyed benches

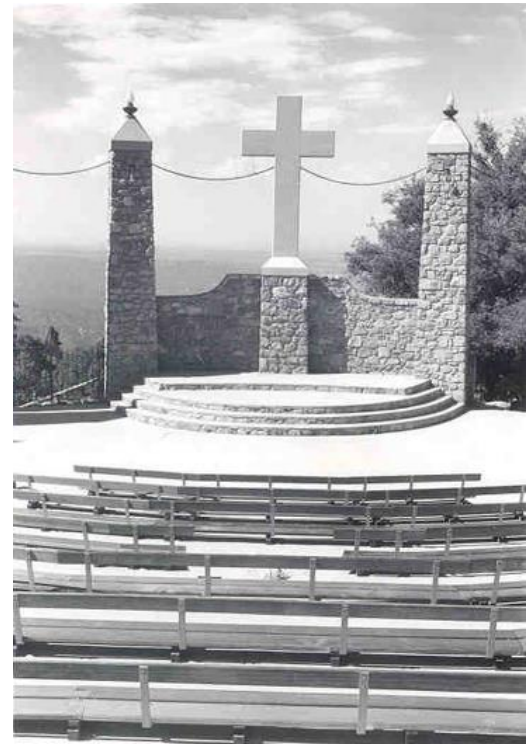


Profile of old benches



The stadium steps in disrepair

The picture in the next column shows what the benches and amphitheater used to look like and is our goal for the Concert!



A vintage picture showing the benches

This is our goal above. The schedule is tight and we need all the help we can get. We need metal work, plastic wood for the benches, concrete patch, anchors and other assorted hardware. We are also looking for sound and lighting equipment to support this event. If you can help us please call and help us meet this goal! If you know someone that could help, send our Newsletter to them! In the meantime, we need to clear out the weeds, pick out the old cracked concrete, and either just patch what we can or pour new concrete (if we get an angel to help us!). Anything is possible and we are just putting it out there to the Universe to make the best possible turn of events happen! Will you Help?



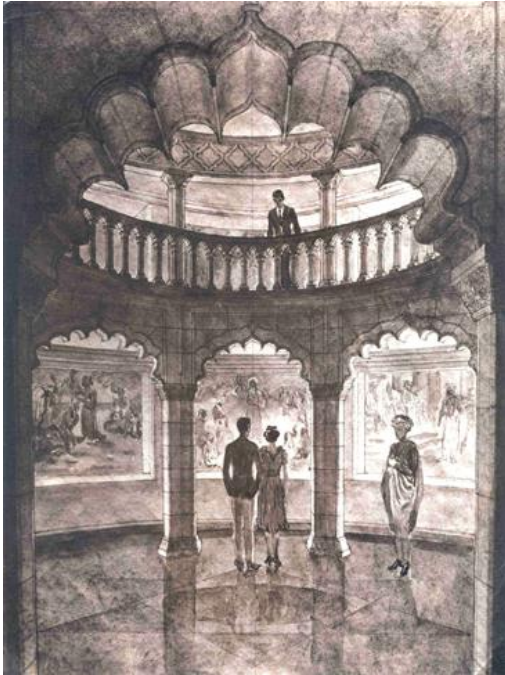
Are you an Angel?

Call us!

The Temple of Christ



This is another project that we hope to get started on. The Concert is the first priority and the Temple is the second. We have already had inquiries if the temple can be used for weddings and when it is ready the answer is yes! We need volunteers and project leaders to make this happen. The outside needs prep and painting and the inside could use a makeover! Any designers out there that want to try their hand on something special, give us a call! The work on the Temple stopped at the beginning of WWII and funds were not available to finish it. Here is a drawing of how the architect originally envisioned it!



We also have a new addition to be put on the website at www.MozumdarTemple.com this week and that is two videos taken from a quad-copter that flew over the Temple of Christ! Amazing must see footage!

The Water issue



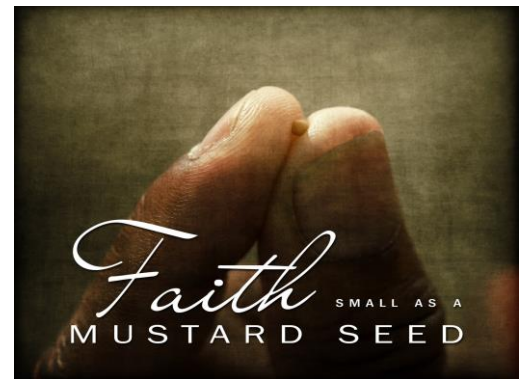
The picture above shows part of the current issue with the water supply for the camp. The Camp used to rely on this tank and pump house as the backbone to supply the whole camp with water. Unfortunately the tank rusted out and a temporary fix was instituted, which as we all know tends to become permanent. The tank and booster pump were bypassed so we essentially have the well pump supplying water to the entire camp which is several thousand feet of pipe! On top of this the main well is several hundred feet away from this tank and the pump in the well is 462 feet down. That is a lot to expect of a single pump! We are currently requesting quotes and plan to get this back up to its original condition. Future plans are to put a well in the lowest corner of the camp which would put it 200-300 feet lower. This would be used to service the largest area of the Camp which at this time is not even accessible by roads! After the Concert in October, we hope to start blazing a path down to the lower reaches of the camp where there are several large areas that can be leveled for a variety of uses.

Volunteering

We have already started a list of people that are willing to volunteer to help at the Camp. We will accept any level of involvement from doing the simplest individual tasks to being a part of a team and being a team leader. We are looking for donations from

Home Improvement Centers, Hardware Stores, and many others. Time and Talent is just as important as donations and the best part is that you get to be a part of building something that the Community not only has a part in building but in helping to suggest and lead projects. We already have a potential Eagle Scout project which would create a mountain bike trail around the peripheral of the property so that the interior area will remain quiet for picnicking, hiking and mediation. There is a nice area available under the Temple that can provide sleeping, bathroom and shower accommodations to spiritual groups that would like to schedule a working retreat. If you were looking to do something really different this summer, you now have a destination!

If you have not been to Camp Mozumdar for a while, you will find the roads improved and plenty of parking available! Come visit us!



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