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**Scheduled  
Events This  
Month:**

Revival at First United  
Methodist Church  
Denver City, TX

- April 3-6; 12:00 noon  
& 6:00 p.m.

Private Banquet  
at Peachtree  
Retirement Center  
Roswell, NM

- April 19; 7:00 p.m.

Worship for Easter  
Services at Trinity Church  
University Campus  
Lubbock, TX

- April 24; 10:00 & 11:30  
a.m.

**Our Desire**

Our heart is to minister to small congregations that need a little refreshing or to fill in and allow a pastor some time off... completely free of charge. So, if you know of a church or pastor in your area that would be open to receive something like that, please have them contact us.

**Greetings from Chris & Lisa**

Have you ever made the choice to ride a roller coaster? Remember the mix of emotions in your slightly unnerved stomach as you listened to the "Click-Click-Click" of the ride to the top of the first hill? The anticipation: "This is going to be awesome!" The nervousness: "What did I just get myself into???" The thrilling excitement: "Ok, (deep breath) here we gooooo!!!" A year ago this month, we took our first step of obedience and purchased the piece of ranch property we are now living on near Plains, TX. At the time, we had no idea what the "ride" we were about to embark on would look like, we only knew we had to obey our Father's voice. For some reason, His first step for us was to commit ourselves, our-city-slicker-never-worn-a-pair-of-boots-selves, to eighty acres of ranch land. What was God up to and what were we in for??? "Click-Click-Click...." We are now four months into our adventure of launching ProvidingLIFE Ministry, and we are completely in awe of the creativity of our God and the unex-

pected ways He keeps providing our needs. We literally go from one God-assignment to the next and are thrilled by the varied ways He has been using the talents He gave us to minister to the people around us. We could not have planned this ride any better or any more creatively. He still has not let us see much beyond the next curve and climb, but we wait in anticipation and are enjoying each adventure along the way. While it was very difficult to walk away from traditional "ministry" and our family at Abundant Harvest, we are all the more confident of being in His will for our lives. He is truly amazing!

Thank you for your interest in our journey-- we pray it will be a faith-builder for you as it is for us!



Ministering @ FUMC-Denver City

**Exciting News: Two New CDs!**

**Simply Trust**

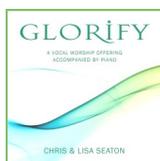
**An hour of original piano solo for prayer & meditation.**



In need of inspiring music for your Quiet Time? Chris' new solo piano album is the first in a series of "Simply" piano offerings—but, if you've ever heard him play, you know his style is anything but simple. Simply Trust is a beautiful, soul-calming, uninterrupted hour of original worship recorded as Chris spent time with the LORD in his closet—literally (but, more on that in another issue). Cost: \$15.

**Glorify**

**A vocal worship offering accompanied by piano.**



This new project by Chris & Lisa includes some modern worship choruses, some timeless hymns, as well as a couple of original songs written by the Seaton. This CD's projected release date is April 29, 2011. Song titles include: You Are, Anoint Me Lord, All Who Are Thirsty, So Beautiful, My Jesus I Love Thee, Forever Your Name Will Be Praised, Majesty (Here I Am), Still/Be Still My Soul, Your Name, Wonderful Merciful Savior, The Blood Flows Down/Nothing But The Blood. Cost: \$15

## Chino Update

Some of you have been wondering how our little Chino is doing. Well, he seems to be adapting nicely to ranch life and life on-the-road. His days here at home involve sleeping, eating, and excursions outside without a leash (because our entire 80 acres is fenced, he has lots of ground to explore). And since we only spent 15 days at home last month, Chino has enjoyed traveling. Ministry has taken us throughout Texas and New Mexico, and thankfully he's been able to join us for most of it. His bed in the backseat of the car is his absolute favorite place.

As you can see from this picture, "coveting your neighbor's food" is something he's still trying to "overcome."



## What Do You Do?



One question that I'm constantly asked as I meet new people is, "Chris, what do you do?" Of

course, what they're really asking is what's my occupation or where do I fit in the "social food-chain." The answer to that question once was easy...it was a part of my identity and feeling of self-worth. "I'm the Senior

Pastor of Abundant Harvest Community Church in Brownfield," I'd proudly reply.

But now...there's no sentence that really sums up what I do. "I sing at banquets, have coffee with discouraged pastors, preach funerals for people I've never met, lead worship at home groups, have lunch with stressed-out business owners, record music projects, stand up in front of children at kid's crusades and act like a total goof,

sing hymns at nursing homes, take time to pet my dog, and spend quality time with my wife"...doesn't seem to be what people really want to hear.

So instead I opt for one line (that sadly never seems to really satisfy them, but that's ok)... "I do whatever God assigns me to do each day!" And oh, what an amazing adventure the past four months have been. Thanks for your continued interest and support!

## Can You Help?

The Lord has blessed us with a small, lightweight 18' travel trailer that we hope to be able to utilize on occasional long-distance ministry trips. We love our little home-away-from-home and are excited about the opportunity to be able to minister without plac-

ing a burden of housing or hotel costs on the people we are called to serve. However, we are in need of the ability to

borrow a vehicle from time to time that has towing capabilities.

We considered purchasing an additional small truck or SUV to pull the trailer, but the added expense of higher mpg, insurance, stickers, maintenance, etc. for a vehicle we would only utilize a few times a year does not seem like good stewardship of the resources the Lord has given us. (With rising gas prices, we feel the need to keep a vehicle for everyday use and short-distance trips that is more af-



fordable and has good gas mileage.) So, we've decided to share the need and ask: Does anyone have a vehicle that they are willing to let us borrow for one of our ministry trips? We have one trip planned in June to Colorado and Washington, and another in the fall to Georgia and South Carolina. Please email us at [chris@providingLIFE.org](mailto:chris@providingLIFE.org) if you would be interested in partnering with us in this way.

## Chris' One Minute Devotion

I love the promise Jesus makes to us in Matthew 11:30 when He says, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." However, so many times we question the accuracy of this verse when the struggles we're dealing with seem anything but easy or light. During one of my recent morning devotions I was reminded of an important truth...TO EVERY PROMISE THERE IS A CONDITION.

For us to enjoy the benefits of this verse, one big word comes into play -- SURRENDER. Of course, first we must be "yoked" with Him to even begin to understand the amazing promise He's giving to us here. After all, He did say, "MY yoke is easy and MY burden is light." But there's something more we need to understand...

His yoke is easy only when we surrender EVERYTHING to Him. Trying to keep a portion for us and give a portion to Him isn't easy at all, in fact, it's extremely painful! Whether it's our money, time, dreams, reputation, position, future...whatever, He doesn't ask for part, He requires all.

When we truly understand that He can be trusted with every part of our lives, and we release our grasp on what we wrongly believe is ours to control...then, and only then, can we begin to enjoy the amazing journey of being "yoked" with one who has broad shoulders and strong arms. And when that happens, we can say with a smile, "Yes, His yoke IS easy and His burden IS light."

