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UPDATE – WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHRISTIANGAYS.COM

Since I have been in the hospital (from Feb 1) our statistics have dropped significantly. We are only getting about half of the traffic that we used to get. I had hoped that the website would hold its own without all the hours that I used to put into it, but it seems that was not the case.

This is significant because the more traffic we get, the better our position with the Search Engines, and the better our position with the Search Engines, the more people who need to find us, will be able to find us.

Also, as you know it is my intention to always keep everything free on the website including the Dating Service, but I would also like to be able to earn a little money to help with the website expenses, and for a little compensation for the hours I put into it. To that end I offer Banner Advertising (starting at \$10/mo) and I need to be able to provide my Advertisers with good results for their money. That means that we need lots of people coming to the website and clicking on their ads.

I am sufficiently recovered now that I am able and willing to devote the hours needed to build us back up, but I would solicit your prayers that God will give me the wisdom as to how to do it, and the energy and passion to stick with it.

I would also ask that you spread the word about ChristianGays.com whenever you might be online in another group setting or when talking to friends, and if you haven't checked out our Advertisers, please click on their Banner Ads (under the Navigation links) if they are of interest to you. <http://christiangays.com/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHAT ROOMS

In conjunction with the above request for prayer support in building ChristianGays.com back up, I would also like to request that if you like chatting,

that you might volunteer an hour or more, one or more nights (or days) a week to meet and greet people in the Chat Rooms.

This is not a job that requires you to have any expertise about being gay and Christian, or understanding how chat rooms work. It is simply a job of being in the room when someone new comes in, to welcome them and make them feel comfortable and glad that they found us. I can help you with any questions you might have.

We also realize that sometimes you won't be able to keep that commitment, but if you just let me know that you won't be there we can try to find a substitute. It's not the end of the world. (God willing - LOL)

Please write to mary@ChristianGays.com if you can undertake this much needed ministry with the day of the week, time and time zone that you would be willing to be there. It's a rewarding job.

CHANGE – BIBLE STUDY MOVING BACK TO SUNDAYS

Rev Brown is now able to do our Bible Studies on Sunday nights again. We were not getting a good turnout on Wednesdays so it's back to Sundays we go.

Starting this Sunday night (Oct 11) at 9 pm ET (6 pm Pacific time) Rev Brown will start his series on "**The Revolution of the Marginalized**" in the Bible Study Chat Room.

If you're not sure how our Bible Study works, all the details can be found by clicking on the "**Bible Study**" link in the Navigation column of the website. The direct link is http://christiangays.com/chat_study.shtml

Hope to see you there Sunday night!

PS: The main Chat Rooms will still be available if you want to come in just to chat.

NEW BLOG POSTED – “ONE BI GAL’S JOURNEY AND REFLECTIONS”

Teri has a magnificent writing style and I recommend her blogs to all women. I love her honesty and the expression of her feelings which are so often mixed and contradictory at the same time. She is able to put into words so many of the feelings that I have felt. I really relate to her writing and suspect that you will too.

Read Teri’s blogs at <http://christiangays.com/blog/teri.php>

GAY NEWS - JAMAICA’S GAYS WORSHIP IN THE CLOSET

Excerpt:

KINGSTON, Jamaica — It takes just 15 minutes to set up an underground church.

Two boxes and a white sheet make up the pulpit. The altar is a card table. Folding chairs constitute the pews. Then Rev. Robert Griffin, a solidly built gay American minister in his mid-40s, unpacks a battered cardboard box; inside is a wooden chalice, two candle holders, a communion plate and a dog-eared copy of the King James Bible. Add a pianist warming up on an electric keyboard and suddenly an empty meeting room is transformed into the Kingston branch of the Sunshine Cathedral, Jamaica’s only gay church.

Read the whole article at <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/the-america/090921/jamaica-underground-gay-church>

Thanks Tina!

CONFERENCE – RAINBOW HEALTH ONTARIO 2010

Call for Proposals

Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO) is seeking presenters for its first bi-annual provincial conference focused on the needs and issues of our diverse and vibrant LGBT communities. The Rainbow Health Ontario 2010 Conference: Improving Access and Equity in Health for LGBT People will be held in Toronto, Ontario from March 24 – March 26, 2010. Submissions must be made online at www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/conference and must be received no later than FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009, 5pm EST.

For more information, please visit <http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/conference/callforproposals>

INSPIRATION - THE JOY MOVIE

Lasts about two minutes but will give you something good to think about. Great photography, nice music and wonderful pearls of wisdom.
<http://www.thejoymovie.com>

MUSIC – BURNING NOPAL

Burning Nopal - is a multi-genre band from San Antonio, Texas spanning styles including Rock, Latin and Contemporary Christian. The band consists of life partners Mike and Tony (on lead vocals/lead guitar, and lead vocals/bass guitar respectively) along with Tony's cousin Gloria on rhythm guitar and Eric on keyboards (they are currently auditioning drummers).

Rather unique, in that they are all gay and all devout Christians, Burning Nopal collectively boasts decades of experience in live music performance, songwriting and recording. Most of their original compositions are Christian in theme and nature. Some are more Latin-flavored and are sung in Spanish though most are in English. Their debut CD is due out in early 2010.

Visit their website at <http://burningnopal.com> for more information and clips of their music.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS - October 1 - 31

October 2: Photographer **Annie Leibovitz**, 1949

October 3: Writer **Gore Vidal**, 1925

October 10: Film director **Ed Wood**, 1924

October 11: American First Lady **Eleanor Roosevelt**, 1884; classical pianist **Vladimir Horowitz**, 1903; choreographer **Jerome Robbins**, 1918; political organizer and creator of the AIDS Quilt **Cleve Jones**, 1954

October 14: Philosopher **Friedrich Nietzsche**, 1844

October 16: Writer **Oscar Wilde**, 1854

October 17: Actor **Montgomery Clift**, 1920

October 18: Tennis champion **Martina Navratilova**, 1956

October 19: Actor **Divine**, 1945

October 22: Actress **Sarah Bernhardt**, 1844

October 24: Playwright and director **Moss Hart**, 1904

October 28: Artist **Francis Bacon**, 1909

October 31: Singer and actress **Ethel Waters**, 1896

(from gltq.com)

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Thanks!

God bless,
Mary

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If you believe in this ministry, any Donation would be most gratefully appreciated.

Please go to the Donations page at <http://christiangays.com/donations.shtml> <<http://christiangays.com/donations.shtml>> **for information.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please write to mary@christiangays.com

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application through Yahoo.com.

Chat Reminders will usually be sent 3 times per week.

Newsletters will usually be sent from 1 or 2 times per week.

HOW TO UNSUBSCRIBE

Click on the appropriate Unsubscribe link below which will bring up a letter. If the link doesn't work, just copy and paste the address into a new letter.

No need to type anything. Just hit "Send" and you will automatically be removed from the email address from which you are sending - but remember, we will miss you. :-)

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