

RobbinsNest Ministries

Advancing Christian
spiritual formation in
pastors and churches
since 2000

Fall Newsletter • 2011



Upcoming Events

- November 2 & 3 Pastors Small Groups (Montrose & North Hollywood)
- November 12 James L. Stamps Foundation Interns Training (Santa Ana)
- December 1 "Together in Ministry" Covenant Small Group (Pico Rivera)
- December 8 "Magnify Your Office" One-Day Pastors' Seminar (Los Angeles)



Dignifying Their Call

Although jokes about ministers are in vogue and many outside and inside the church belittle the position of pastor, RobbinsNest thinks it's time to magnify their office because they are shepherds of the very ones that God purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28)!

On October 10, forty pastors attended the first *Magnify Your Office* seminar/retreat. They reconnected with the dignity of their calling as they interacted with fellow pastors, connected with God in solitude, and reflected on the following sketch of a pastor's chief features.

- Physician of the Soul
- Administrator of the Keys
- Shepherd of the Ecclesia
- Teacher of the Truth
- Overseer of the Church
- Role model of Holiness

**The Apostle Paul said,
"I magnify my office."
(Romans 11:13)**

Please take some time this Fall to (1) ponder the weightiness of your pastor's call, (2) pray for your pastor's faith and family, and (3) perform a simple act of kindness for your pastor.

"No one ventures to teach any art unless he has learned it after deep thought. With what rashness, then, would the pastoral office be undertaken by the unfit, seeing that the government of souls is the art of arts!"

—Gregory the Great in Pastoral Care (Part 1, Chapter 1)



Priest Lake (Idaho)–Site of Summer Leadership Retreat



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RobbinsNest International

Philippines • February 2012

At the conclusion of last year's retreat in the Philippines, the pastors collectively asked, "When are you coming back?"

At the time we did not know; but now we do!

RobbinsNest is set to return to the Philippines in February 2012. The ministry is sending a team to lead two *Magnify Your Office* events for over 100 Filipino pastors. In addition, the team will preach in Manila area churches, work alongside the pastor of the Iwaka tribe on Mt. Ugo, dedicate a

computer lab and speak at the International Baptist College and Seminary, and participate in an evangelistic parade and crusade in the Mandaluyong area of Manila.



2010 Pastors' Retreat in the Philippines

Comments by Filipino Pastors

"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to RobbinsNest Ministries, especially to the two great men that God brought to us. Pastor Steve and Pastor John, thank you very much. Thank you for the lessons that you have shared and the thoughts that you have imparted to us. My prayer is that God will bless you more, both of you, in your ministry. You're such a great blessing to me."

"My only comment to RobbinsNest is to please continue this ministry because it is helpful."

Supporting the Mission & Means



RobbinsNest Ministries
Stop. Look. Listen.

For over a decade, RobbinsNest Ministries has remained faithful to its mission to advance Christian spiritual formation in pastors and churches. The goal has always been to (1) focus and expand their vision of God, (2) build up their intention to live as disciples of Jesus, and (3) promote the means of classic spiritual disciplines.

Throughout the year, RobbinsNest Ministries . . .

- Mentors pastors one-to-one
- Facilitates clergy small groups
- Trains seminarians and church interns
- Leads retreats
- Partners with church plant leaders
- Provides resources and a library

If you see the need for and the validity of RobbinsNest, then please support the ministry with bold and faithful prayer. And, if you are in a position to do so, please make a charitable end-of-the-year financial contribution. Checks can be made out to RobbinsNest Ministries and sent to 9141 Burke Street, Pico Rivera, CA 90660.