



Peoples' Self-Help Housing

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Four Montecito Churches Bring Best Selling Author Jim Wallis to Speak on Global and National Issues on Friday Feb. 29 at Westmont College

Acting on issues of poverty and AIDS are priorities for Montecito congregations

Building a unified community force and combating painful tragedies that affect innocent children will be on the agenda for a February 29, 2008 evening event at Westmont College hosted by M-4 churches, World Vision, and People's Self-Help Housing of Santa Barbara.

"M-4" is the adopted name of the four Montecito Churches, and it signifies they are working collaboratively on a project or community event. The "M-4" churches include All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal, El Montecito Presbyterian, Montecito Covenant, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic, and they have found common ground to not only worship together but also serve and make a difference in their local community by partnering with People's Self Help Housing and globally by partnering with World Vision.

Jim Wallis, the nationally renowned theologian, preacher and best selling author of *God's Politics* and *The Great Awakening*, will be informing, and likely challenging, the faith-based community during the presentation and discussion. Wallis is also the Founder and CEO of Sojourners (www.sajo.net).

The 7:00 pm event is open to the public and will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008 at Westmont College's Murchison Gymnasium, 955 La Paz Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Complimentary tickets are required in advance and can be obtained from any of the four church offices. Parking is extremely limited, so shuttle service will be provided from each of the four churches.

Donations made at this event will help fund M-4's next project with World Vision, which is building 2,000 carekits on March 8. Full of basic supplies that improve and prolong the lives of those battling HIV and AIDS, the carekits are an important tool that World Vision uses in the fight against this pandemic. Last year, M-4 supplied 1,000 caregivers in sub-Saharan Africa with carekits, which had an immeasurable and positive impact on the lives those served. This year's kits are scheduled to go to Rwanda.

The caregiver kit build will be held Saturday, March 8, 10:00 am, at Montecito Covenant Church, 671 Cold Spring Road, Santa Barbara.

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