



Summerhill Community Ministries, Inc.

Sewing Inner-City Youth and Families



Building Character Like Jesus

We are into our 4th week of camp! Our theme is “Building Character Like Jesus.” The kids are learning how to build their character through exciting Bible lessons. We’ve also had arts & crafts, track & field, community service projects, delicious lunches, and fun-filled field trips!

Although camp is going well, we have some kids facing a few challenging situations. Please keep us in your prayers.

Justina Dix



Seeds, Weeds & Needs

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I can't believe that it's been 7 years since Richard & I moved into the inner city. Time flies and creeps along at the same time. The kids that I taught as 5 & 6 year olds are getting ready to start middle school. The young guys are now teens that tower over me now. Some of our “kids” are now college students or beginning their careers. If ever I questioned if I could make a difference, all I have to do is look at these young people. Having someone to care, encourage, admonish, challenge, and pray for them has been important. I can tell a distinct difference in the kids who have had people invest in their lives and those who have been left to their own devices. Life is tough for young people here. They live in a world of broken families, drugs, violence, crime, under-performing schools, apathy, and little opportunity. We have had some of our kids commit crimes, run away, or fall prey to the lure of drugs and premarital sex. Families have faced eviction, teens have become pregnant, utilities have been turned off, kids have witnessed gun battles that took away their parent, and have seen horrendous pedestrian accidents

happen to their friends and relatives. I'm not generalizing these problems, these horrible things have all happened.

I think it really hit me this summer how important having productive activities and caring adult supervision is to the young people. Without anything to do, they wander up and down the streets where they encounter drug pushers, addicts, prostitutes, gamblers, and speeders. I see them daily, and my heart cries. Sorry for painting such a bleak picture, but it is a daily reality in the city. However, through the After School Program, Sports Ministry, Summer Camp, and Job Training Program some stability and supports exists in their lives.

SEEDS

For example, I had a parent stop me the other day to tell me “we had done a good job with her kids”. This is a household where both the parents have drug problems. The oldest two daughters have graduated high school and are holding down jobs. The youngest daughter is enrolled in our camp. I praise God as I think about all the people that have been involved directly and indirectly in their lives.

Through your prayers, financial gifts, and volunteer efforts, you have helped make a positive difference.

WEEDS

Urban Ministry is tough. Results aren't immediately evident. Seeds are planted which need to be watered, fertilized, cultivated, and pruned in order to grow up strong, healthy, and beautiful. Weeds have come along to choke, kill, and prevent growth of many in our community. It's a battle that is not won overnight, but rather through fortitude, servitude, and attitude with the knowledge and faith that God is in control. It's a job the redeemed must undertake. God calls us as believers to take care of the poor, orphaned, foreigner, widowed, and the “least of these”.

NEEDS

To this end, I'd like to give you a specific opportunity to be involved in Summerhill Community

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Summer Camp Prayer Requests

Jalen and Jaden are twin 6 year olds - a boy and a girl. A week after camp, their aunt came to the church to ask me if I could possibly find space for them. Mom has decided she does not want to take care of them any more. Dad is trying to bounce back after making some bad choices, and recently got a job and is working towards getting custody of the twins.

Despite the mother's choice, it is hard for the twins to be away from their mother. Please remember them in your prayers.

A 12 year old girl who attended summer camp for the first time last year has made a huge positive turn

in her life. She connects with my daughter, Ashley, and has begun to share openly about her family life. She shares that she is the only one in her family who is not doing drugs or drinking. She is trying to be strong, but gets very frustrated with her surroundings. She is not allowed to go out much, so she often has to stay inside and inhale the drug filled rooms. She wishes to spend time with good friends in a positive environment. She has also expressed a desire to attend church with my family.

Pray for her and her family in this situation, and that she will be able to attend church. ~ Justina

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Ministries, Inc. Summer Camp has started in the community. This is our 5th year of ministering to the children through this avenue. In the past, we've received a significant grant from GE Consumer Finance that allows us to serve 50-60 campers and provide our teenagers the opportunity to be involved in a job-training program. Many children and teens have come to know Christ through our Summer Camp. Due to us applying for our own 501c-3, we were not eligible to receive the grant. We are operating on faith, with the teachers and job trainers knowing that they may not get a pay check. However, that has not deterred their desire to serve the children. It would be a blessing to us if you would pray for SCM & the camp. Pray for God to touch the lives of the children, for the teachers to have wisdom and patience in leading their classes, and for adequate funding. God has provided for us in so many ways. Our t-shirts and many of our lunches have been donated and volunteers come daily to serve and encourage the children. However, we still have plenty of opportunities to serve.

Thank You!

Mark and Phillip Wu - for coaching our 2005 Soccer Team. We placed third in the league. The enthusiasm and teamwork of our almost all-new rookie team was priceless.

Anderson Carswell from Redemption Fellowship - designing SCM's new logo. Coming soon!

Members of **Redemption Fellowship PCA, East Cobb PCA, and Christ Church PCA** for preparing delicious, nutritious lunches in the month of June.

All of our great supporters of SCM summer camp!

Announcements

- We are still in need of your support as we try to meet our July budget. (All donations are tax deductible.)
- Look for 1st and 2nd quarter giving receipts in July.
- It's not too late to volunteer. Please call or e-mail.

Update on the Lindsey's

Please pray for us as we have opened our home to a 17 year old young man. Specifically pray that we can get him back into a normal high school setting instead of him attending night classes at an open campus high school. Also pray for wisdom and discernment for Richard & myself as we

adjust to having a teenager as well as for being mindful of the advice and example we set.

In gratitude,

Nancy & Richard Lindsey

