



# Summerhill Community Ministries, Inc. (November 2004)

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## After School Kids



### Todd & Jeremy:

Two Names that have been on our hearts these past few weeks. Todd (10) & Jeremy (5) joined our After School Program this year. Some of you may remember my newsletter from September 2003, where I shared about 2 teenage boys who brutally shot and killed a man because he had taken the life of their friend (who was the father of Trendevius, one of our campers from the summer). Todd & Jeremy are the sons of this murdered man. We can only imagine how these young boys have handled living without their Dad and the reality of the harsh way he died. Knowing their history, Jennifer & I had to prepare our tutors and volunteers for what to expect. Todd plays the "protective, big brother role". He informs us about Jeremy's behavior at home & in school. If he sees Jeremy acting out, he feels he must tend to Jeremy and calm him down or pull him away. However, if anyone appears to be taunting or hitting his brother, he becomes very defensive, angry, and sometimes

has a hard time calming down.

Jeremy has had a rough time adjusting to the After School Program. He has flicked his teacher, ran out of the classroom, and has kicked & attempted to bite another adult. By this time we all realize we need to lift this child up before the Lord constantly. After a few conversations with Jeremy, I began to see where he was at in his thinking. He and Todd are hurting, angry, and confused children who desire attention & need to know their Heavenly Father. Please pray with us as we share the love of Christ with Todd & Jeremy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov. 13-** Flag Football Banquet

**Dec. 11-** Children's Christmas Crafts in the city with East Cobb PCA Women

**Dec. 11-** Teen Basketball Tournament

**Nov-Dec.-** Sponsor a Child for Christmas. We are asking our kids to write down 3 reasonable gift wishes for their families & themselves. You can help by purchasing gifts on a child's list or by donating money to cover the purchases. Please call or email us if you are interested in participating.

## ELP FOR THE CHILDREN

We have been blessed with 3 new full time helpers who moved into our neighborhood for a year to do community outreach and share God's love. Phil Yarborough coaches our Flag Football Team and works in the Learning Center. Annie Swier & Juliet Cho also serve as After School Program tutors.

A BIG thanks goes to Ann Burlas from East Cobb PCA, Sally Doster from ChristChurch PCA, and Katie Weber, a Mission Year Alumni, all whom have committed to volunteer 1-2 days a week in the After School Program. The children will greatly benefit from their help and one on one attention. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

None of this would be possible if we didn't have the prayers and support of all of you who give so generously. As we all work together by giving our time, money, in-kind gifts, and knowledge, we are sure to see improved reading and math skills, higher test scores, improved behavior, increased self-esteem, and most importantly, "HOPE" for those who feel "Hopeless".

## Announcements

SCM is in need of a fax machine, color copier, gas cards, snacks, pencils, & sharpeners, plates, cups, spoons, and napkins.

If you would like to electronically receive our newsletter, please email Nancy Lindsey at NLindsey@juno.com

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

SCM is in the process of obtaining our own 501 (c)3. We covet your prayers for this endeavor. Redemption Fellowship has been so gracious in allowing us to use them as our receiving agent. You may still send your checks for SCM to Redemption or our P.O. Box until the end of the year. After Dec. 31, please make checks payable to Summerhill Community Ministries, Inc. and mail them to the P.O. Box above. Since, SCM is incorporated and in the process of applying for non-profit status, donations are tax deductible. Receipts will continue to be sent quarterly. If you are missing a receipt, please let us know.

As we apply for our 501 (c) 3, we will be spending a lot of time on filling out important paperwork with a lawyer's help and submitting it to the IRS. Please also pray that the almost \$1,700 needed to pay a lawyer and the IRS application fee will be raised, as well as for favor in receiving our official granting of the 501 (C) 3. We will keep you updated on our progress.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

*Justina Dix, Director*