

On the Move - Again!

God's providing, but we're not out of the woods yet!

We're in the process of acquiring our first permanent building in Las Vegas! The good news is that so far we have seen approximately \$111,000 come in of the \$120,000 that we need by March 31st. We have also seen the Lord's favor in initial attempts to get all of the official zoning changed. There is still more to do!

Please pray that the Lord provides the \$9,000 that we need by the end of the month. Pray also that we find favor with the neighbors and the county commissioners. There is one more hearing to go through before they will give us all of the permission that we need to occupy the property. Escrow closes on April 15th, and the last hearing is on April 5th!

Following is a letter that a church pastor in our city has written. It sums up where we're at and is really encouraging to us that the Lord has given us such great partnerships!

Richard Thompson



Dear Friends,

I want to introduce you to an organization in Las Vegas that has made my eyes light up over and over again, one that has seen amazing results, and has faithfully endured hardship in our city for ten years in a way that thrills the heart of God, and blesses the church in Las Vegas immeasurably.

Youth With a Mission Las Vegas (YWAM) has done just that and so much more. YWAM has pioneered ministries that integrate both the local and global church into practical ministry. YWAM's passion for evangelism has seen over 3000 legitimate decisions for Christ among people the local church are not readily engaging. Also, YWAM's Discipleship Training School has been a huge tool for developing leaders that have sensed God invite them into the next stage of spiritual maturity.

The church in Las Vegas needs organizations like YWAM to encourage unity, facilitate networks, and give us functional templates for partnership that value each partner and assist in strategic collaborations that truly impact our city.

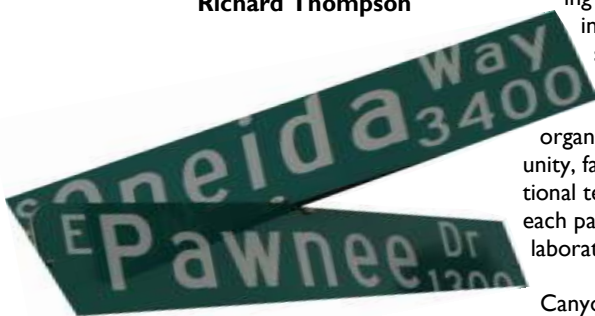
Canyon Ridge has been overwhelmingly blessed by a 6 year partnership with YWAM through homeless ministries,

evangelism training and outreach, inter-denominational pastor networks, and mission trips around the world. Our calling and ministry into the heart of the city is marked by this relationship, and any future local ministry plans will include YWAM partnership.

Because Canyon Ridge has received so much in our 6 year partnership, we feel called to give generously. We are prepared to match up to \$15,000 of donations to YWAM's current request for the purchase of a house. We believe this will be a tremendous tool for ministry, and the first in a number of strategic properties in which God will use YWAM in Las Vegas.

Please join us in supporting YWAM's vision, and even consider a long-term relationship as I have shared above. If you would like me to personally share more stories of YWAM & Canyon Ridge's partnership, or you wonder why I am so passionately in support of YWAM, please feel free to call me at 702-275-2223. I would be happy to take you out for coffee or lunch and share more about our support of YWAM Las Vegas.

Pastor Dan
Canyon Ridge Christian Church



Dinner In Paris



Do you remember that crazy Discipleship Training School called the City-Net Tour that traveled to 10 different cities in two months? I caught up with them in the middle of January to bring them some encouragement and to join their outreach in Paris for a time.

France in general is a very hard place for missions. As a country they publicly rejected the very notion of God several hundred years ago. In light of this spiritual resistance, I was concerned that our team would be tired and discouraged. On the contrary, they were wonderfully persevering through freezing temperatures, an indifferent culture, and occasional sickness.

Here's the story of one of our many adventures: One of the students on the team had a pen pal near Paris. One evening that same pen pal came with his friend and cooked us an authentic French meal. The food was amazing, but what I will never forget is our time of sharing with them. Neither of them knows God and they came with many questions. The look in their eyes and continual stream of questions said that we had sparked a curiosity in them, and that they recognized what we were saying was truth. Dinner started at 6:30 pm and we waved good-bye over five hours later! What a night!

After I left them, the team went on to Berlin for three weeks, and then returned home to Vegas on February 17. By the time you read this, our first City-Net Tour DTS will have graduated and moved on from Vegas to other parts of the world! Thank you for your prayers along our journey!

Clare Fischer

Extreme Greenland

On the world's largest island, full of ice and extreme conditions, live a small group of people mostly isolated from the entire world. 55,000 in all are the Inuit people of Greenland.

The winter 2006 DTS will be spending April and May in Greenland. We are already preparing our hearts and minds for the great adventure God has in store for us while we are there.

We have established communication with four missionary women who live in East Greenland. They tell us, "The spiritual climate in Greenland is open, people are getting saved and healings are happening. God is changing people's lives." This news has us excited to go and take part in the movement of God in the hearts and lives of the Greenlandic people.

Please keep us in prayer as we continue to prepare. Pray for the souls of the Inuit people, that they will hear the Gospel and accept it as the gift that it is. As we minister to the Inuit people, we will be facing a lot of spiritual opposition. Nonetheless, we go in the same awesome power which raised Christ from the dead (Ephesians 1:18-20) and therefore, we go without fear (2 Timothy 1:7).

Ray Biggerstaff



Sufficient Grace

Amidst the neon lights of Las Vegas there is one that is obviously different. Announcing, 'Jesus Saves', these two words posted above the Las Vegas Rescue Mission speak volumes. This statement has been played out in the lives of many of the residents of the mission's rehabilitation program.

One example is that of Todd. Todd was born and raised in Philadelphia. In 1994 he moved to Las Vegas to be closer to his daughter. He began to gamble. Gambling led to experimenting with drugs. Delinquent child support payments caught up with him, and Todd moved in with friends. When his friends were evicted, he began to search for something else.

On January 1st his search led him to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, and Todd enrolled in the mission's rehabilitation program. During his rehabilitation, he began to see the importance of having Christ as his Savior. According to Todd, through salvation he has become "less angry and more content with his new life."

Our daily DTS lectures are held in the same room as some of the rehabilitation programs provided by the mission, and the Lord has given our team many opportunities to spend time with the residents. We have been blessed by seeing lives changed in a place notoriously labeled 'Sin City'.

Although we've seen a lot of hardship here, we've also seen an abundance of hope. This shows us that this city is not unreachable. With God's grace we *can* create change. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Amber Linke and Braden Spells
Winter 2006 DTS students

Fall 2006 City-Net Tour DTS

September 17, 2006 - March 2, 2007

Lecture Phase: \$2650.00

Outreach Phase: \$2500.00 (approximate)

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Winter 2007 DTS

January 7, 2007 - June 8, 2007

Lecture Phase: \$2450.00

Outreach Phase: \$2500.00 (approximate)



Give us your old cell phones! In partnership with CollectiveGood, YWAM Las Vegas is collecting phones. Donated phones are kept out of landfills, and are either refurbished and sold primarily in Latin America, or scrapped for parts. Any portable mobile phone is accepted, excluding bag phones or vehicle-installed models.

All donors should deactivate the donated phones before turning them in.

You can turn in your cell phones at our office:
3626 Pecos-McLeod Int., Suite 8, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

THANKS!!



Las Vegas

As always, we are hosting groups right here in Las Vegas for Mission Adventures throughout the summer. Our Las Vegas outreaches are one week long, and all training and ministry time is conducted in various parts of the city.

We've heard many reasons for youth groups not coming to Las Vegas - but the one prevailing truth is this: The only hope for Las Vegas - and the whole world - is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! How will Las Vegas change, if people don't come?

We challenge you to consider bringing your team to Las Vegas this summer and be part of the great things God is doing in this city!

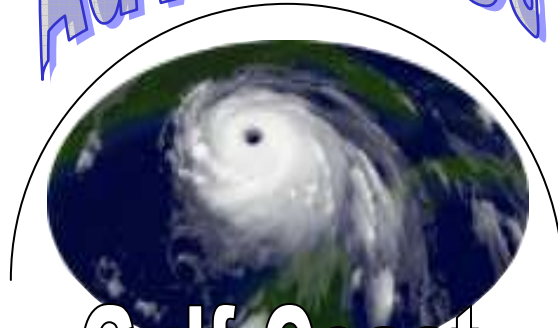
Summer Dates Still Available
(Saturday - Friday)
June 17-23
June 24-30
July 15-21
July 22-28

We can also arrange dates all year to suit your requirements. Contact us with your preferred dates.



For more information on Mission Adventures, e-mail renee@ywamlasvegas.org or call Renee at 702-658-5450.

Mission Adventures



Gulf Coast

As reported in our previous newsletter, all of YWAM North America is joining together in order to bring hope and love to America's Gulf Coast during Mission Adventures 2006.

During spring 2006 we will be based out of the Long Beach, Mississippi area. Long Beach is in the greater Gulfport/Biloxi region, right on the Gulf of Mexico. This area was hit very hard by Hurricane Katrina and the clean-up and relief efforts will be on-going there for some time.

During summer 2006 we will be based in the Lake Charles, Louisiana area. Lake Charles was hit by Hurricane Rita. The area has not had the media attention that the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina has, but the devastation is just as real. This is compounded by the fact that 22% of local residents lived below the poverty line. This figure has surely increased due to the damage the hurricane caused to the local economy.

There are tremendous needs in this area, please continue to keep the residents of the Gulf Coast in your prayers as this disaster is far from over. Prayerfully remember YWAM Las Vegas as we partner with other bases and youth groups around the United States to bring hope to the hurting.

International

Many exciting things are happening here at YWAM Las Vegas, but the thing I am most excited about is our new focus on short term international teams. God is moving all over the world and we feel that we are to join in what He is doing by taking our Mission Adventures teams to different locations throughout the year.

In the summer, we will start with a trip to Germany for the World Cup, followed by a trip to Colombia, finishing our summer with a trip to Costa Rica. In the fall we will go to the Philippines. Please prayerfully consider joining us in the Nations! (All costs are per person.)



Germany
World Cup 2006
partnering with the local church in evangelism
June 17-July 7
Cost: \$2,000
Team Size: 8+

Columbia Cartagena

performing street dramas and loving on the hurting street kids
July 15 - July 25
Cost: \$1,500
Team Size: 10+



Costa Rica
San Jose
reaching out with God's love in the orphanages
Aug 1 - Aug 12, 2006
Cost: \$1,300
Team Size: 5+

Philippines
Cagayan de Oro
island or tribal ministry in the "City of Friendship"
September 2006
Cost: \$1,800 - \$2,000
Team Size: 5+



Renee Babb



Maximus Elijah was born to Ricky and Jennifer Simmons on December 20, 2005. Entering our world by C-section at 3:03 pm, Max weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz and measured 20 inches in length.

Congratulations Ricky and Jennifer!
Welcome to the world, Maximus!

New Staff



Hi!

My name is Nicole Osmera. I was raised in a large family in Wyoming and South Dakota. After a year at college, I headed out for Las Vegas to attend my DTS. After DTS came an internship at a local church and TESOL at YWAM Pennsylvania. I am excited to be back in Vegas again, staffing the Winter 2006 DTS!! I love the adventure that comes in living whole-heartedly for God!

Easy Mac, chicken nuggets and PB & J are three of my favorite things, and I love cold weather, snow and rainy days. You'll often find me with my nose in a book - usually a missionary biography or an atlas! My free time in Las Vegas is usually spent at the Fountains at Bellagio or strolling through Chinatown. And you will never find me without these three things: my camera, Chapstick and Post-It notes!

Attention!

RESCUE-MINDED PEOPLE

RescueNet Training Camp - Australia:
July 23 – August 5

Open: to all YWAMers who have a compassionate heart and want to learn the skills needed to reach out to disaster victims

Contact: Dave Mansfield - dave@rescuenet.us or 702-658-5450 or 702-273-8375.

WARNING: NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART.



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PHOTO: Greenland - The next DTS destination!!!!

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