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Mission Adventures

This summer's Mission Adventures program started with a **BANG** with more than one hundred people on base the first week.

The crowd included YWAM full-time staff, our summer volunteers (known as the "crew"), and a whole bunch of



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junior and senior high students with their youth leaders. The atmosphere was electric with students clapping, singing, kneeling, and even dancing during the daily worship times, and the ministry times were even more awe inspiring. Swarms of young people charged the streets witnessing to, serving, and praying for anyone that they felt the Lord put in their path.

The teens prayed for homeless men and women to receive deliverance from their addictions and they fearlessly shared the love of Jesus with tourists, addicts, prostitutes, and anyone else that would listen! They cleaned the windows and toilets of the small businesses of the Red-light district for free, fed the homeless in our Street Café, washed peoples cars free of charge, and put on open-air dramas and testimonies on the corner of Las Vegas Blvd. And when the first week was said and done, at least 10 people received the Lord for the first time with hundreds hearing the good news of the gospel and many others recommitting their lives to Jesus.

After the excitement of the first week we still had a whole summer ahead of us, and three more teams coming in from all over the country. Youth from Chicago, Indianapolis, and Roseville, California came for a week of training, evangelism and complete surrender to Jesus. With these teams being quite a bit smaller than our first team of the summer, it made our teaching, worship, and ministry times extremely intimate. Our Crew and Staff were able to pour themselves into the students individually by encouraging and challenging them one-on-one. It worked! Many of the students who came homesick and timid left with a fiery love for their Lord and a passion to reach the lost.

Out of over 140 youth who came through our Mission Adventures program this summer, 87 of the students committed to go on another short-term outreach, and 38 of them committed to devoting their lives to the cause of world missions. This summer's Mission Adventures was a success in helping change the hearts and lives of the lost in Las Vegas, and in stirring a holy fire inside the youth who served. Our prayer for these students is that they will be 'ruined for the ordinary' that there would be a desperate yearning in their hearts to see their unsaved friends, unsaved family members, and the unreached peoples of the world come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior!



photos: Mission Adventures participants doing the free car wash!

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The Making of a Missionary

We have birthed our first baby... well in a manner of speaking. This past DTS has produced our first cross-cultural missionary in Chaz Perez.

Chaz (21) came through our DTS program earlier this year and is now in Asia preparing for frontier missions into China. Actually Hallelujah Fellowship and Youth Pastor Richard Box get to share in our delight, as Chaz is a local boy whose infectious evangelism was spread throughout the valley long before he came to us.

While Chaz was with us being trained and equipped, his passion for missions grew and we were able to put him in touch with many different works in many countries.

Ultimately as he prayed and we prayed with him he expressed a strong desire for the unreached peoples in China and is now on their doorstep getting more training in missions, Chinese culture and language. He will complete 18 more months of cultural and language training with an already reached people group before choosing a longer-term destination.

We are honored to be a small part of Chaz's ability to bring others into relationship with the living God and we thank all of you who have supported the work we do here that make tales (accounts, lives) like this possible.

X-alt

making a difference in Las Vegas and the Nations

We have been very fortunate and blessed to see God move in the lives of the children of X-alt.

Many of these children are experiencing God for the very first time as they come for Bible study on Saturdays and during the week. The majority of these children did not attend church when we first met them. Now they will seek us out to bring them to church. The children have experienced the touch of God at Bible study and at church. Once after teaching a lesson on the love of God and the forgiveness of sins, one of the girls made the comment that she had never felt so clean before. She and another girl also said that they could feel the presence of God at that time.



We have seen the children cry during prayer and have had to explain that this happens when God touches us. We have seen how excited the children become when God answers their prayers. One of those prayers was for God to bring more kids to X-alt, and He did!

We are praying that God will continue to draw these young men and women to Him and that they would truly know that there is nothing to go back to.

Banquet 2001

Ecclesiastes 3:1, There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

And now it's time for our annual Celebration Banquet. Those who attended in the past will know first hand what fun we had celebrating all that has happened over the last year and hearing about new vision for the future. It is also a time where you can get to meet those of us you have only read about and for us to see those of you who sustain this ministry through financial support and intercessory prayer.

Our keynote speaker is John Dawson one of Youth With A Mission International's leaders and author a number of books including "Taking Our Cities for God."

Again we will be at Stallion Mountain Country Club on Friday, November 16th so be on the look out for your personal invitation!





Street Cafe

It's story time! These aren't enchanted bedtime stories, but real life adventures where we saw God intervene.

Our first story begins with a young family. They came in, mom, dad and young son, hungry and scared. As we sat with them their story of misfortune rapidly poured forth. They moved here on a promise that a job would be waiting for them. When the

promised job offer fell through and with few reserves they soon found themselves on the street. We prayed with them and directed them to services provided by Church on the Street. A month passed when we didn't hear from or see them when they returned they had smiles on their faces. The day after we had met and prayed for them they ran into some Christians, found a place to stay, a job, a school and a church! They thanked us and knew that God had answered our prayers.

The next story is about Mickey. He came to the Café in July very bitter and drunk. He had lost his bike and was on the run from the law. Once the main serving rush died down we were able to speak uninterrupted. Mickey didn't know his dad, his mom was hooked on drugs and he had a wife that walked out on him. Through prayer and after being open and honest with him he became friendlier. After a week he stopped drinking and wanted to go back to Wyoming to sit out his sentence. We talked and prayed about this for several weeks. He came to believe that God would not dump him, but desired to remain with him and help him walk out the consequences of his sin. He did not commit his life to God yet but he was sure on his way!

I hope you are as encouraged as we to read these stories are. We know that God is in this program. We are still praying how and when to expand the ministry and know that He will show us. Spiritual warfare has increased and we've seen increased tension among our guests. As in all other things we appreciate your prayers in this area.

(If you are local and would like to serve with us at the Street Cafe - or indeed in any of our ministries, we'd love to have you join us! Please call on 658-5450).

New Staff

We've waited, we've watched, we've prayed and now he's finally here...well almost. Morris Apodei left Ghana last week and at the time of this writing is making his way across the US via Greyhound to be with us. You may remember Morris from our newsletter in April; we really appreciate all of you who prayed for his safe arrival. This young man contacted us 2 years ago today and it's been quite an adventure walking through this process with him. As our ministry has expanded our need for Morris and others like him are growing. We are so pleased with this provision from God and look forward to Him adding to our numbers.



Discipleship Training Schools

We had a small set back recently with the cancellation of the Fall DTS. However, we are not deterred and believe that pioneering the Discipleship Training School is an important part of our ministry call and missions fulfillment.

During this fall season we will continue to plan, pray and prepare looking expectantly for more students to be added to the number we have already.

Please be in prayer with us for the upcoming school
January 6 - May 31, 2002.



Wish YOU were here!

Having a COOL time in LAS VEGAS!
 This is one action-packed place!
 There's STREET EVANGELISM, ministry
 to PROSTITUTES, they have a CAFE
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