



Amy Kushner

took part in many ministry opportunities with youth while she was in college. After graduating from Whitman College in Washington, she came down with a team of students from the Northwest to volunteer with BCM's summer program.

She enjoyed working, sharing, and worshipping as a team. They were able to be vulnerable and personal with each other about what was going on in their lives and their work with the youth.

Initially the SummerWorks teens were excited about the summer—the classes, job opportunities, and field trips—and bonded together. Lake Elizabeth, one of the trips early on, stands out in Amy's mind. It was fun for her to see all ten of the young teens having fun together. They really enjoyed being themselves. They were less reserved with the volunteers and less reserved with each other. Usually they did not laugh or smile much, but Amy was glad to see them experience the freedom of being kids at the lake.

By mid-summer, some of the teens were not cooperating with or respecting the volunteers. They were given the option to continue only if they were willing to participate. Four of the ten came back. Discipline became stricter, but more one-on-one mentoring time was added. The volunteers enjoyed spending time with these teens and even had to encourage them to leave at the end of the day so the volunteers could spend time preparing and planning their lessons. The four that returned had an excellent experience, learned many skills and were committed to building good relationships.

Amy learned about giving control to God. Although she often felt that the summer was out of

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Amy Kushner, SummerWorks Volunteer and a new Bible Club leader



You're Invited!!!

What: **OPEN HOUSE!!**

When: November 14, 4-8 p.m.

Where: 1001 Beech Street, East Palo Alto

*Stop by and see our new home
and our programs!*



Teen Mom Outreach

Parenting class took a break during the month of July to swim, barbecue and go to Marine World with the young moms. Bible Study for the residents at New Creation Home (NCH) continued in conjunction with the Internship for Christian



Leaders program. Several of our teen moms served as interns with SAIL and Stepping Stones.

A handful of teen moms graduated from high school or a GED program this summer. We are proud of them all. Laura Carlos is one of these young women. Since moving into NCH in November 1999 and turning her life over to Christ, she has gotten



involved in MPPC's youth ministry and has become a member of Abundant Life Christian Fellowship. She recently completed a six-month clerical training class at OICW and "graduated" from NCH. She has moved in with her friend and Bible Study leader, and is now an administrative

assistant at BCM. We are thrilled to see her on God's path and look forward to her bright future.

SWIFT

This year, our program provided job counseling for 94 youth and young adults, job skills training for 60 more, and job placement for 57 of these participants. Many companies from around the Peninsula sponsored jobs for teens including Sheraton Hyatt, Anderson and Associates law firm, AAA, Sunset Magazine and Kaiser Hospital.



Bible Club

This summer six youth from Bible Clubs went to Los Angeles to participate in DCLA 2000. This conference gathers 9,000 teens from across the west coast to teach them about evangelism and to develop their spiritual and leadership skills. Chaperoned by some of their club leaders, they participated in morning devotions, conference talks, afternoon classes, and short evening concerts by Christian artists. These youth were called to evaluate their lives and to choose to walk more closely with Christ. Two of our teens were challenged to live differently and all six came back from the conference with a new perspective on their spiritual well being.

We start the fall with two new Bible Club leaders, Amy Kushner and Jesse Stephenson, and six Bible Clubs: young elementary boys, upper elementary boys, elementary girls, jr. high girls, high school boys, and high school girls. We would love mentors for each club. If your group is interested in adopting a club for the holidays or for the year, please contact Amanda Ridge at amanda_ridge@bayshore.org or (650) 327-9947.



GED and Youth Tutoring!

This new GED program evolved out of a need from our teen moms. We need daytime volunteers for GED tutoring as well as many others for our youth tutoring programs.

For more information, contact us at (650) 327-1139 or front_desk@bayshore.org

Rafi Lopez first became involved with BCM in the summer of 1996. "I was a student in the SAIL program that year, it was right after my 4th grade year." Rafi is the last of several siblings to come into BCM programs. His other sister and brothers have been involved in Bible Club, SAIL, and SWIFT.



With the start of his 8th grade year, Rafi was able to expand his experience with BCM to include Bible Club and to learn more about Jesus. "I really like learning about the Ten Commandments and Moses. The story of Moses' will really stick with me." He also liked getting to know the other

kids in the club. Several of these youth were together with Rafi in SAIL, Bible Club gave them an opportunity to continue their friendship. "I've learned what it means to treat others fairly and with respect, that's really important, probably the most important thing that I've learned."

As part of Bible Club this summer, he went to Los Angeles to participate in DCLA 2000. DCLA is a five-day super-conference for youth to develop their spiritual and evangelistic leadership skills. "A lot of people who wrote the New Testament were eye witnesses of Jesus, they knew Him. I learned that they wrote the New Testament on papyrus, and even got to see a sheet of it." In the mornings, before the conference started, Rafi joined his club leaders in morning devotionals. "Having devotionals, reading the bible, helps me know Jesus." DCLA also gave Rafi the opportunity to experience worshipping God with 9,000 other youth. "It was awesome to see so many people worshipping the same God."

After DCLA, Rafi joined BCM's Summer Works program, giving him a chance to learn important job skills while earning money. Rafi learned web design and how to put in a sprinkler system. His favorite part was learning HTML programming. "The programming was difficult, but it was really fun to see the final product, with links and pictures. I received the award for mastering HTML!"

Rafi will continue to be a member of the High School Boys club this year. "When I think to this coming year ahead, I'm excited to learn more about Jesus and getting to know the other kids in my club and club leaders better." We are glad that BCM can offer such positive experiences for Rafi and others like him, while learning more about Jesus and himself.



Rafi and others helping at Bread of Life through SummerWorks.

Development Corner

We are grateful to all of you who have participated in building our new facility. Please come to our Open House on November 14 to see our new home and our youth in action!

Special Thanks to...

👍 all our volunteers from Jensen Landscaping, Peninsula Vineyard, Abundant Life Christian Fellowship, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and others who helped us move in and set up our summer programs.

👍 the many hands that prepared sack lunches this summer. Over 100 lunches were made daily. That's more than 3,000 lunches this summer!

👍 Menlo Park Presbyterian's Computer Task Force who have spent countless hours getting our internal systems working.

Tis the season...

🔔 to adopt a BCM program as a group or class this Christmas.

🔔 to double your gift. Ask your company for the simple procedures on how they can match your gift to BCM.

🔔 to make a year-end gift. Consider an extra gift to meet practical needs for our youth.

Please contact Kimberly Li at (650) 327-9944 or kimberly_li@bayshore.org for more information.



Internship for Christian Leaders

Eleven teen interns from our local East Palo Alto community joined our summer volunteers as paid instructors in our Stepping Stones and SAIL programs this summer. Each of them went through SWIFT's job training and resume writing classes in addition to BCM's teaching skills and lesson preparation sessions. Through their daily work with youth and weekly meetings, these interns grew spiritually, bonded as a team, and served children in a



significant way. Two of the interns were so excited by the experience of working with their own neighborhood youth that they are developing a mentoring program to follow up with students during the school year.

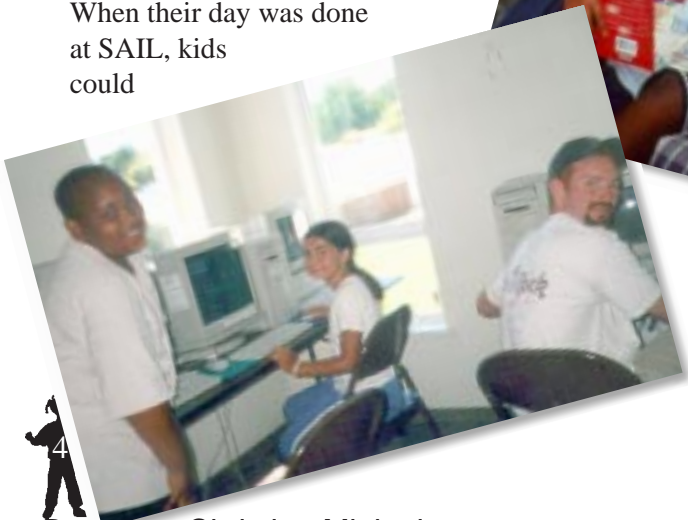
Because ICL has been so successful as a summer program, we have expanded it into a year-long program. This fall we brought in four interns to help with our programs and our facility. We are delighted that these young adults have a heart to minister in their own community.



Was your heart changed this summer? 16 hearts at BCM were. That's exactly what happened when 16 college-aged volunteers moved into East Palo Alto to work with the 53 kids in the SAIL program. These volunteers came with much energy to give and were eager to serve not realizing that they would fall in love with their precious SAIL students. Volunteers and interns labored long hard hours lesson planning, teaching and building relationships with SAIL kids. When their day was done at SAIL, kids could

often be found hanging out with them at their houses enjoying food and water games. Little did volunteers realize that they would be leaving a piece of their heart here in EPA and that these urban

youth would impact their lives and dreams for the inner-city. As summer draws to a close we thank God for His protection and provision of a safe and successful SAIL summer!



Boys in SAIL proudly display their advanced math set.



STEPPING STONES



By the time East Palo Alto youth start Kindergarten, they are already far behind their peers in other nearby cities. This summer we launched our K-2nd grade summer program called Stepping Stones. 20 kids signed up as more were held on a waiting list. Held in a classroom setting, students were given academic instruction in small groups followed by recre-

ation and workshops. Our reading program assessed their literacy level and motivated them to learn with twenty achievable steps. Aided by five interns,

we were blessed with three elementary school teachers who designed and implemented this incredibly needed program. Thank you Dianna, Esther and Jena!



SUMMERWORKS!

SummerWorks enjoyed a solid debut. Outstanding and committed volunteers provided the teen participants with quality instruction in skills and concepts that are integral to success in the workforce. Training in computer skills, cooking, landscape design and web design was augmented by courses in job and life skills, individual guidance counseling, field trips, and paid work experience.

Three in particular experienced relevant to dream careers. One young man helped at a Humanity allowing gain prac-



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in his ideal field, construction. For one young woman who hopes to pursue a culinary career, her experience



at Bread of Life soup kitchen allowed her to taste a flavor of the food service industry. And for one hopeful pilot, a rare opportunity to gain both ground and in-flight training, free of charge, came from two motivational speakers—a former Navy pilot and the president of a flight academy for at-risk teens.



BCM Personnel

AMY

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control, she learned to love the kids even amidst behavior issues and the frustration of things not going the way her team had planned. Her teammates also learned to support each other, be patient with each other, be patient with the young teens and to trust God.

She has made a commitment to live and work with the youth here in EPA for one year but plans to stay indefinitely. She will be working with the Middle and High School Girls Bible Club. She looks forward to spending time with these girls. However, her biggest challenge is that the girls don't easily accept or return love. She hopes that in Bible Club this year, she, her co-leaders, and all the girls will be able to build deep relationships, to be Christians, to learn how to love and trust each other, to interact with each other, to be different.

Amy chimes, "I'm excited for the year!" ✝

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 dictionaries
 educational games
 (Scrabble, Outburst, Bible games, Scattergories, etc.)
 electric pencil sharpener
 electric stapler
 GED books
 laminating machine
 2 light oak end tables
 2 Pentium II laptops
 20 Spanish/English Parallel Bibles
 television
 thesaurus
 workbooks (grammar, math, writing)

Ongoing needs:

children's books (grades 1-6)
 diapers
 educational software
 non-perishable food
 Safeway gift certificates

Upcoming Events

Oct 9	KidSmart, TeenWorks, GED starts
Oct 21	Bible Club Sponsored Family Picnic
Oct 26	Youth Group
Nov 4	Volunteer Training Day
Nov 14	OPEN HOUSE, 4-8 p.m.
Nov 30	Youth Group
Jan 8	KidSmart winter quarter begins
Jan 16-18	Finals Study Sessions
Jan 26-28	All BCM Camp
Feb 14	Jr. High Bible Club Dinner
Feb 23	Elementary Bible Club Dinner Theater
Mar 23-25	Come and See Weekend

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