



Teddi McCunn

put on a smile, packed her car with food, and came out for the September 18 Menlo Park Presbyterian Church painting party. She joined thirty people from Allied Arts Parish, New Horizons Sunday School Class, Prime Time Sunday School Class, and Hillview Parish, including young adults and families to paint the inside of the new BCM building. "It's fun, it teaches kids to volunteer and it teaches them about missions," says Teddi. Teddi showed up not only to paint but to provide lunch for all the workers. She loves hosting and her bright warm smile behind her words confirms her gift of hospitality. "I am not intimidated by feeding 30-40 people," she says, "It's my gift. It's fun to use your gifts. It is a gift of grace and should be done graciously."

How did a wonderful woman like Teddi get involved with BCM? She and her husband, Drummond, were first introduced to BCM through their Sunday school class— Prime Time (now called Adventures in Christian Living) about six years ago. The class was eager to get involved and actively support a mission. Jack Jones, a member of their Sunday School class, invited Andrew Hartwell to come speak. The entire class, including Teddi, was captivated by his story of how he and a group of Stanford students had been challenged by a Bible study to move in to East Palo Alto and to minister to youth. Teddi thought to herself, "I could get involved in something like that!" Jack then asked her and Drummond to join the Development Committee. Teddi felt it was the perfect opportunity to get involved. Not only could she open her home to host the committee meeting, but she could also rally others to get involved. To her it's not work, just something that happens naturally.

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Teddi McCunn flashing her beautiful smile with her husband, Drummond.

SWIFT

Run jointly with OICW, 16 young people were hired as interns at various companies through the Summer Work Internship for Teens (SWIFT) program this summer. Before they started, they participated in training classes on resumé writing, interviewing skills, job applications and work force conduct. "In addition to having great work experience, the teens enjoyed themselves," said Andre Parchment, BCM's SWIFT Program Director. "It was great to hear from the employers how well the students were doing." Two students interested in computer graphics were even able to work at a web page design company. Sunset Magazine, one of many local businesses employing our teens, was ecstatic about its interns this year.



TeenWorks started up October 18!!

Tutors are still needed 2-3 hours per week, Monday-Thursday, 4-8 p.m.
Call Andre Parchment, (650) 327-9941.



Teen Mom Outreach

Teen Mom Outreach (TMO), which includes New Creation Home, our residential home for teen moms, is constantly expanding and offering more services to pregnant teens and teens with young children.

Opened in October 1998, New Creation Home has already served as a sanctuary for seven young moms and ten children. Most recently we had four moms and six children living at NCH. As young women move into the home, we assess their needs and find the practical resources required to help them finish their education, obtain job skills, gain parenting skills and grow in their relationship with God.



Our weekly parenting class serves a regular core group of 8-10 moms and has been an excellent way to serve the practical needs of many additional teen mothers. Class topics this summer have included anger management, childhood nutrition and teaching their children about God.



TMO also offers a weekly Bible study, rides to church, GED tutoring and mentoring relationships. It has been exciting to see several young moms seek after God, asking great questions of the leaders and regularly doing the suggested devotional-type homework for the class. We look forward to continuing these services as well as starting a more comprehensive GED program in the year 2000.

TMO needs women home supervisors and childcare providers. If you would like to help call Pam Nordstrom, (650) 324-0732.

Bible Club

SUMMER MISSIONS. Susan Ficca (High School Girls Bible Club Leader) and Darline Turner (mentor and chaperone) took two girls, Tunisha Buttler and Maribel Aguilar, to Guatemala for a two-week mission trip in August with Students International. (see photo on bottom of opposite page.) Tunisha worked with eight girls from a local indigenous village in Environmental Education teaching basic academic skills. Maribel worked with a Media team to create an educational video for the same village in the native Mayan language on preventing bacteria-caused illness. She also learned much about computer graphics and videography by helping create informational videos on the work of the full-time missionaries there. Both girls brought to the mission experiences learned in Bible Club and the gift of speaking Spanish. They met many Christian young people from across the U.S. and are excited about future missions opportunities!

After three successful mission trip experiences this past year, we will again be encouraging youth to develop their leadership skills through service. Several of our high school clubs are looking at short term mission trips for next year.

FALL QUARTER. This fall we are blessed to have five new club leaders join our ministry. These individuals will help provide much needed support in many of our existing clubs, expanding the number of youth we are able to reach through discipleship and Bible teachings. With new club leaders, Middle School Boys Club and Elementary Girls Club are starting up, expanding the number of clubs in our ministry to seven.



August 12th marked the end of the eleventh year of our summer program for third through seventh grade students. At Summer Adventures in Learning (SAIL), the students received academic teaching in the mornings and participated in recreation programs in the afternoons. Teaching is done in small groups of two to three students and one tutor.

With 20 tutors, we were able to expand the program to include 49 students, making this year's SAIL our largest yet!

Over half of the students in our SAIL program (25) were involved with BCM for the first time this summer.

A heavy emphasis was placed on the reading and math skills of our students, improving their competency in these areas.

Through our chapel time and the tutor/student relationships that developed, two youth made decisions to follow Christ and at least ten more rededicated their lives to Him.

KID SMART

KidSmart finished the school year in early June with a final party that included games, cake, awards and lots of fun! Highlights of the year were:

- ☺ a reading contest that inspired one young man to read 18 books
- ☺ a pool/jacuzzi party in Atherton for all kids and volunteers
- ☺ having the kids paint a 5x7 foot mural for the new BCM facility.

Fall programs started October 18, with Juliet Johnson joining the BCM staff as the new Program Director two weeks before. We need volunteers to tutor 2-3 hours per week, Monday-Thursday, 3-5 or 4-6 p.m.; to prep and organize materials; to fix computers; and supervise the check-in desk.

Call Juliet at (650) 327-9940 to help KidSmart.



Kathy Bennett, a senior at Menlo-Atherton this year, grew up in East Palo Alto. A year ago, she moved with her family to Stockton, but she wanted to come back. Her grandmother said, "You can go only if you find a job, then you can stay with your sister back in East Palo Alto." She continued to attend Menlo-Atherton High School and at the end of the year, she heard about BCM's Internship for Christian Leaders (ICL) program from a friend, Calvin Cooper. So, she filled out the application, interviewed with the Program Director and came on as an intern for the SAIL program.

She likes BCM because she gets to work with kids. "Through SAIL, I got a chance to meet some of the younger kids who live around here." She enjoyed teaching and spending time with them and also learned a lot about patience in the process. Now she enjoys walking down the street and having some of the kids come up to say hi.

She also likes BCM because she wants to give back to her community. In the past she has been involved with Youth Community Service sponsored by Palo Alto High School. As a teen, she enjoyed having something to do this summer, a change from "doing nothing" in past summers. "ICL was a good experience," Kathy says, "I enjoy meeting people, especially the college students who volunteered. It was neat to be part of a diverse group of people helping out with the SAIL program."

At the weekly intern meetings, she was challenged to consider what her purpose in life might be and what God would want for her life. "It's hard to think about," says Kathy, "but I want to help people; I want to be a doctor." Kathy has applied to ten colleges and universities hoping to study medicine. After a short pause, she thoughtfully mentions, "I want to be one of the college students that comes back and helps SAIL."



Susan Ficca having fun with Tunisha Buttler and Maribel Aguilar in Guatemala this Summer.

ICL

In its second year, Internship for Christian Leaders (ICL) involved seven young people, four returning from last year. In addition to community service this summer as paid interns for our SAIL program, every Wednesday the group gathered for dinner, prayer, sharing and teaching. The summer teaching topic was, "Why did God create you and what did he place you here for?" During that time, the group shared openly and honestly about feelings and assessed the week's high and low points. At the end of summer, the kids had the opportunity to plan their own event. To the Program Director's surprise, they wanted to go camping! They packed up camping gear and headed to the campsite. The kids took one look at the campsite and jumped back into the van. The weekend still proved fruitful as the close quarters of a few hotel rooms allowed for quality discussions between the kids without the added logistics of setting up camp and cooking their own meals.

Development Corner

A NEW VAN! BCM was recently blessed with a new eight-passenger van generously donated by Abundant Life Christian Fellowship.

PAINTING PARTIES. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church had many volunteers out on September 18 to paint the first floor walls of our new building. Volunteers from 1st Baptist of Los Altos, Pillars group from Abundant Life, and Peninsula Vineyard joined Bible Club Leaders and Club kids to paint the second floor on October 2. A great big THANKS to all of you!

ABOUT 80 PEOPLE came to our new building dedication on October 9 which included a tour of and prayer time for our new facility. If you missed it, come out for our **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, January 27, 2000.

TUTORS NEEDED. We need volunteers for all of our Fall programs! To learn more about how you can help, call us at (650) 327-1139.

THE HOLIDAYS are just around the corner. Here are some creative gift-giving ideas that help BCM and the east-of-Bayshore community:

- 📌 Support the local businesses by shopping in EPA; visit the new Ravenswood 101 shopping center.
- 📌 For the person who has everything, make a gift to BCM in their honor.
- 📌 If you own stocks, think BCM! Our on-line broker age is Suretrade, U.S. Clearing Corp., DTC # 0158, Account # 525-13829-1-6. For a 1999 receipt, stocks must be posted to our account by December 28. **Inform us of your gift so we can credit it properly!**
- 📌 Giving before the year end? Gifts by mail must be postmarked by December 31.

For more information or any questions, contact Kimberly Li, (650) 327-9944.



Youth Profile Bible Club Pic

TEDDI

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"I love to get people connected! I was just being sensitive to the Holy Spirit and being responsive to Him. Who could doubt God's stamp of approval for an organization such as this?"

Over the past six years, Teddi has seen BCM evolve...from a couple of Bible Clubs to seven, from only a few staff to almost a dozen, from a small house-basement to a 10,000 square foot facility. "We are told to pursue our gifts and to find a place to do it. We can't out-give God and we can't out-serve Him. The fun of it is seeing BCM grow. What a privilege and a blessing to be involved long-term!"

Her message is clear: when you use your gifts and get involved, prepare to be blessed! By the way, the crew of painters completed the job in an incredible five hours which included an hour-long lunch break between coats hosted by...you guessed it! †

Upcoming Events

- October 12 Bible Clubs start
- October 18 KidSmart starts at Abundant Life Christian Fellowship
- October 18 TeenWorks starts at Seventh Day Adventist Church of East Palo Alto
- October 30 Volunteer Training Day
- January 27 New Building Open House**
Come see our kids in action!



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| Juliet Johnson | <i>Program Director, KidSmart</i> |
| Pam Nordstrom | <i>Program Director, Teen Mom Outreach</i> |
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| Calvin Cooper | <i>Program Assistant</i> |
| Carole Wilson | <i>Program Assistant</i> |
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| Catalina Verducco | <i>Office Upkeep</i> |

Bible Club Leaders

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| Audra Buckley | Sarah Dziekan | Susan Ficca |
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| Amanda Ridge | Ben Rodriguez | Chris Waters |
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