

SUMMER TOURS!

BCM's Open House will be postponed until the Fall, but you can come to a *Summer Tour* and see our programs in full swing!

Spring 2000

Summer Tours

Wednesdays 9 am

July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 2

To sign up, call (650) 327-1139.



BAYSHORE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



Joseph Buttler

Why would a teenage boy spend his afternoons helping little kids instead of "hanging out with th' boys?" Because a few years ago, someone took the time to invest in his life.

Joseph Buttler came to BCM's TeenWorks program two years ago. As a sophomore, he was a C-grade student. A tutor there named Lisa worked with him to bring up his grades. Lisa also introduced him to creative writing and Joseph discovered a new passion and outlet to express himself in writing. Now a senior at Redwood High School, he is an A and B level student across all his school subjects. Joseph even has a story submitted for publishing.

Through TeenWorks, Lisa has given him the encouragement he needed to not give up, do well in school and pursue his interests. Joseph wants to do the same for younger kids, so he helps out at BCM's KidSmart after-school tutoring program. Similar to TeenWorks, he focuses his attention on 2 or 3 kids so they get more individualized help.

Although he is one of KidSmart's youngest volunteers, he is an astute tutor. Most of the boys know they can't go to the computer lab until he checks their work. The computers at KidSmart have a handful of fun educational games installed on them. One time, one boy wanted to play computer games, but Joseph asked to see his math homework first. The boy had written in a bunch of random numbers. Joseph made him erase the whole sheet and correctly answer each one. Joseph laughs. He finds it is a great incentive for them to focus on their homework and to do it quickly AND accurately.

He hopes to encourage kids to do well and

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Joseph Buttler, future restaurateur!

SUMMERWORKS!

Preparations for our new and improved Junior High Jobs Program, now called SummerWorks are rolling! SummerWorks will provide 12 participants aged 14-15, six weeks in employment readiness, job training and career exposure. Highlights include:

- ✧ one-time jobs for pay in the community and local business
- ✧ field trips to companies in various employment fields
- ✧ seminars in job and life skills such as "setting and achieving personal, educational, and career goals"
- ✧ daily computer projects in web design
- ✧ motivational speakers

If you can provide any of the above opportunities, please contact Kristin Wagner at (650) 327-9941.



Teen Mom Outreach



New Creation Home has been blessed recently with beautiful landscaping. Local corporations including Ciardella's Garden Supply, Home Depot in East Palo

Alto, Automatic Rain in Menlo Park and Living Color Landscape have generously donated materials and time towards this project.

Dirt, more dirt, rows and rows of tomatoes, squashes and other edibles used to dominate the backyard. It has been transformed into a place of welcome respite for the teen moms. Karen Slaughter, the owner of Living Color Landscape, heard about New Creation Home through her volunteer work with CityTeam Ministries. Karen felt that she could really help out in a way that utilizes her skills, talents and expertise. Working with local EPA teens and others, she has transformed this yard into a beautiful place. Thanks, Karen!



KID SMART

For several years KidSmart has been blessed with the dedication of our "Chess Master" Raleigh Kirschman. Once a week, he has faithfully come to teach chess to 2 to 3 boys and one persistent girl who anxiously await his arrival. Through their time together the students in grades 4-6 have learned skills in strategy, patience and good sportsmanship. Everyone has a great time, even Rali. As Rali moves on to new adventures in Texas, we hope that our "Future Chess Champions" (as Rali so affectionately calls them), continue to grow in the skills they have already acquired.

Thanks, Rali!

Read more about KidSmart in our Youth Profile and Volunteer Profile!



Bayshore Christian Ministries



Bible Club

A glimpse of a future leader.

"Sometimes you gotta take two steps forward, and one back; and sometimes you just have to get up and try again!" exclaimed the 8th grader in reference to walking with Jesus. She suddenly found herself spontaneously standing up and preaching to her Bible Club of 13 junior high girls and 3 leaders. After comments from her peers about being a preacher, she is now planning to help teach a future Bible Club lesson.

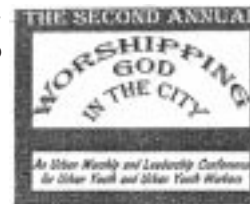
Our mission at BCM talks about making youth future leaders in the community and in the ministry. It is greatly encouraging to see this junior high Bible Clubber desire to take leadership in ministering to her peers.



Middle School Girls Bible Club and volunteers



Worshipping God in the City, held at Camp MayMac in mid-March saw a vast number of youth make a new commitment to God. Co-sponsored by BCM, CityTeam Ministries, Youth for Christ, and a number of local ministries, about 70 youth came to hear Christ 4 Life, a lively speaker, rap band, listen to a new way to worship God on a daily basis. During one incredible worship time, one youth encapsulated the weekend experience: "Jesus, I want to be close to you, cuz you're the bomb!"



Summer Opportunities Available!



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Alicia “Alex” Fajardo is one of the perky 5th grade girls you’ll see at the registration desk when you enter Abundant Life Christian Fellowship, KidSmart’s tutoring location. She’s been a part of KidSmart since 3rd grade. KidSmart has a daily routine. “We do homework, read, and play on the computer. We get gold tickets for cooperation. We get snack,” she chatters.



“Some days we have one-on-one tutors. Mine comes on Mondays.” Most of the time, the kids go in the back room with tutors, but Alex likes to be at the front desk where it is quiet to do her homework. She’s also friendly, and likes to

meet people. At the front desk she gets to see everyone signing in.

Each day, kids have the opportunity to earn gold cards for participation, cooperation and good behavior. The cards are put in a box and one of the cards is drawn for a prize. “The more times you get your name in the box, the better chances you have of getting a prize. I’ve won a prize two times!” Alex giggles. After homework, the older kids read chapter books for 20 minutes while the younger kids read short books for ten minutes. Afterwards, they have the option to do crafts or play computer games. Alex has two favorite computer games: Super Munchers and Freddy Fish. Super Munchers is a math game which teaches multiplication tables. The player must quickly gather items in various multiples before the troll eats them. Freddy Fish is a game where the player hunts around for clues. The kids learn to observe details and draw conclusions based on the clues they pick up in order to solve a mystery.



Alex with her brother, Hector

“Sometimes there are writing workshops...after tutoring I go to Bible Club for girls my age,” Alex chimes in. Many kids in KidSmart, like Alex, are also involved in weekly Bible Clubs. Bible Clubs offer the youth a place to develop spiritually.

“It’s a good learning place and people here are fun. KidSmart helped me get good grades by giving me a chance to finish my homework. KidSmart is fun and I like to tell jokes. Here’s one: How do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef!”

TeenWorks

TeenWorks has a new home this quarter. It is currently at the East Palo Alto Library. Since we’ve been at the library, we’ve seen more teenagers and tutors than the past two quarters. The library is a great place for teenagers; there are plenty of good resources and reference materials. Last quarter, the Seventh Day Adventist Church served as home for TeenWorks. “They really came through for us when we were searching for another place to host our program,” says Andre, our TeenWorks Director. Once again, our thanks to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for everything.

NOTE: Our other tutoring site normally held at Free At Last will remain intact but has moved with them to their new location on Bay near Pulgas.

Development Corner

Three easy ways you can help make one gift grow and multiply:

- ☛ **Matching Gifts.** Many companies offer a match program. All it takes is one simple form provided by your HR or Community Relations department to double your gift.
- ☛ **Corporate Connections.** Be a Corporate Champ! Help spread the word about BCM, include us in your employee bulletins, invite your co-workers to visit BCM. For more information, **contact Kimberly Li, (650) 327-9944 or kimberly_li@bayshore.org**.
- ☛ **Volunteer.** A handful of companies in the Bay Area make donations for every hour an employee volunteers. Help tutor a kid today!

THANK YOU to all our donors over the holidays! Youth in our programs received gifts and New Creation Home, our Teen Mom Outreach residential home, put on a special holiday feast for our teen moms.

BCM also received a grant of \$100,000 from Inprise Corporation over the holidays. Dale Fuller, interim president and CEO, states, “With all of the wealth that is being created in this area, we have an incredible opportunity to assist people who might otherwise miss out. In the long run, everyone benefits from well-placed charitable giving.” Thank you Inprise for your generous grant!



BCM Personnel

BUTTLER

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achieve their dreams just as Lisa encouraged him to pursue his dreams. In addition to writing short stories, he hopes to open up a Panamanian cuisine restaurant. Of all his cousins, he is one of the best cooks. Even his mom mentioned that she would help him if he ever started a restaurant. When he's not tutoring at KidSmart, he's taking an entrepreneurial class to learn the basic elements of running a business.

Joseph pauses and smiles again, "It's fun here [at Kidsmart]. I have as much fun as the kids." †

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SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE COMING!

Upcoming Events

May 15	SWIFT workshops
June 15	SWIFT jobs begin
June 19	Internship for Christian Leaders begins SAIL Volunteer Training begins Stepping Stones Training begins SWIFT workshops
June 26	Stepping Stones begins
June 28	SAIL begins
June 29	SummerWorks begins

WISH LIST

If you have any of these items to donate, please call us at (650) 327-1139

2 Pentium II laptops	12 NIV Kid's Quest Study Bibles
baby clothes	12 Spanish/English Parallel
blankets	(New Testaments w/ Psalms & Proverbs)
diapers	books and Bibles in Spanish
electric pencil sharpener	children's books (grades 1-6)
educational software	Devotional Bibles for moms
full size mattress	Devotionals for teens
full size sheets	dictionaries
infant/baby items	educational games
laminating machine	GED books
non-perishable food	lined blank journals
refrigerator	news magazines
fax machine	science magazines
copier	thesaurus
Safeway gift certificates	workbooks (grammar, math, writing)
school supplies	
toiletries	

BIGGER WISHES:

- use of a van for 7 weeks during summer
- house or property in East Palo Alto

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