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CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



Spring 2003

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Andy Westall

Throughout Bayshore Christian Ministries' existence, we have had the pleasure and blessing of working with some of the best youth and young Christian leaders on earth. For the past 5 years Andrew Westall's gift of working with kids has been a blessing to us and to the many youth here in our ministry. Andy, 27, is currently back in school at San Jose Christian College getting a second bachelor's degree in theology. He first heard about us six and a half years ago through Gary, a friend in his college Bible study at the University of Washington.

He recalls the story with a great sense of humor. "Gary told me about his adventures participating in the SAIL program the year before. All the kids hated him and constantly expressed their wish for him to die. Gary still loved the program and fell in love with these same kids. He decided that he wanted to come back after college. He said that it would be really hard working with these kids but if I was interested maybe I could come down with him. Well, I sighed a sorry sigh. East Palo Alto sounded like a wonderful place to serve Christ but I had just accepted a job in the Sunnyvale area. I told him that it's too bad that East Palo Alto is eight hundred miles away in the Los Angeles area. Maybe I could come visit him every once in a while? Gary informed me that East Palo Alto was 15 miles from where I was working. So I called up Andy Hartwell, BCM's Executive Director, and asked, 'Hey, what's the chance of me living down there next year?' One thing led to another and I drove down here with Gary."

As you can see the one thing leading to another has lasted a very long and worthwhile time. When asked why he decided to stay he smiles. "I decided to stay because I love it here," he says without hesitation. "I love the people. I love the work. I love Jesus. I see Him here in the kids, in the volunteers and in our leadership. It is my continuing pleasure to invest myself at BCM. I think about it in terms of retirement. I see the parable of the sheep and goats like God's

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(see Andy)



Andy Westall - Star Volunteer!

TeenWorks

TeenWorks has experienced another successful year. For the first time enrollment reached the maximum of 30 students, with 2 on a waiting list. In addition, we had 25 tutors and volunteers working with us.



This year we began producing a newsletter for parents in order to update them on important issues and opportunities available for students. The first issue listed several scholarship opportunities for 8th, 10th and 12th graders. Several students have applied for the various scholarships being offered by various organizations. Also, several students attended the first annual East Palo Alto College Fair in March. TeenWorks will close out the year with a Job Preparation Workshop to help teens find and secure summer jobs.



2003 has been exciting! A wonderful volunteer began teaching music lessons to a few motivated students,

beginning this past quarter with a small class. Each Thursday afternoon, a local Science teacher has been leading Science club, giving every child who has finished homework an opportunity to do fun experiments and projects.

It is wonderful to be able to offer a variety of classes for kids in addition to Word Play, our existing creative writing class for fifth through seventh graders. Word Play was honored

with a special guest last quarter—Poet Laureate Yusef Komenyakaa. Yusef shared excerpts from his writings to encourage the youth. Students also shared some of their works with him.

Another major highlight was a very successful field trip to the San Jose Tech Museum in March. The East Palo Alto Kids Foundation gave us a generous grant to take 19 youth to the museum. A team of Stanford gradu-



Hands on at the Tech Museum!

ate students helped us turn this field trip into a hands-on explorative experience, pairing up with small groups of students as “buddies”. Children learned about the amazing human body through the IMAX movie on the subject and a hands-on exhibit on surgery. From designing their own roller coaster, to aiming lasers from an astronaut’s chair, each child had the opportunity to learn that science isn’t just a textbook, but the exciting basis for much of life.

In the midst of these fun activities, KidSmart’s priority continues to be helping youth daily in areas of great need:

homework assistance and basic academic skills training. Because of a great group of new tutors, we were able to admit several children off our wait list. Several parents and teachers of these students have expressed that since attending KidSmart, they are doing much better in school and making progress in their more difficult subject areas!



Poet Laureate Yusef Komenyakaa



has had an amazing and busy year! We kicked off each 1st with a block-in hosted by our spring break mission team from Grand Valley State University.

Some highlights of the evening were duct-taping one of our volunteers to the wall, the Good Samaritan, boys who managed to stay up the entire night. Later on in team from Hope Col-annual StreetWorkz a packed weekend with competition, an after-lots of basketball, and “leap before you look.” challenged to take a risk on God in the midst of difficult situations.



Over the spring quarter, small groups have been focusing on self-image and male-female relationships. With relevant teachings, deeper relationships with leaders and an opportunity to talk in depth about issues, God has been deeply impacting the teens. Younger teens have been intrigued by scripture—often wanting to read beyond the evening’s Bible passage. One girl mentioned to her leader



that small group topics were often exactly what she was dealing with at the time. Another girl mentioned that the topics were often what she needed to hear and needed Biblical wisdom for.

The male-female curriculum has also brought more respect between the teen girls and boys.

Looking ahead to summer, we have our annual camping trip and fun outings such as rock climbing coming up. Small groups will also continue the current curriculum as well as focus on “coming of age.”



Bible Club

The Bible Club winter quarter continued to be a time of excitement and activity. Our club students went on snow trips and sleepovers. They even made costumes and props, memorized lines and performed at our annual Desert Theater. Our clubs continue to grow with more kids



attending as they learn various lessons about what God did in the lives of Moses, Noah and Abraham.

God is at work even through the non-planned times. This quarter a young girl asked her leader to explain God's view on purity. A boy excited about the play asked for more lines. A girl experiencing stage fright was encouraged by a leader. Students before club helped each other memorize scripture. In all these small moments, we see God at work teaching, uniting, and building up His kingdom into the beginning of another great year.

Development

Our THANKS to all of you for supporting and praying for BCM. A few special thanks for: Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund's \$5,000 grant; Webcor Builders' \$2,500 grant for scholarships, EPA Kids Foundation's small projects grants for KidSmart and SAIL, SF-Peninsula Delta Sigma Theta Sorority chapter for the Community Incentive Award, and Preserva Products' 20 gallons of Sequoia Redwood fence stain to weather-proof our fence. A big thanks to all



Sammetra and Erica join Claudia with the DST Awards

of you who have recently given in-kind donations: games, cameras and more! AND much to the delight of all our youth, 13 NEW basketballs were donated by the Stu Johnston Family in honor of Michael McDonald's birthday.

Is there an upcoming Graduation? Birthday? Wedding? Need a meaningful gift for the person who has everything? Here are some ideas:

- ❖ Shop on line! BCM gets a donation every time you shop at popular stores through schoolpop.com or give.com.
- ❖ Make a gift to BCM in their honor!

For more information, contact Kimberly Li at kimberly_li@bayshore.org or 650-327-9944.

DEVELOPMENT



Being here at Bayshore Christian Ministries has given me the opportunity to get to know many east of Bayshore youth and really understand how God creates everyone in many beautiful ways. Every day kids walk through the double doors with their own weird quirks and custom-made personalities and I can't help but enjoy their interesting senses of humor and fun personalities.



Princess Nunn's stunning smile!

One of the many youth who seem to lighten up a dreary afternoon here at the building is 15-year old Princess Nunn. Yes, her name really is Princess, and yes, royalty seems to scream out of her shy smile.

Princess, who is a freshman at Menlo Atherton High School, first heard about BCM from her mother and friends at her church. She started out only in our tutoring program TeenWorks, but quickly branched out to join SummerWorks, StreetWorkz and StreetCrewz.

She tells me, in one of her famous bashful smiles, what it is about BCM she wouldn't be able to breathe without. "Without Cynthia, Amy, John and Claudia—well mostly all the staff—it would be hard, because they welcome you with open arms and they're nice."

One of the cool things Princess has learned about God is, "No matter what you do God is still by your side," she says.

Today is another gray sunny day full of routine and endless cups of coffee. But at 3:30 p.m., Princess Nunn will be walking through the double doors, ready to sign in (though it's not a requirement for youth) and add to the many funny and happy personalities in the building that I wouldn't be able to breathe without.

Youth Profile

Andy (cont'd from front page)

401K plan. If you want good retirement options in heaven, then spend your life on earth loving and serving others. Two things will happen: God will set aside real treasures for you in heaven, and on earth you'll have a much more abundant life. I have been so richly blessed being here. I have really grown up quite a bit since moving down here. God has taught me much about how to have friends, how to overcome shame, how to find my worth based in Jesus. For me this has been such a healing time. It has not been easy. Quite the contrary, it's been as hard as it gets. BCM hasn't been a place for me to flee my problems, but a place to face them. I am challenged here to really face who I am, how that effects how I live in a community of people who love Jesus and how I serve these kids."

His favorite thing about being here and working with our youth has been "being close to God." Andy says with full conviction, "It is clear that God is here and God is at work here. It is clear that God's heart is really with the needy. My favorite part of working with the kids is seeing some of them really take ownership of their faith."✠

Wish List

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

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| 2 Pentium III or newer PCs | games (Rated FORALL ages) |
| Digital photo printer | 12 Empty oatmeal boxes with lid in good condition |
| Scanner | 3 small toolboxes/ fishing tackle boxes |
| Garden Tools | 4 Emergency blankets |
| Kitchen Utensils | Office/Cubicle Dividers |
| 7 Electric pencil sharpeners | Ford Explorer Transmission |
| 6 Disposable cameras | Display board |
| 5 Sewing machines | Sofa |
| Playstation console (1 or 2) | Washer/dryer stackable units |
| Nintendo 64 game console | |
| Playstation & N64 video | |

ONGOING NEEDS

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| Books in Spanish | Workbooks (grammar, writing, math) |
| Board games (scategory, pictionary, taboo, etc.) | Lined blank journals |
| Card and Uno game decks | School supplies |
| Cranium (youth edition) | Non-perishable food |
| Educational games (Scrabble, Outburst, Bible games, etc.) | Sports equipment (footballs, soccer balls, jump ropes, etc...) |
| Educational software | |

BCM Personnel

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| Andrew Hartwell | <i>Executive Director</i> |
| Kimberly Li | <i>Director of Development</i> |
| John Liotti | <i>Director of Ministries</i> |
| Susan Ficca | <i>Program Director, KidSmart/SAIL</i> |
| Emily Gisleson | <i>Executive Assistant</i> |
| Juliet Johnson | <i>Summer Assistant</i> |
| Amy Kushner | <i>Program Director, StreetWorkz</i> |
| Claudia Phelps | <i>Program Director, TeenWorks/SummerWorks</i> |
| Amanda Ridge | <i>Program Director, Bible Clubs</i> |
| Ben Rodriguez | <i>Facilities Manager</i> |
| Cynthia Ruiz | <i>Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist</i> |
| Jen Wei | <i>Business Manager</i> |
| Calvin Cooper | <i>Intern, KidSmart</i> |
| John Maina | <i>Intern, TeenWorks</i> |
| Eddie Lopez | <i>Night Security</i> |
| Andy Westall | <i>Night Security</i> |

Bible Club Leaders

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| Jena Bloomquist | Lance Bloomquist | SueAnn Eason |
| Kim Hester | John Maina | Kimberly Thacker |
| Chris Waters | Julie Waters | |

StreetWorkz Leaders

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| Calvin Cooper | James Gerung | Melissa Liotti |
| Frank Nuñez | Ryan Peterson | Cynthia Ruiz |
| Andy Westall | | |

Board of Directors

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| Marc Prioleau, <i>Board Chair</i> | | |
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Upcoming Events

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| 6/11 | Bible Club spring quarter ends |
| 6/12 | TeenWorks ends |
| 6/24 & 26 | StreetWorkz and StreetCrewz summer quarter begins |
| 6/29 | BCM Team BBQ |
| 6/30 | SAIL & SummerWorks begins |
| 7/25-27 | StreetWorkz Camp |
| 8/3 | BCM Team BBQ |
| 8/12 | SAVE THE DATE! Summer Programs Banquet |

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

...stay tuned

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