



July 2010

Dear Friends,

We have been getting our house in order this month as we prepare for escalation on many fronts. Before filling you in on what's coming up, I want to share with you some of what's developing all over the region.

Transforming communities

There is a stir for transformation now on the coast, over in **Humboldt County!** Pray for Pastor Chuck and those spearheading there.

Whitmore is planning for a community night of worship in August and rallying intercession toward united transformation efforts, and a Tracking with Transformation study group has started.

Shasta Lake's 1st Baptist continues to host prayer tents twice a year and people in the city ask about them all the time. The new leadership for the Calvary Chapel there is reporting good progress as they focus outwardly.

Dunsmuir: Pray for the imminent establishment of a powerful ministry on the main thoroughfare complete with a venue for events, a training center and accommodations. The leadership there believes for breakthrough in Siskiyou!

South County Transformation is preparing for their second Lookin' Cool For School event, taking disadvantaged youth shopping for back to school supplies on August 7th. The second Jobs for Life class will start in September. Call Elaine at 410-9588 if you'd like to help shop or mentor a Jobs for Life student.

In **Redding, Gen 14**, the rap/hip-hop group involved with us in the LOT, is about to go BIG with a new youth emphasis which will dovetail perfectly with Project 18 and the at-risk, unchurched youth of our area. One area fellowship will host a unique *encounter* under the **Sundial, Aug 6 and 7** complete with stage, lights, and band to minister the presence of Christ. **Genesis Generation Radio** will launch soon here as a way to connect the generations and bring relevant issues to discussion. Kingdom minded people will host this call-in radio program which will air Sat. evenings starting in September. And at the **4th of July Freedom Festival**, our band was able to share for 30 minutes! At one point, we spoke to the 8,000 listeners: *"There is a longing in every heart for something more.... For hard times, sadness and depression to yield to joy. This longing can be summed up in one phrase --' on earth as it is in Heaven!' Right here, right now, in my life, as it is in Heaven! We are longing for the Father's will to be done and His Kingdom to come. That's what this next song speaks of....."* The city was receptive and organizers pleased with our message of hope through song at this major event they host each year.

RESEARCH: a wise approach to transformation

Right now, Redding Transformation is in the middle of a research project to discover what available for youth in our area and what's needed. In August, we'll start the survey of 600 Redding youth and interviews of 50 leaders. The results will be presented to church and community leaders in the fall. We are conducting the study scientifically so we can confidently present an accurate snapshot with



Anderson outreach

Youth cleaning at Crossing

Surveying youth needs

THRIVE leaders connect

those who can affect change. We all want to help the community; this survey will bring reality into focus and give us a sharper vision of what's needed and wanted. The relational bridges established through this survey will grease the wheels for action down the road.

THRIVE: a fresh approach of Kingdom networking

Two social entrepreneurs shared with this dynamic group of leaders this month. THRIVE, under the leadership of RT, connects well-resourced, solution-focused leaders to purposefully affect change through supportive partnerships, in order to create *"A place where dreams are nurtured, producing a harvest of prosperity for the community, sowing hope to the world."*

THE CROSSING: Youth Gracefully in Motion

We've been coming alongside Anchor's Well as they tackle the huge job of converting a nightclub to a Youth and Family center. Trinity Alliance's youth group spent an evening there starting the gigantic clean up task. If you want to be a part of this, there is something for you to do, from construction to financial support, teaching to mentoring, and much, MUCH more.

GET INVOLVED: You are needed!

WeR1net.net - See our NEWLY updated webpage for getting involved. If you've considered volunteering some of your time to advancing the Kingdom in our community, check out the one-page volunteer form we added recently.

Project 18 mentoring will now branch into 5 directions;

1. 30 mentors matched with at-risk 11 to 18 year olds around town, meeting them weekly.
2. 3 teams of 10 people going into the hall, one team on Monday, another on Thursday and one on Saturday in the fall.
3. 30 mentors assigned to transition and mentor high risk youth who exit the hall.
4. 20 who will come alongside Probation's Parent-Project which is working effectively, yet needs more helpers.
5. 30 mentors prepared to be at the Crossing one afternoon each week to hang out and host youths who show up.

That's 140 open doors for healthy adults to make a difference in the lives of local teens!

We continue to wait for word on the OJJDP grant we applied for last April. Pray for us as God smooths the details and apprehends hearts.

Track Record The Summer edition is out! Read about the Crossing, Jobs for Life equipping initiative in Anderson, a new horse ministry and many more ways Christians are creatively bringing the power and presence of God to the community.

August opportunities:

Research surveyers training - August 12, 6:30-7:30 pm, Redding Library. Be a part of this ground-breaking survey of youth in our area! This training will give you all the details and prepare each participant to talk to about 20 teens to find out what they're thinking.

Exploration Forum - Aug. 17, 7 pm, Hub City (2206 Larkspur Lane, Redding) Want to find out how you can personally get involved with transforming the community? This is the place! Find out where your God-given gifts, talents, and energy are needed.

Mentor Training - Aug. 24, 6:30-8 pm, Redding Library This is a great opportunity for those interested in mentoring to get a flavor for Project 18, meet the staff, ask questions, and learn some tools. This month's topic, anger management. FREE!

Grace in Motion service day - Aug. 28, 8 am - noon. Check the website mid-August for details.

Ready to roll,



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