



# Faith In Christ Ministries

*"A ministry in the heart of the city with a heart for the city"*



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*We know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted us. May your unfailing love be our comfort, according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to us that we may live; for your law is our delight, creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Los Angeles. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to them, "And I will heal them."*

We praise God for our son Hilkiyah has come home. He plans to further his education, attending SMC and additionally, He shows a tremendous interest in our church and community. We hope to assess ways he can interact with us to develop additional programs working with the youth and meeting the essential needs. Our hearts are overjoyed because Jennifer has discussed with us the possibility of coming home with us, participating in the ministry and furthering her education as well. *Life shall be interesting, I am sure for all of us –adjusting..*



Pastor Browne had a great time in Houston, Texas, resting, catching up on the past with Ken Lackey and deepening their relationship

## Camp Axios

**AXIOS MEANS WORTHY** Our grateful appreciation to Father Bill and Saint Sophia Cathedral for making it possible 10 of our youth were able to attend a week long camping experience at Camp Axios. The kids were overjoyed, some even cried when it was time to return to the city. Congratulations to Kavanaugh, **"Camper of the Week"**, was asked to return next year as counselor. We see a change in the attitudes and disposition of the youth. Next year we need to have counselors in place so our youth can attend other camps for various age categories.



Moms and Dads just a bit anxious seeing their children off to camp, but happy for them.



**Thank You VBS of FBC Woodland Hills**

**Food program**—Praise God we are back in business again because of our faithful partners and the children and families attending VBS at First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills; our pantry is filled to overflowing. We will begin our general community food outreach program, every 2nd and 4th It is our prayer we will be able to impact our senior citizens, single families living in motels and additionally the homeless. It is always said there is no telling what we can do when we stand together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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What A treat to have Sgt. Shelley Slaughter come visit. A young man walked up on Saturday dressed in military fatigues. It was inspiring and motivating to discover he was one of our former student aides from Park Windsor BC, who worked in our S.A.Y. Yes! After school program. He was genuinely thankful for us having employed him at the developmental stage of his life. He said the direction he received from us was the catalyst that motivated him to seek greater opportunities for his life.



Susan, our Kids Club leader, she, too, was delighted to see the young man whom we had invested in, is now serving our country. She has special memory of Shelley teaching her the song, “The Jesus in Me, Is the Jesus in You”.

**Thank You**

Joe Lee, thank you for graciously mending our canopy for the park. There are still plenty of hot summer days and our Kids Club and last VBS group will be forever grateful to you.



Half-Pint Joe Lee's Pup

Our Pre-Thanksgiving Planning Meeting gets us off to a good start—We had positive input and the excitement is building. The event always brings a renewed sense of hope and encouragement for the future of FICM. Thank you friends.



**Exciting News**

The first member of the Wisconsin team arrives this Wednesday evening, the next 2 arrive this Saturday evening and the remaining team members arrive Sunday, August 25th.

Our American Baptist Youth will be arriving next week to “Serve the City” for the summer mission project. We have a team that will do VBS, August 22 through August 24 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Prayer Needs**

- Volunteers and Mentors for our S.A.Y. Yes! Afterschool program: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 22, 2007 our Family Fun Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Games, food, lots of fun activities

We need volunteers to help. Please contact Ron Tanji: ronf4@earthlink.net or by phone: 818-425-5579

- A Safe Place during the day for women from the community shelters.

Women are wandering on the streets without direction and no place to go during the day. We would like to provide a safe and positive place for the. Additionally, provide educational opportunities, computer development, literacy program. It is a great opportunity to turn our kitchen into a creative outlet that could potentially create economic wealth for the women.

Trusting God,

*Pastor Joe and Gwynn Browne*

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