



# NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

## SUMMER EMERGING LEADERS are getting ready for the summer heat!

Dear Friends,

May 2008

The summer heat has arrived and at Neighborhood Ministries the summer planning has intensified. About 20 summer emerging leaders and 10 summer interns will make-up the core summer team. They will run the camps for the children, including planning activities, registering children, and be small group leaders. This is a great time to *join us in prayer*.

**600+ kids will attend Kids' Club**

**150 Junior High Camp**

**150 High School Camp**

**Multiple Visitors**

**and**

**An open invitation for you to join us!**

The summer emerging leader interns are young people who have grown up in the ministry and now trust the Lord for ways to give back to their community. This summer will be particularly a blessing to our interns. Many have been adversely affected by the migratory unrest in our state. In the mist of these challenges they have proven to be the most hardworking and thankful leaders we've ever had. We walk with the youth we care for and trust that "God is Big" which is the theme of our 2008 Kids' Club.



**Emerging Leaders with some young kids**

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### TONY NAVARRETE, IS FIRST TO GRADUATE...

He is our first emerging leader to graduate from a four-year college. In May, NMs will celebrate with great anticipation Tony's graduation from ASU. His accomplishment is a testimony to the youth that will follow after him and the neighborhood that saw him grow and endure many years of hard work. Tony's academic achievement demonstrates that long-term relationships, being present in a kid's life, and constant trust in God — do work.

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**Above Tony speaks at his baptism. Side photo Tony leads youth.**



***"I'm always going to stay connected to NM for as long as the Lord blesses me. Whether it be through volunteering or through partnerships. NM's mission resonates deeply with my own calling to serve God and my community." Tony Navarrete***

During the school year, the youth attend training classes and volunteer twice a week. Those who successfully complete the program have the opportunity to apply for the summer emerging internship (full-time for 10 weeks). Each leader follows an application process: letters of intent, references, and interviews with a selection committee. The leadership curriculum develops and provides youth an understanding of self and community. During their Spring Break, they led a meeting with our District 16 Senator, Leah Landrum-Taylor, discussing their community concerns & initiatives.

Here are some areas in which our summer leaders will grow:

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

- A diverse group of young leaders will work on teams to plan and run the various camps.
- Youth will receive leadership/team building/spiritual training that will challenge and deepen them. By the end of the summer, they will be a very intimate community of leaders.
- Youth will develop relationships and consistency by going to kids' homes to register them for Kids Club, Jr. High Kids Club, Kids Camp, High School activities, and more.

#### **FINANCIALLY**

- Each summer intern needs \$2,000.00 – a few are raising this through prayer letters. This will be their summer paycheck.
- The rest will be selling The Relentless Pursuit, a book highlighting NM's history. If you would like to purchase a book and support our interns go to [www.nmaz.org](http://www.nmaz.org).
- We have been blessed to have received two grants that will sponsor 10 summer emerging leaders this summer. The need is still present and your kind support would be invaluable.

#### **SPIRITUALLY**

- Their readiness has already been tested, but the summer is difficult and stretches each one.
- Pray now that these leaders meet the Lord this summer in ways that are beyond even our hopes and dreams for them.
- That they would be strengthened to do the work, and ready to receive all that the Lord has for them.

Love,

  
Kit Danley

#### **PRAY THAT...**

1. The children, who have many troubles, will experience the love and power of God who helps
2. The emerging leaders will have strength, patience, love, protection for the summer weeks
3. As the cries of the saints go out, the influence of the evil one would be eliminated
4. All levels of leadership would love one another
5. Protection on the road—19 NM vehicles and countless cars
6. For our program finances and the expenses of the summer

#### **SUPPORT SUMMER EMERGING LEADERS AND CAMPS**

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#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

##### **Summer Interns begin**

May 22, 2008

##### **Jr. High Kids Club**

June 8th - 14th

##### **Kids Club (K-6th grade)**

June 22nd - July 5th

##### **Kids Camp**

July 20th - July 25th

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#### **TONY LEADS THE WAY**

Tony first came to NM at age 4. This neighborhood of caring individuals stood by his side and dreamt with him of a brighter future. Together we worked toward making Tony's dreams a reality. Tony will be the first in his family to graduate from a university. He is graduating with a BS in Urban and Metropolitan Studies. Presently he has applied for jobs in NYC for both a teaching fellowship and with the Department of Juvenile Justice — He has always dreamt of living in NY. In the future he plans to pursue a law degree, then eventually move back to Phoenix and work on policy issues, which effectively promote human justice. We give thanks for seeing God's work through this young man.