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YES, WE STILL HAVE NEEDS

- A licensed copy of PageMaker, Photoshop, and Norton Anti-Virus for Windows 98.
- Finances to purchase new office cubicles and make overflow dormitory space
- A stereo sound system so that worship music can be piped throughout our building and even to the storefront area outside
- Big screen projector
- Parking spaces in SF which can be used Mon-Fri in the spring and Sat-Thur in summer.

URBAN INTERNSHIP

A newly published book about Urban Missions describes the need to train workers for the city *in the midst of the city*. Too many colleges, it says, are training Urban Ministers in the midst of suburbia or the country. At YWAM San Francisco we have come to realize that our setting is ideal for the training up of workers. We have a city of need, we have a staff who do a wonderful job of ministering to people of many backgrounds, we have facilities, and we have access to top quality leaders and speakers who are urban experts. With this in mind, we have decided to make an Urban Internship available to people who wish to learn how to minister in the cities of the world. This training will be from May-December 2001. Prerequisite: DTS is required.



Winter 2001

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING

It may just look like a fresh coat of paint, new tile work, and a new handicap-accessible entrance, but the facade improvement project of our Ellis Street facility represents much more. It is an outward change which reflects the new things that God is doing in our midst.

In the classroom of our Discipleship Training School there is a piece of paper which hangs from ceiling to floor. On the paper is painted a beautiful tree. Most people think the painting is there as a decoration. Those of us who live here know that it is really there to hide a big hole in the wall, where the moisture from the outside of the building seeps through and makes the plaster fall off.

WITH THE SWEETNESS OF JESUS

Recently one of our YWAM SF Board of Directors commented on the tree. When she discovered its true purpose, she recognized a biblical parallel. She described how Moses had taken a piece of

wood from a tree and thrown it into the bitter water. The bitter water then became sweet. The cross, she explained, is our piece of wood. The sin of a city is ugly and bitter, but when we bring the cross into its midst, the city becomes sweet and beautiful. Now we recognize how that tree mirrors our YWAM San Francisco ministry. We are here to cover, with the sweetness of Jesus, all that which has been broken and destroyed. The ugly brown paint on our building has now been replaced by an inviting yellow facade. It brightens the Tenderloin outwardly and demonstrates to the neighbors our commitment to make this neighborhood more beautiful, both inwardly and outwardly.

WANT TO JOIN US?

This year, as our ministry branches out into new areas, we hope that you will consider joining us as a volunteer, supporting us financially, or committing to pray for us in all we do.

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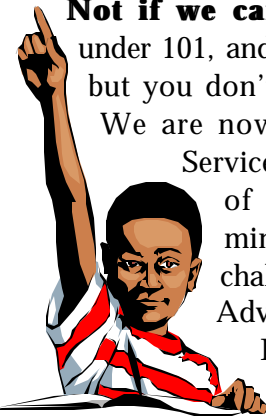
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Will it be another boring summer?

Not if we can help it. If you are over 18 years of age and under 101, and you want to make a difference in people's lives, but you don't have all year, come join us for the summer.

We are now accepting applications for our Summer of Service program. For eight weeks you can be a part of our staff. That means you will help us to minister out on the streets, and you will provide a challenging outreach experience to teens who come to our Urban Mission Adventures program, or you will staff our Summer Day Camp for Kids.

It's hard work, it's fun, it's a challenge, but it's a summer you will never forget. Call today for your application!



THE REFUGE:

Reflecting back on the year 2000 at The Refuge, it's awesome to see the impact God has had on the lives of street kids. Some are entering or graduating from drug programs, or going to school and seeking what God wants them to do next. Those who haven't made it off the streets still look to God, knowing He is the answer. When ready, they know that we are here for them.

OUR MINISTRY

TO HOMELESS

YOUTH AND

YOUNG ADULTS

With the new year come program changes. Instead of encouraging clients to get a job immediately upon entering our program, we offer a thirty-day discipleship course involving both learning and doing. We want them to hear about God through Bible study and experience Him through service.

On Polk Street, God is showing His creativity. **Businessmen have started coming out on the streets with our staff in an effort to bridge the broken relationships between the male prostitutes and their fathers.**

We are excited about what God is doing, and what is ahead of us this year. God is raising the standard on the streets and in our ministry, and we want to rise up with Him. We believe these kids will be leaders of nations, evangelists, pastors, and businessmen, walking in a right relationship with God their Father, knowing God, and making Him known.

REPORT FROM OUR STUDENTS

Our fall 2000 Discipleship Training School was greeted at the airport in Thailand by an enthusiastic crowd of Thai University students. The significance of this greeting was the fact that the group was made up of young people who had accepted the Lord as a result of last year's outreach. Now, they are not only loving God; they are serving Him with YWAM Thailand. This winter our team has spent another five weeks in Bangkok, sharing the gospel via friendship evangelism, dramas, and dance. They have made an effort to reach the community surrounding the YWAM center, and they have continued to impact the nearby university students as well. Many more are coming to know Jesus as their friend and have begun to fellowship in the YWAM Bible Studies.

Our DTS students are now off to our adopted country of Vietnam where they will serve and pray throughout the land.

We will be pioneering a second Discipleship Training School in January 2002. Please spread the word about our need for staff and students for both the September and January schools.



"Jesus loves me, this I know"

A simple song taught to children, yet a fact of life so often forgotten by adults. Each Monday night our staff and volunteers go to Capp St. in San Francisco's Mission District where they express this love of Jesus to the women of the night. Through a cup of coffee or baked goods, and through prayers of blessing, our team ministers to these women. The dream for this ministry is to one day have a small RV available for the women to enter when they need a break or want to talk with our staff. Better yet, one day we hope to create housing and job training and options that make a way for the women who want off the streets. However, the laborers and resources are few. Please pray for safety, open doors of conversation, and workers who will join this ministry.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

This week an eleven year old boy from San Francisco's Bayview district went to jail for armed robbery. His choice of weapon was a knife. Just a few days before his arrest, he and the other neighbor kids were visiting the home of one of our YWAM Staff. She had expressed sorrow over the fact that they were learning things at their age that she had never even heard about until her 20's. This young boy replied "We gonna learn it sooner or later, so we might as well learn it sooner." Out of 12 young people, representing four families on one small street, none of the children have a father living at home with them. There are lots of men on the street, but unfortunately, the ones most seen by the kids are the ones who run the drug house. The mothers love their kids and work hard to provide for them, but the burden they carry is heavy.

For six weeks this summer, **YWAM SF will attempt to lift the burdens of these mothers and to reach kids like these before it is too late.** We will host a six week day camp. YWAM staff, Summer of Service volunteers, and teams from our Mission Adventures program will provide a godly, fun environment for children. If you'd like to support a child to attend this program, we are anticipating our costs to be \$30 per week per child. This will include snacks, lunches, daily activities, and a weekly field trip.