



Crumb Donors Story Time

Editor's moment

Hello crumb donors. We had some difficulties getting our February edition out due to a crash computer resulting in losing addresses and a needed program. But we got things up and running...YO BUDDY. We hope the month of February has been a good month for you. Here in the Chattanooga Urban Ministries, 2008 is going well. Craig Hidy continues to lead planting efforts in Ooltewah and Cleveland. He has even opened the doors for several new people through the starts of new cell groups. Keith Dutton continues to lead our growing outreach efforts at the Center and a new planting effort in Hixson. Our entire team are involved daily in invitational ministries not only in current areas but in many new areas. We have celebrated in 7 baptisms so far this year. Final permits for our new building is being granted meaning construction could start any day. Some new priesthood are actively pursuing their course work so they can soon be ordained. New people are being added to our ministries weekly. Plans for the 2008 Memorial Day Weekend Reunion is being made by our co-directors. Summer camps are being planned. Interns from UTC are in place and serving well. In short, a great and marvelous work of God is taking place. **But none of this could be possible or can remain occurring**, without the ongoing support of our crumb donors. THANK YOU for supporting us in our efforts to gain new people for Jesus Christ. **YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.** It is our sincere hope that you realize you are truly changing lives.

In this edition, you will read testimonies from church planter Craig Hidy about people who lives are changing. You will read from a missionary intern from Holland who spent a few weeks here. You can get some news about our 2008 Memorial Day Weekend Reunion. There are pictures of recent baptisms and action picture of our kids sharing Christ's peace. You can also find the address of where to send your monthly crumb donor donation. Once again thank you for being a crumb donor. YO Buddy for each of you.

Summer internships!!! We have been getting several inquiries about people wanting to be a summer intern here in the Chattanooga Urban Ministries. Yes, we do have internships available for the summer. They are also available throughout the year. If you are interested in being an intern, you can soon get information about internship on our crumb donor website or for now just contact our Chattanooga Ministries Supervisor Jimmy Munson. His email is munson3@comcast.net or call him at 423-718-0495. Since we are blessed with so many leaders and pastors here, to avoid any confusion, we are sending all inquiries about internships to Jimmy. An internship here will equip you to be a much better minister, pastor, church planter or servant so come on down.

Chattanooga Urban
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February 2008 Edition

Thank YOU

Special Notes:

- ☺ Seven baptisms happened in Chattanooga ministries so far in 2008 and more are planned.
- ☺ A new church plant effort is underway in Hixson, TN, and new cell groups are underway in Ooltewah to add to the many outreach ministries here.

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Where do I send my crumb donor donation?

Just about every month, someone asks the above question. The answer is send checks, money orders, and special gifts to the following address:

**Crumb Donors
C/o Steve Koehler
155 Richland Court
Gallatin, TN 37066-3018**

—pictures of sharing Christ's peace—



Story from Church planter/pastor Craig Hidy

Life of a Teenager

As me and our missionary intern Jurgen, were driving through one of the trailer parks one day, we came across a teenage kid sitting outside by the playground equipment. He looked lonely and like he needed a friend. It struck me because every time I'm in this park there are at least five or six kids outside. But on this day there was just this one kid which was very odd. I went with my hunch and rolled down my window and started talking to the kid. I first noticed his Yankees hat and tried to strike up a conversation about baseball. He was not a big fan and was just wearing the hat. I asked him what he was up too and he tried to brush us off by giving us a short, I don't want to talk, answer. I pushed a little further and asked another question and by this time he knew we were not going away.

So he started walking toward the car. When he got to the window we introduced ourselves and I found out his name was Nikko. I told him about teen church on Thursdays and invited him up. He said he might come. I asked him again what he was doing out here by himself. Nikko responded saying he was waiting for his girlfriend. He went on to say that she is taking a pregnancy test to see if she is pregnant. It was a response I did not expect. This teenager's world was in complete utter chaos and he had chosen to tell us for some reason. We talked to him a little about it and tried to bring some relief to him. He said that if she is pregnant then he is going to step up and be the daddy. I gave him options of what he could do and just tried to be there for him.

Jurgen and I prayed for Nikko and then headed on our way, but not without his phone number. We called back later but could not get a hold of him. We went about the rest of our day and week with our hearts heavy for Nikko and his girlfriend. Teenage church came around that week and we did not see Nikko. But the amazing thing that happened is the sister of one of our kids came to church. She had come the previous two weeks, but this time I found out that her boyfriend was Nikko. So I put two and two together and realized that Courtney was the one that might be pregnant. As I took her and her brother home that night I talked to her and prayed for her about the situation. The test came out negative and for this 14 year old girl that is a relief. Courtney continues to be a leader when she comes to church, and now Nikko consistently comes on Thursday nights. This last week Nikko prayed for his very first time. He had never prayed before and did not know how too. But with some guidance, he has now started on his own path with God.

God continues to amaze me with the way the Holy Spirit works. This is just one story to see how God is at work in our lives. Who would have thought that the boy we met going through this life changing experience is the boyfriend of one of our kids. From this situation, a relationship formed between Nikko, Courtney and I. This relationship will continue to get stronger because they know they can rely on us when the times in their lives get rough.

You can call this experience luck, you can call it coincidence, but the bottom line is that God is moving in our lives. There are many opportunities right now for you to be an impact in someone else's life. Just know that God is moving and he is at work; and that you just might be the vessel for him to move through.

A Missionary intern shares his views

Jurgen Heijdenrijk, of Holland, has shared twice now as an intern here in the Chattanooga ministries. He just recently finished his 2nd internship of 4 weeks in January.

In January of 2007, I came to Chattanooga for the Graceland University urban ministries winter term course. During the three weeks I spent in Chattanooga, I learned a lot about numerous aspects of ministry, some of which I had never before encountered at any other church congregation. Because I was so impressed with the ministry and the strong sense of community I experienced at the Chattanooga congregation and at the church plant in Ooltewah, I decided to come back this year to further assist the ministers in whichever way I could. This time, I stayed for four weeks during which I, almost exclusively, assisted church planter/pastor Craig Hidy. As you may already know, Craig is one of the two full-time pastors living in the Tall Oaks trailer park in Ooltewah. Craig and I both lived on the Agape hall at Graceland University and have been good friends for over two and a half years now.

In his ministry, Craig mainly focuses now on the Tall Oaks trailer park and on planting cell groups in Ooltewah and Cleveland (TN). Because I spent most of my time helping out at the Chattanooga congregation during my first stay, I was excited to be able to spend more time in Ooltewah this time as I knew that I would learn about many new aspects of ministry, which I most definitely did. It has been a great experience providing ministry while learning more about trailer park ministries and church planting. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to learn these things from the team of ministers in Chattanooga and Ooltewah and I encourage anyone who reads this and feels called to do ministry to partake in an internship in Chattanooga. I left Chattanooga with the same awareness of its powerful community and an even greater admiration and appreciation for the ministry provided there.

In addition, I would like to give a short testimony to Craig Hidy's ministry. During the four weeks I worked with Craig, he was getting ready to start two new cell groups, one in Ooltewah and one in Cleveland. It had clearly taken him months of hard work to get to this point and by the time I left, both cell groups had their first meeting which were both very successful. I would also like to mention that the groups of children and youth had more than doubled in size at the various activities held at the trailer park since my last visit.

Jurgen Heijdenrijk

Memorial Day Weekend Reunion May 23-26

We will be hosting our annual weekend Memorial Day Reunion starting on Friday, May 23 and ending on Memorial Day, May 26. **It will be quite different this year.** The Booker T. Washington Campgrounds is undergoing major renovations and is not available for use this year. Other nearby campgrounds are either booked or just too expensive for our budget. Therefore, we will be hosting most of our activities at the center plus using other area locations. It will be a **DAY CAMP.** This means our local campers will be returning home each night to sleep and then returning the following day.

ATTENTION Crumb Donors and Out of town guests: This means we will need your help more than ever. There will be nearby hotels available, floor place at homes, and plenty of floor place at the center. If you are interested in booking a hotel room, contact us and we will help. **BUT WE NEED YOU TO BE HERE!!!** We will need help with morning and nightly transportation, supervision, leading small groups, preparing meals, recreation, and the needs are endless. Therefore, just because we are not having our reunion at a campground does not mean you should stay home this year. **Please hear us well...we need your help more this year than ever before so if you can comeplease do and we appreciate your sacrifice.**

This year's guest ministers will be **Larry & Sharon Norris....YO BUDDY!** Brian Ober and the On-Edge Young Adult Congregation from Chicago will also be on hand to provide us with ministry.

We have 4 co-directors this year who are all teenagers....they are Derrick Duncan, LaVaughia Pittman, Roemel Terrell and Michael Sherrell. Because of the dislocation of our reunion site, our planning has gotten off to a slow start but our co-directors and their reunion committee are now in high gear to organize and plan. So please keep watching our web site and future newsletters for updated information.

This Memorial Day Weekend Reunion will be different from any of our previous reunion and this is a **GOOD THING.** Our very own teenagers will be leading our efforts so you will not want to miss this year's reunion.

You can help our 2008 reunion be successful in 4 ways. #1. PRAY for our reunion and our reunion team daily...we want to make sure we got God blessing us in all of our efforts and making up for any of our mistakes. **#2. Come and HELP out at this year's reunion....**as mentioned earlier, we need help from adults and guests this year more than ever (see registration form below), **#3. Send a special donation to off set our expenses...**with this being the first year that our teens have been totally in charge, we want to make sure they are financially successful in paying our expenses, **#4. Invite someone to join you as a crumb donor...**every year at our reunion we gain about 5 new crumb donors because of the different way we must do reunion this year, it might be hard to gain crumb donors so help us out and invite someone to join you. **We hope to see you here in Chattanooga this May.**

Registration form for 2008 Memorial Day Reunion

(you can mail this to us or email Jimmy at munson3@comcast.net or phone us to register at 423-718-0495)

name _____ How many coming with you? _____

Name of young adults (18-35) _____ Names & ages of
teens _____ Name and ages of children _____

Can you help with transporting people to and from camp? _____ Are there specific
other ways you can help _____

Do you need a hotel to arrange lodging? _____ Are you hoping to sleep on floor of center
or a home _____

Baptism of Luke by planter/pastor Craig Hidy

Luke is an 11 year old boy that our church has been working with for about a year. This month, Luke decided to get baptized and give his life to Christ. Luke loves coming to this church because he has a lot of fun. He says the other churches only have old people and here I get to play games and be with people my age. I asked Luke why he wanted to get baptized. He told me that first and foremost he wanted to take on the name of Jesus Christ. He felt like it was the right thing for him to do. Secondly, he feels it will help him with his temper. Luke has been kicked out school numerous times and if he gets in one more fight then he will be expelled and will have to try to get into another school. He is really scared that this might happen. It really bothers Luke a lot because he does not want to get into fights or to get mad, but his temper just gets the best of him. It rules his life and he does not want it to. I talked with him and made sure he knew that getting baptized will not take away his temper. I told him that it takes a lot of work to overcome your temper and asking Jesus to be in your life and on your thoughts is a good start. I also let him know that we can never underestimate the power of God no matter what the situation. Luke wants so bad to have his temper go away. I wish that I could take it away from him and that he could just brush things off. But I know things are not that easy and it's going to take a lot of work from Luke and a lot of prayer. There are so many things in life that control who we are. For Luke it is his temper. For others it might be our need of materialism, or maybe what others think. Somehow we have to be able to overcome those things so we can be ourselves and live for Jesus. I ask all of you to pray that we might overcome our own obstacles that are in our lives but also for Luke's obstacle that is his temper. I also want to say thank you to all the crumb donors. Without your donations the ministry here could not happen and Luke would have never known the Community of Christ. Everyday, because of all you, people are hearing the words of Jesus and it is changing their lives.

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