



Our MISSION is to be catalysts that inspire, connect and mobilize people toward personal and community transformation by bringing God's hope, love and shalom to all in the city of Alhambra.
Our VISION is to see Alhambra transformed as God's people live out the Great Commission in Alhambra; to see God's Kingdom come to Alhambra as it is in Heaven.

Inspiring people to pray for and have a Kingdom paradigm and share stories of what God is doing in our cities

We pray together "God's Kingdom come, God's will be done in Alhambra as it is in Heaven" Matthew 6:10
Pray 4 Alhambra January 2007 Prayer focus: Hope & Vision - Loving God & Alhambra. Prayer points are distributed to every Alhambra Church monthly in English, Chinese & Spanish. Monthly prayer points are available @ www.kingdomcauses.org

December 27-31, 2006 I had the privilege of co-leading a group of almost 20 people from Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church to the InterVarsity Urbana Missions Conference held every three years (www.urbana.org) This event (pictures to right) gave a glimpse into the beauty of the Kingdom of God as the people of God gather for vision and corporate worship. Almost 25,000 students, pastors, missionaries and people with a heart for God came to St. Louis to meet God and each other. I was encouraged to see people from a plethora of languages, cultures, denominations and experiences share with one another. Over 144 countries were represented (at the last Olympics there were 80 nations represented). I am encouraged to see how God is bringing people together on a global scale and how He is doing it here in Alhambra. God calls the Church to unity so that the world will know His love. And we are coming together. Let us press on together to love and serve our God and City together. We celebrate the beauty and diversity of God's creation in all people.



I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something he will die for he is not fit to live - Martin Luther King, Jr.

As I saw people of God come together in unity at Urbana, I was reminded of Martin Luther King, Jr. (whose birthday we celebrate in January) who believed one day we would be able to worship and live together as free people. After Urbana I had the opportunity to visit the place where he was killed, the Lorraine Motel (pictures to left) in Memphis Tennessee. It was an emotional experience for me, knowing that he lived and died by his convictions and passions. He was willing to die for the cause of freedom. He had his eyes on the Kingdom of God and believed it would happen this side of eternity. He inspires us to pray for God's Kingdom to come to our city today. How are our lives fueled by this same passion?



Meet our amazing Kingdom Causes Alhambra Board Members

Connecting the Church and engaging the Church and City



Introducing the Kingdom Causes Alhambra Leadership Board who represent many churches, experiences, passions and expertise. This team is passionate about God's Kingdom in Alhambra. (from left to right) Front row: Secretary Gisella Perezarce (Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church), Mary Glenn (Kingdom Causes Alhambra Catalyst), President Debbie Chun (Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church), Winnie Kwan-Sam (Bethany Church of Alhambra); Back row: Dr. Dennis McFadden (First Baptist Church of Alhambra), Rev. Richard Bentley (1st United Methodist Church of Alhambra), Treasurer Nestor Eligio (Calvary Chapel Alhambra) and Khiem Ly (Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church).

The world says, the more you take, the more you have. Christ says the more you give, the more you are.

- Frederick Buechner, Presbyterian Minister and Spiritual Writer

Mobilizing people around key Kingdom issues

Task Forces:

- **Emergency Preparedness:** Pastor Phil Hilliard (Bethany Church) and Mary Glenn currently represent the faith community on the Alhambra Emergency Preparedness City Team. In response to this responsibility, they have formed a task force for the faith community that meets monthly. The next meeting is set for February 25th from 3-4:30 pm at Bethany Church. All churches are invited to participate and send at least one representative to serve on this task force so that we can work together on providing the best resources for our city in times of need. We continue to collect resource inventories from every Alhambra Church and we will begin training together this Spring for Emergency Preparedness, so that we can partner with the city and support their leadership in this area.
- **Mental Health:** Dr. Christine Wong (Psychologist) chairs this task force and the task force consists of local Mental Health professionals representing a variety of expertise: Marriage Family Therapists, Pregnancy Crisis Counselors, Social Workers, Grief Counselors, etc. They meet monthly (next meeting February 18th). Their vision is to see people experience God's healing, wholeness and peace in their being, families, churches and community by accessing needed resources and by being empowered to be proactive in their mental health care. Their first goal is to provide care/encouragement and resources to the local faith community and its' leaders.
- **Youth:** This task force (BELIEVE) started early 2006 and began to collectively address some of the needs of Alhambra youth. We are forming partnerships with local Alhambra churches, the PD and School Library to collaborate on developing mentoring/coaching and after school programs to empower and impact Alhambra youth. The mentoring/coaching program will begin by the end of March in partnership with the Police Department working with at-risk students. John Lewis (UYWI) and Catalyst Mary Glenn co-lead this task force.

Upcoming Events:

- Save the date: Alhambra-wide Good Friday Service on April 6th from 7:30-8:30pm at Holy Trinity/St. Benedict's Episcopal Church.

Opportunities to serve

- **Needed: Mentors and Coaches** for the Youth Task Force (BELIEVE) after school Programs. The commitment is 3-5 hours/week. We will be using the 40 developmental assets (Search Institute) as our curriculum. We will provide training for mentors/coaches. Please email the Kingdom Causes Alhambra office for more info at pray4Alhambra@juno.com.
- **Volunteer needed:** 3 hours/month for newsletter and prayer mailings (can meet community service requirements for students). Please contact Mary for more info.
- **Needed: Prayer partners** to pray through Seek God for the City (40 days of Prayer Guide that helps us to pray for Alhambra beginning on February 21, 2007) booklets available through the Kingdom Causes Alhambra office. Cost is \$2/booklet. The 40 days of prayer will conclude Sunday, April 1st, 2007 with a Prayer Walk in Alhambra from 1:30-3pm.

Partnership Info: For information on how to partner in prayer and/or financially, or to volunteer/partner with task forces, etc. please email us at pray4alhambra@juno.com or call Catalyst Mary at 626/825-6432.



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Alhambra Fact of the Month:

Alhambra knows the cost of sacrifice. History proves Alhambra's willingness to live a life of service. "Alhambra has a long and shining record of answering the call to military service." Alhambrans served in World Wars I and II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. "The U.S. Navy bestowed a great honor upon one Alhambrian, John Charles England. England was president of his graduating class at Alhambra High School in 1938. Ensign England was one of the first Alhambrians to die in World War II. He was aboard the USS Oklahoma in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, just four days from his 21st birthday, and eagerly awaiting the arrival of his wife and three week old daughter. He had never seen his daughter. England survived the initial attack on the Oklahoma and escaped topside as the ship was capsizing. He returned three times to the radio room, each time guiding a man to safety. However, he never returned from his fourth trip to the radio room." England understood the willingness to live and die for the right cause. For him, it was saving others' lives. Alhambra history reveals this spirit of passion and sacrifice for the betterment of all. Following Jesus' example, we seek to live a life of sacrifice.

(Excerpts taken from Alhambra book, 2004)

Kingdom Causes Alhambra Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for God's PEACE to reign in Alhambra.
- Please pray for the next Kingdom Causes Alhambra Board meeting on February 10, 2007.
- Please pray for a unified prayer ministry for Alhambra. Please pray for Seek God for the City 40 days of prayer to be a catalyst for corporate prayer in the City.
- Please pray for prayer and financial partners; for an expanded ownership of God's work in Alhambra.

Ministry Advancement Funds

God is @ work! In many new and exciting ways God is bringing together people of good faith (Christians of the City) alongside people of good will (others concerned about loving their City) to bring about His Kingdom objectives. We are excited to be serving that cause! Kingdom Causes Alhambra is responsible for raising ministry advancement funds for our work here. This includes not only staff salaries but also funds for local programs funds. Our current monthly budget is \$5,651. With the individuals, local churches and businesses that we already have on the team, we are at \$1,352/month. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our monthly partner/support team? Thank you!!

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