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Way to go!

Way to go to the Outreach Team of Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church who hosted a pancake breakfast for Alhambra on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Members of ATLPC came early to setup and serve with a smile. People driving by stopped for a warm breakfast and good conversation. This is one of the many church events in our city for the purpose of being a tangible expression of God's love and blessing to Alhambra.

Some thoughts on YOUTH

Young people have made a difference throughout history. David was just 25 years old when he was anointed as King of Israel. Some of the great works of Shelley, Byron, Keats, Chopin, and Mozart were composed when they were teenagers. As a young teenager, Amy Carmichael led city missions work in Belfast Ireland, eventually becoming a missionary in India. U.S. college students are leading the recovery and rebuilding process after Hurricane Katrina disasters. Alhambra YMCA kids are serving and volunteering in Alhambra on a regular basis for the good of our community. This generation of youth have a voice and they have a commitment to serve and to live a life of purpose. Let's believe in what God is doing in and through their lives.

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 and as people of good faith and people of good will work together for city transformation; to see God's Kingdom come to Alhambra as it is in Heaven.

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

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 **March 2008** Prayer focus: **Transformation of Alhambra**
Prayer points are distributed to every Alhambra Church monthly in English, Chinese & Spanish and can be downloaded @ www.kingdomcauses.org/alhambra

Believing in Alhambra Youth

People say the youth are our future and present lead-

ers. Youth influence media, culture and marketing. Kids are leading volunteerism in the U.S. yet more kids are on anti-depressants than ever before. Suicide is 3rd leading cause of death among teenagers. Students are overwhelmed with the stresses of today and they need at least 3 mentors in addition to their mother and father to help ensure their success yet most students don't even have 2 mentors. What can we do to stop this decline of hope and future in our students? I applaud the parents, teachers, non-profits, business leaders who continually teach and love on their children. But what do we "allow" to happen and say nothing about? Could it be that we have become so lax in setting boundaries, not thinking it would really impact our youth, and yet now we are seeing results that discourage our hearts. Recently an Alhambra high school student was murdered. This is the third Alhambra High School student death in six weeks. This should not be. Our students are facing increasing amounts of stress, disconnection, depression, anger and not given the skills to process such emotions. I heard one of the students, who was mourning the loss of the recent student death, say "I am angry at society". Society, that is us. What can we do? I applaud groups like Alhambra Rotary Club who deliver food to needy Alhambra school families to help ease the stress of finances (pictured right), churches who invest in our youth and Police Department & School District who works tirelessly to ensure students' safety/success. Mentors are needed for students. Go to "BELIEVE in our youth mentoring program" www.kingdomcauses.org/alhambra to be a mentor.



Connecting the Church and engaging the Church and City

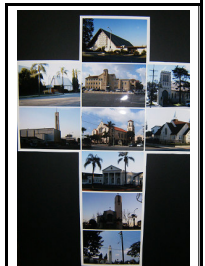
The 2008 Alhambra Multi-Church **Good Friday** Service was held on Friday, March 21, 2008 @ 7:30pm at The Grace Place (Alhambra Seventh-Day Adventist Church)
"Love is stronger than death"



Romans 8:31-39 ...Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us...For I am convinced that neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **The service included:** musical presentations, reflections, worship in a variety of expressions including sign language and drama. Before and after the service people viewed art submitted for the annual art exhibit hosted by Grace Place. Below right is one of pieces submitted, pictures of various Alhambra churches in the shape of a cross. God calls the Church to be one, so that together we can be a gift of blessing and love to our city.

Churches represented:

Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church—Bethany Church of Alhambra
First Christian Church of Alhambra - First United Methodist Church of Alhambra
Holy Trinity/St. Benedict's Episcopal Church
Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church - The Grace Place



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Prayer requests:

- For a volunteer coordinator to oversee the delegation of work and unity/team building among the many volunteers.
- For full funding, more partnership from local churches, businesses and individuals.
- For BELIEVE mentoring program—for our mentor trainings and for matching of mentors/students.
- Please pray for upcoming Piano Benefit Concert featuring Dr. Lily Chou on May 4th.
- Please pray for God's transformation of Alhambra, for reconciliation, hope and love to reign in the city.

Upcoming Events:

- **Preparing/serving lunch for homeless in downtown LA at the Union Rescue Mission, Saturday April 12th from 11-2pm.** To sign up, email: alhambra@kingdomcauses.org
- **Peppy's Annual Heart Walk** sponsored by the Alhambra Rotary Club and Councilman Gary Yamauchi on Saturday, April 19th, 2008 at 10 am (at Tri-Star Vending, 690 S. Date Avenue, Alhambra). Walkers and sponsors needed for this 5K walk with proceeds to benefit the Heart Institute Children's Hospital LA.
- **Alhambra Police Department Open House/Pancake Breakfast on May 3, 2008**—Breakfast from 7-11am \$5/person. Proceeds to benefit Alhambra Police Explorer's Program and National Police Officers Memorial Fund. Free Police Station Tours all day. Special message from Chief at 11:30 am. K9 demo, Helicopter, Kid's fingerprinting, D.A.R. E. booth and more. Location: Alhambra PD, 211 S. First Street. Call 626-300-1520 for more info.

How you can get involved.....

The Children's Room at Alhambra Police Department— We are renovating/re-decorating the children's room which is used as a place of comfort and play for children in sometimes difficult and crisis situations. We have a wish list and we need volunteers. Please let us know if you want to help! This wish list includes paint, furniture, crayons, books, toys, stuffed animals, blankets, etc. Please call us if you want to donate money, time or purchase one of the items on the list. All donations are tax-deductible. The list is available in the Kingdom Causes Alhambra office 626/825-6432. The renovation will take place in May 2008. This is a great way to get involved in a real community need. We have five Alhambra churches and many volunteers already committed to giving financially and with time.



Piano Benefit Concert featuring Dr. Lily Chou

"A Viennese Afternoon"

Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 3pm

Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church, 20 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Alhambra

Rev. Dr. Lily Chou is a Juilliard trained pianist who currently serves as Assistant to the Pastor at Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church

Suggested donation \$15

All proceeds to benefit Kingdom Causes Alhambra

For more info: 626-825-6432 or alhambra@kingdomcauses.org

Mobilizing people around key Kingdom issues

Please get involved in one of the task forces:

1. **Alhambra Faith Community Emergency Preparedness Task Force**—meets quarterly (6/29 and 9/28) on Sundays 3-4:30 pm at Bethany Church. Co-Leaders: Chaplain Phil Hilliard and Chaplain Mary Glenn.
2. **Mental Health Task Force**—Meets 2nd Sunday monthly from 2-4pm; please see website for info. Chair: Dr. Christine Wong.
3. **Youth Task Force/Believe** mentoring program for at-risk youth; BELIEVE Directors John Lewis and Mary Glenn.
If you are interested in being a mentor and investing into the lives of our young people—please contact us at the Kingdom Causes Alhambra offices. We are currently training mentors who will work with Alhambra high school students utilizing the 40 developmental assets (The Search Institute).



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Financial Partnership

Kingdom Causes Alhambra relies on the partnership of the local community to meet its monthly budget which includes staff salaries and local program funds. The 2008 monthly budget is \$5,357. (In 2007 80% of budget was raised!)

We are grateful for individuals, businesses and local churches (ATLPC, Bethany Church, Carmel of St. Teresa, Chinese Bible Missions Church, Emmaus Lutheran Church, 1st Baptist Church, 1st United Methodist Church & Foundation and Mandarin Baptist Church of LA) who have partnered financially.

We need your help to meet the monthly needs!
Please join the monthly partner/support team!
(Checks payable to Kingdom Causes Alhambra.)

(Giving online: www.kingdomcauses.org/alhambra click donate).
Thank you!

\$5,357

\$2,658

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."