

Serving and Working Together for the Good of the Community

2011 Homeless Count Five FPC teams joined 400 volunteers on January 25th to walk the streets of South Phoenix seeking homeless people who may have served in the armed forces. Although we didn't see many people in our area, we were happy for the possibility of actually talking with people we seek to serve. City of Phoenix Homeless Count coordinator Tim Cole expects even more opportunity to interact with homeless people during the 2012 count.

Neighborhood Clean Sweep FPC members and friends joined together to clean up neighborhood streets and alleys. Along the way we met some children who were playing in the street. As we talked to them we learned that they have never attended a church, although there are many churches nearby. Little Isaiah learned that his name was that of a famous prophet. Two children who climbed up into a tree were treated to the story of Zacchaeus, who met Jesus when he climbed into a tree. They loved the story and were eager to learn more about church and the children's ministries.



Cleaning the alleys



Isaiah and Ben Sanders



Teaching/Training A couple of our small group members are poised to teach On Earth as it is In Heaven. OEH will be offered soon with opportunity to register for the class to begin in March 2011. It is my privilege to teach an Evangelism and Outreach session of our New Members Class utilizing Harvest curriculum. It is apparent to new members that FPC is a "serving" church, and everyone is expected to engage in some kind of service outside of the church. I will be leading Pen Pal training session for our prison ministry in late February or early March.

Networks The South Mountain W.O.R.K.S. Coalition has launched its campaign against underage drinking to raise awareness of adults who enable youth to obtain alcohol illegally.

The Central Corridor Ministries Consortium coordinates monthly topics to coincide with Impact Days of the Arizona CityFest Season of Service. January's



Central Corridor Ministries Consortium



First Pentecostal Church 2011 Homeless Count teams

Upcoming Meetings & Events

February 9-11 Mountain States District Council meetings.

February 11 Beyond Benevolence Conference

February 12 Arizona CityFest Prayer Leaders Training, Skyway Church of the West Valley, Altar Workers training

February 18 Collaboration for a New Century, Phoenix Convention Center

February 25 Community Impact Teleconference

February 26-27 Sleepless in Arizona, Grand Canyon University

February 27 FPC Auxiliary Recruitment Day

March 4 St. Joseph's Hospital Quarterly Resource Festival

March 8 Harvest Board Meeting

March 9 South Mountain W.O.R.K.S. Meeting

March 9-10 Harvest U.S. Region Staff Conference

Networks (continued)...

focus was Neighborhood revitalization with Chuck Foreman (First Christian Church) as guest speaker.

The Arizona CityFest Cultural platform has been cancelled, but taking part in its planning has brought new opportunities for collaboration with the Ethnic America Network.

There is a possibility of collaboration with MentorKids to network and share resources among the churches, agencies and ministries that serve the corridor from 48th St. & Broadway Rd to 19th Ave. and Roeser. Just what this collaboration will entail is still in the dream stage, but it looks very promising that services can be provided to empower families through referrals and shared resources among the target providers to serve entire families. Will report more on this as dreams materialize. It is very apparent that God is up to something in the South Mountain Village community, and my heartfelt desire is to find out what it is and join with our Lord.

FPC is again exploring establishing a community garden on its Marguerite Avenue property in cooperation with the Tiger Mountain Foundation, a mentoring program in which adults and children create gardens in their communities.

Family Matters Burnett celebrated five years of service as a Fleet Mechanic with the Rural Metro Fire Department at their annual employee appreciation banquet. I am impressed with the way the workers in this company treat each other as family and how much they appreciate Burnett's skills and experience.



Praises & Prayer Requests

God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to bear. God has provided another home for my sister who had to leave her home during the Christmas and New Year holidays. I'm grateful for everyone who prayed for her.

Cables and conduits are in place; the community center has internet connection, and we are contacting service providers to train volunteers who will serve our community. We hope to have at least three services in place by the end of March. Please pray that the volunteers will continue to be available and willing to serve the community.

The Lord has provided an accountability partner for me in the person of Linda Gross, a godly woman who shares like passion for service across cultures and denominations. I'm thankful for the special connection between us. Only God could have done this in answer to prayers that began at the Harvest Staff Conference.