

World Impact's Compassion Ministries

*meeting physical needs and
sharing spiritual truth in the inner city.*



Bulletin

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Dr. Keith Phillips and U. S. Congressman Todd Tiaht
inside one of the exam rooms in the Mobile Medical Coach

MOBILE MEDICAL COACH: Bringing Health Care To Wichita's Urban Poor

World Impact's 35-foot Mobile Medical Coach has two exam rooms, a lab and a waiting room. Graphics on the side proclaim "Health care in Jesus' name."

Our Mobile Coach provides medical care at inner-city churches. We need additional medical and non-medical church volunteers to staff the clinic.

At our May, 2006 dedication, Congressman Todd Tiaht, whose help was vital in making this dream become a reality, expressed his ongoing support of this outreach. Friends and supporters joined hands around the Coach praying for God's blessing on this ministry.

A *Sunflower Foundation* grant allowed us to hire nurse Nancy Colburn and Dr. Meredith Woolley to staff the Coach.



Taking complete *health histories* is one innovative feature of our mobile clinic. This adds dignity to the patients and improves their quality of care. Each patient's medical history can now be accessed at a central computer no matter at what location they are seen. Few of the poor and homeless have medical histories for doctors to access.



FRESNO'S SONSHINE THRIFT STORE:

Letting the Light and Love of Jesus shine from us to our inner-city customers.

Christians Never Retire

Fresno's Sunshine Thrift Store depends on 34 selfless volunteers. The average age is 72; the oldest, our scheduler, is 90! Despite heat, cold, rain, chronic health and transportation problems, they are on the job for the Lord!

Training

In two years, six inner-city people have been trained at the store, learning responsibility and business work habits. Three are in college and three others are working.

Witnessing

Free Christian magazines, tracts and Bibles are available in English and Spanish. Customers have accepted Jesus as Savior.

Dignity Through Purchasing

We see joy on the faces of people who buy a set of dishes for \$5, linens for \$2, and shoes for \$.50, rather than stand in line for a hand out. Children save their nickels to buy toys and books. Families shop at our thrift store as an alternative to going on welfare.

The profits from our sales are used for World Impact ministries: camps, Bible clubs, teen club, *The Urban Ministry Institute*, mentoring/tutoring, drug rehab programs and Sunshine Fashions (a clothing ministry to women leaving prison).

Sunshine Fashions receives donations of work-place appropriate clothing from supporters in Fresno churches. Operational expenses are covered by World Impact, which enables us to outfit the women for job interviews. Everything is FREE.

Marlene Engel recalls, "MaryAnn came to Sunshine Fashions while going through a rehab program. We talked in the coffee bar, discussing Bible passages. She found appropriate clothing, hugged me and thanked me for the love and peace she felt at Sunshine Fashions. Three weeks later, her counselor brought the next group of women, who found several articles of clothing. We prayed and discussed spiritual matters."



Robert and Marlene Engel, parents of World Impact Vice-President Bob Engel, volunteer to run Fresno's Sunshine Thrift Store.



THE SONSHINE SHOP in Los Angeles

Manager Jennifer Coodey explains, “The vision of the Sunshine Shop is to share Christ’s love by providing quality clothing, household goods and furniture at low cost to the poor. Simultaneously, our job training will teach good work habits and retail store skills.”



Opportunities for Involvement

- Skilled labor to help remodel our warehouse.
- Volunteers to process donated goods.
- Individuals to donate clothes, appliances, household items, furniture and kitchen utensils.
- Churches to schedule monthly, or quarterly, drives.



Contact Jennifer Coodey to volunteer or schedule an appointment to deliver donated goods. *

Telephone: 323-735-4031 or Email: jcoodey@worldimpact.org.

1969 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007 (one block north of the Santa Monica Freeway).

**The cost of gas and labor allows us to only send a truck for large quantities of items.*



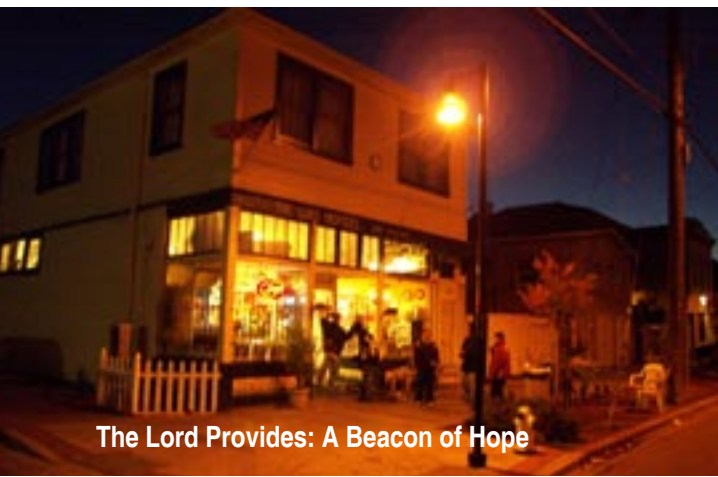
Wichita Thrift Store Starts Bible Study

The Second Blessing Thrift Store, at Central and Grove has a Bible study for regular customers. The Thrift Store accepts donations, volunteers and financial support for World Impact. Ken Casler, a World Impact missionary since 1999, is available for donation pick-ups.

Contact Ken Casler to volunteer or schedule a pick-up of donated goods.

Telephone: 316-267-3333 or Email: kcasler@worldimpact.org.

2323 E. Central Avenue, Wichita, KS 67214 (SW corner of Central and Grove).



The Lord Provides: A Beacon of Hope

OAKLAND: THE LORD PROVIDES

“The Lord Provides” is God’s general store. A former gambling hall, where people did drugs, is now the center of the community for groceries and prayer. Our manager, Jeannie, often prays with customers, with music, like “Nearer My God to Thee,” playing in the background.

Across the street is an elementary school and a liquor store, where children used to buy candy. Our store now draws 90% of the children’s candy business. One lady came in for cigarettes (which we do not sell). A six-year-old explained, “This is God’s store.”



A general store in an urban community



Community Breakfast

What started as a men’s Bible study, now draws 150 people every Saturday. For many, it is their church. Everyone attends, from the church lady to the prostitute. Many come not because they are hungry, but because they enjoy the presence of the Lord.



People fellowship in front of the store



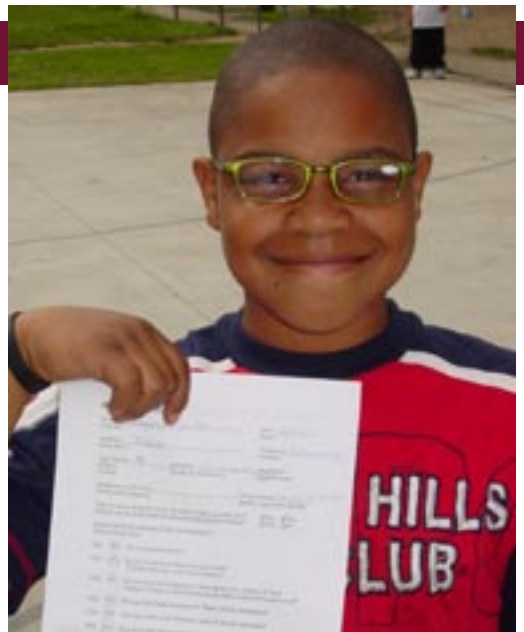
Oakland Director Hendrik deBoer, aka Santa, welcomes customers



Los Angeles Health Clinics

Los Angeles County has the nation's highest concentration of residents without health insurance. Many live in poverty and receive medical care at County Health Centers, 11 of which have closed. Since 2003, urban Los Angeles has had nine Emergency Rooms close. Our *Community Health Program* responds to these needs.

Travion was the proud recipient of a pair of glasses at our Health Fair! He and his brother wander around Imperial Courts Projects with nothing to do. Travion's dad is not in the picture; his mother sleeps most days. At the Health Fair, Travion experienced and heard the love of God—a Father who is faithful to His children.



Alba, (lower right: recording a patient's history) attends our Jefferson Church plant and volunteers at the Vitals (blood pressure, BMI, diabetes screening) Station. Her 4th grade daughter, Genesis, had begun falling behind in her studies at our Christian School, due to poor eyesight. At a previous health fair, Genesis was referred to a Christian optometrist, who provided prescription glasses at no charge. Genesis' studies are improving.



Francisco, (seated on the left) had diabetes, cataracts, high blood pressure (170/105!), no health insurance, no physician. We prayed with him at every station. The next day Francisco and his wife attended the Jefferson Church service!

At our next Health Fair, Francisco declared that he had been walking a half hour a day and improving his diet. He had lost nine pounds! Francisco had used the referral list we gave him to sign up for eye surgery for his cataracts. Francisco was regularly taking medicine, which had brought his blood pressure to normal.



Dear Christian Friend,

Our compassion ministries fit hand-in-glove with the declaration of the gospel. Rita, a 75-year-old Hispanic lady with a heart of gold, is a classic example. She immigrated to the United States 20 years ago. She came to Christ through World Impact's church plant, *Sowing Hope Church*.

Rita has lost all the teeth in her lower jaw. Her food must be pureed or specially prepared so she can eat it. Her family does not help with food preparation, and Rita does not take the time to do it. The lack of nutrition has resulted in a dangerously low body weight.

The Bible says, "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" (*James 2:15-16*).

How can a Christian welcome Rita into the Body of Christ--but ignore her need for teeth that was leading to malnutrition--maybe starvation? We introduced Rita to a Christian dentist, who prepared a set of new dentures for her at no cost! Rita is overjoyed and beaming at the prospect of having teeth again!

Will you help us continue to provide for the emergency needs of families burned out of their homes--temporary shelter? clothes? and food? Will you partner with us in bringing medical care to the indigent? Will you join us in providing clothes, appliances and household goods to the poor at reasonable costs, so their needs can be met while preserving their dignity?

Whatever you can send--\$25, \$100, \$500 or more--will be deeply appreciated. Please give generously. Jesus shed light on giving to the poor, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me."

God bless you!



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