



VOLUNTEERS

BULLETIN

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Patrick unloads donations . . .

Volunteers multiply our outreach a thousand fold as we minister among America's urban poor. Volunteers:

- Bring food, clothing, furniture, household supplies and medicine
- Provide medical, dental and legal services
- Teach in Bible clubs, Christian schools, worship services and The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI)
- Staff Christian camps and retreats
- Mentor, tutor and advocate
- Serve on local and national boards
- Maintain and repair missionary housing and vehicles
- Do construction, renovation and architectural work
- Organize banquets, golf tournaments and work in our national and local offices.

World Impact connects middle- and upper-class Americans with the urban poor. We facilitate relationships among those in need and Christians who want to extend the tangible love of God.

Find out about volunteer opportunities with World Impact at keithphillips@worldimpact.org; 323.735.1137 x311.

Los Angeles - Sonshine Shop

Patrick Gerrety attends **The Church at Rocky Peak**. After hearing Keith Phillips speak, Patrick volunteered at the **Sonshine Shop**, our thrift store. His profession is in animatronics, working behind the scenes for movies, television and commercials. In between jobs, Patrick picks up donations, cleans, sorts and displays donated items.

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. . . and sorts clothing.

Watts Christian Health Center - Dr. Adam Wass

Dr. Wass is a volunteer family physician, who was instrumental in starting the Health Center. Stephanie, age 47, came to the **WCHC** with symptoms of hunger, thirst, dizziness, blurry vision and weight loss (20 lbs). A volunteer nurse checked her blood sugar: it was at 1000; normal is around 120. Dr. Wass calmly informed Stephanie of the effects of diabetes and started her on medication. She returned the following week with a big smile, "I feel much better. Praise the Lord for the change!" Doctors, dentists and medical professionals can volunteer.

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Willie, a patient at WCHC with Dr. Wass.

THE OAKS CAMP- Bob Amstutz

Bob Amstutz, who attends **Grace Baptist Church**, volunteers at **THE OAKS CAMP**. Bob brings his tractor to grade the dirt roads and parking areas. He picks up donations from all over southern California, including food and supplies from **Children's Hunger Fund**. He has roofed buildings and led work crews from his Sunday School class. Bob introduces many friends to the ministry saying, "Now that I'm retired, I'm not going to sit around and do nothing!"

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Bob grades the roads at THE OAKS.

WICHITA - Christian Legal Aid Clinic

For nine years World Impact has hosted Legal Aid Clinics sponsored by the **Christian Legal Society**. Christian attorneys provide legal advice, referrals and spiritual or biblical advice. Attorney Terry Stephens said, "We meet with many people who are facing different issues. They always seem receptive to our input." Jeff Willis said, "It is an honor and a privilege to be involved."



Bob arrives with donations for THE OAKS.

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Christian Legal Aid Clinic.

The Urban Ministry Institute - Marjean Fooshee

Marjean has been involved with World Impact since we began in Wichita as part of the Ladies Auxiliary, which ministered to our staff women. Her husband, George, served on our Wichita board. Since 2003, Marjean has volunteered at **TUMI**. She transcribes and digitally records teachings by Dr. Don Davis, a key part in translating these teachings into other languages.

Marjean says, "The challenge keeps me sharp. I enjoy hearing Dr. Davis' teaching as I work. I am excited about **TUMI's** ministry and the leaders God is raising up for His Church. I enjoy working with the staff and am grateful to be a part of this organization. I feel so welcome and appreciated. As I get older, it is important to have some purpose and be useful." Marjean, a member of **First Evangelical Free Church**, plans to work with **TUMI** for as long as she is able.

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Marjean prepares materials at TUMI.

Morning Star Ranch - Rusty and Sheila Wulf

Sheila Wulf, a middle school para-educator, has attended her church's women's retreat at **MSR (Kansas)** for years. This summer she volunteered for six weeks of camp: speaking one week, leading crafts for several weeks and assisting the cooks. Her son, Bryce, volunteered as a Jr. Counselor for a couple weeks. Her daughter, Morgan, helped cook. Sheila's husband, Rusty, assisted on construction projects. This fall, Sheila and her family have volunteered several weekends to cook and host retreat groups. We are blessed by their partnership!

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Sheila with a camper at MSR.

Oakland - Eye Clinic

Christian Layman Church transformed our Resource Center into medical stations for eye exams and medical testing. Dr. Gilbert Matsuoto organized the volunteers and encouraged companies to send supplies.

Every morning about 80 people received treatment. Some patients were referred to other doctors because they were in danger of losing eyesight completely. Many people earnestly prayed with tears flowing. Two weeks after the exams, the clients picked up their glasses. The joy on their faces when they saw clearly for the first time in years, was wonderful. The homeless see, the elderly read and the children do their home work. Christ is pleased!



Eye exams at the Oakland clinic.

Oakland - Breakfast

Each Saturday the community Bible study and breakfast averages 150 people; 15 to 25 volunteers serve breakfast and pray with guests. Volunteers, who seldom come to this community because of fear, break bread and build relationships with the community they once feared.

The breakfast is about Jesus. He was sharing the Word when it became necessary to feed the people. As Jesus kept serving bread and fish, He never ran out. We never run out, thanks to the supporters, even at the end of the month, when attendance can reach 240.

Contact Hendrik DeBoer: 510.763.0352; or hdeboer@worldimpact.org.

Los Angeles Christian School - Sally Dickinson

Sally Dickinson has been a partner of World Impact for ten years. After Keith Phillips spoke at **Grace Baptist Church** in Santa Clarita, she and her husband, Don, began sponsoring students at **Los Angeles Christian School** and attending sponsor luncheons.

In 2003, Sally read about the need for a librarian, and has volunteered in that role ever since. Don is a chaplain for a jail in Los Angeles, so they drive together from Santa Clarita twice a week so Sally can volunteer for us. She spends one day with the students in library classes; the other day is spent getting the library in order.

Sally fully computerized 5000 books into the system and transformed the library into an inviting place. As a former Christian book store owner, she “markets” the books so the students can see them and read something they may not have thought to look for on their own.

Sally says, “God has given me a burden to help the children find resources that will help them grow. It gives me joy, and I hope it brings glory to God.”

Volunteer needs at Los Angeles Christian School:

- After-school activities (art, drama, sports, music)
- School nurse
- Music/instrument lessons
- Middle-school librarian
- Spanish-language training for our teachers
- Administrative support

Contact Principal Michelle Milburn: 323.731.1532 x347; or mmilburn@worldimpact.org



Volunteers prepare breakfast in Oakland.



Good food and good conversation at Oakland's breakfast.



Sally has made the library at LACS accessible for students.

Newark - Bevin Hermann, a public school teacher in Morristown, volunteers twice a week during the summers. She integrates biblical principles through hands-on science activities and history lessons.

Bevin took our children to **Foster Fields Farm**, a turn-of-the-century farm. They fed chickens, collected eggs, made butter and petted animals. The students also went to Trenton, to see the **Governor**, who unfortunately was called away. In his place, the Secretary of State greeted the children. Bevin hosted a **formal tea party**. The children dressed up and acted like young ladies and gentlemen, i.e. the boys pulled chairs out for the girls.



Bevin with a student at the Tea Party.

At Christmas, Bevin hosts a **Christmas party** for the children. Each **NCS** student receives a shoe box with the name of one of Bevin's Morristown students; they often become pen pals. An adjunct teacher for the New Jersey Academy of Teaching, Bevin leads professional workshops for teachers; she plans to host these for our teachers, also. Bevin says she is honored to volunteer with our students and teachers.

Newark - Dottie Turse has coordinated our Student Sponsorship Program since 1998. She corresponds with the sponsors and prepares the picture packets sent out each fall. She enjoys meeting the sponsors at the Student/Sponsor luncheons. Her husband, Dick, participates in the annual Golf Marathon. **All World Impact schools need sponsor coordinators.**

Newark - Dr. Jay Mason, a Montclair dentist, his wife, **Deb**, and his staff have volunteered with our ministry for years. They examine our **Newark Christian School** students' teeth and treat community people. Ten years ago, Dr. Jay joined our advisory board and initiated a golf marathon, where each July we capture the heat of summer to warm our school in the winter. Dr. Jay and his staff spearhead the golf marathon, sending out more than 500 letters to sponsors, and recruiting fellow dentists, friends and family to participate. Dr. Jay's sons play, and Mrs. Mason is our "cart lady," bringing snacks to the enthusiastic golfers. Dr. and Mrs. Mason advocate for our ministry and help recruit volunteers and sponsors.



Newark - Ben Lee, a partner with Nadakay/Kopelson Architects in Morristown, is on our advisory board. He

volunteers at our festivals and golf marathons and brings others. He helps us with renovations and repairs to our ministry centers and housing. When one of our houses burned, he guided us to make the most effective renovations.

Newark - Andrew Ambrogio has 25 years of experience in food services. He is a member of **Helping Hands** (of **Jacksonville Chapel** in Lincoln Park), which ministers to the poor by feeding the homeless as a step to presenting the gospel (Matthew 25:40). Andrew and **Helping Hands** serve at our evangelistic block parties, festivals and community brunches and our annual banquet in our Ministry Center.

Newark - Bill Ohnsorg, a retired AT&T manager, is a church administrator for **Millington Baptist**. He serves on the executive committee for our advisory board, participates in our festivals, golf marathons and monthly clothing sales, and brings volunteers. Bill, an adjunct Community College professor, is a volunteer mentor at **TUMI**, and serves on our **TUMI** advisory board.

Newark - Reeves Geraghty, a retired high-school teacher and adjunct college professor, is an elder at **Emmanuel Bible Church**, the home church of World Impact Missionaries Glen and Sharon Geraghty. Reeves is a mentor for **The Urban Ministry Institute** and is on our advisory board. Reeves and his wife, **Agnes**, have served our ministry for years on volunteer groups to Newark and Los Angeles. They support **TUMI** by collecting donated items for their monthly sidewalk sales to raise funds for expenses and student scholarships.



Master Chef Andrew in the kitchen.



Bill helps with a plumbing repair.

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Volunteer your resources. Every ministry we conduct depends on financial supporters. Your offering is multiplied many times when volunteers contribute the man hours. Please give generously.



Reeves (center) at TUMI.

God bless you for caring and giving,

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