

The Urban Ministry Institute *Training Urban Pastors* October 2009

THE NEED FOR THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

For most people in urban ministry, receiving a biblical education is virtually impossible. It is:

- Too expensive (traditional theological training costs more than \$25,000 per year).
- Too far away (the poor are unable to relocate from their jobs and ministry).
- Academically restrictive (admission usually requires at least a high school diploma).
- Culturally irrelevant (traditional curriculum does not prepare people to minister to the brokenness found in our inner cities).

THE SOLUTION

The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) provides quality theological education for the urban poor in their communities. The curriculum is culturally relevant and affordable. We have satellite campuses in more than 60 cities, training over 450 students to be leaders in the church.



TUMI CURRICULUM IS BEING USED TO TRAIN CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN:

World Impact Ministries

Leaders from churches we plant are equipped to pastor.

Other Urban Ministries

Like-minded urban ministries adopt TUMI to equip their leaders.

Prison Ministry

Inmates receive theological training to minister inside and outside of prison.

International Ministries

Urban ministries among the poor use TUMI to train pastors.

WORLD IMPACT MINISTRIES

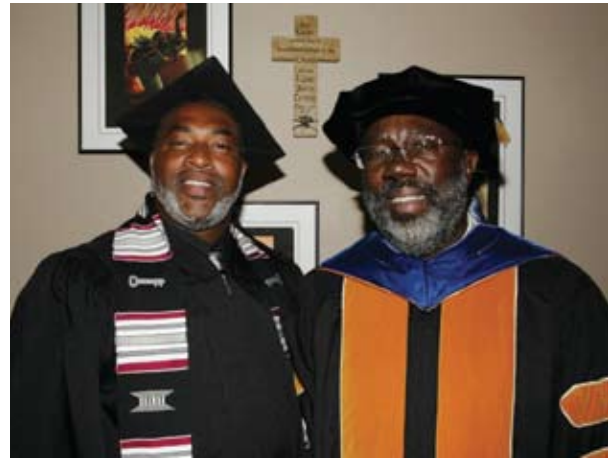
Dan Manley, *Los Angeles, California*

Dan said, “This is my first graduation. I was so busy partying in high school, I did not graduate. I never thought I would graduate from Bible school. **TUMI** was one of the most challenging endeavors of my life—balancing work, marriage and ministry with studying, writing papers and digesting all that was presented in class. But, it was also the most rewarding accomplishment of my life.” Dan plans to lead an outreach at a shelter for homeless pregnant women, and one at an elderly care facility. He is eager to practice what he has learned in the last four years.



Val Newton, *Morning Star Ranch, Florence, Kansas*

TUMI helped Val better understand God’s Word. He trains the men at the Ranch to be faith-filled, biblical leaders for the Church: “I teach them to deal with conflict through dialogue and forgiveness, to memorize and incorporate Scripture in their daily living, to think differently as men of God, and to be disciplined in their studies and work.” He is **TUMI**’s Site Coordinator at World Impact’s *Morning Star Ranch*.



Peter Marchand, *San Francisco, California*

Peter, a graduate of *City Team*’s sobriety program, has completed three **TUMI** courses. In a ministry project for the “Practicing Christian Leadership” course, Peter described sharing his faith with his brother, who like himself is a skeptical person:

“My brother Rick passed through San Francisco three weeks ago. I told Rick how accepting Jesus into my heart had changed my life in ways that had previously seemed impossible. Much to my surprise, instead of disdain and disinterest, he was curious. When I had a hard time expressing myself, he asked questions that showed genuine interest. Rick has had emotional problems. I asked if he was interested in Jesus’ help. He didn’t think that was possible. I told him that he couldn’t be more wrong. I’d seen miracles in hopeless lives that had been saved when people gave themselves to God. He listened intently. It was thrilling to hear my brother, who I thought would reject Jesus, express a desire to know the Lord. Talking to my brother has shown me that any fears I have are minimal versus the chance of someone being led to Christ by simple words of guidance from someone like me. That afternoon was a gift from God to me; and, hopefully to Rick as well.”

Carlos Velázquez, Dallas

Carlos is the music director at *Iglesia Del Maestro*, the church planted by World Impact missionary Juan Pablo Herrera. In Juan Pablo's absence, Carlos fills the pulpit. Carlos' parents and other family members received Christ shortly after he completed "Conversion and Calling," where he was touched profoundly about the importance of salvation beginning with family. Juan Pablo prays "that Carlos will become the pastor of *Iglesia del Maestro* so that I may plant another church."

Juan Pablo also teaches TUMI to pastors in Guadalajara. Miguel was sexually abused as a child. By 18 he was addicted to drugs, dealing and a gang leader. Through a dramatic conversion he was released from those activities. Juan Pablo led the first class for Miguel and ten of his church leaders. With great joy and pride they each paid \$35 dollars for their manuals (each person saved for 15 weeks because of their limited incomes).



OTHER URBAN MINISTRIES

Alex Mandes, Director of Hispanic Ministries, Evangelical Free Church

Many Evangelical Free Church pastors did not attend traditional seminary, but lead growing congregations. In order to be ordained, they must have a Master's of Divinity, or equivalent. Alex reflects, "We looked at many curriculums for their equivalency, and set three criteria: dual language, doctrinal affinity and an emphasis on justice. TUMI fit that in spades. We are yoked brothers and sisters with World Impact."

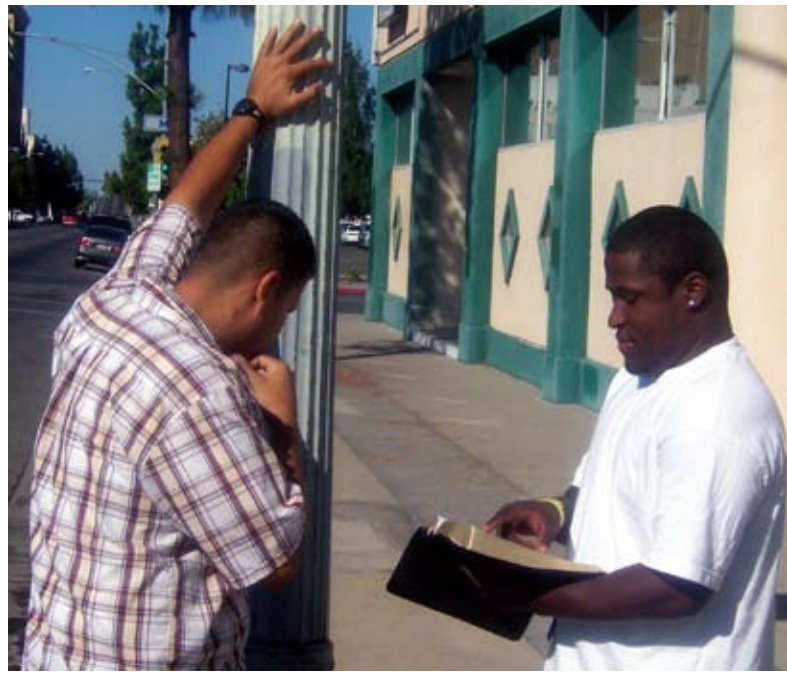
"We are looking for a long and prosperous relationship. People were powerfully impacted by World Impact Vice-President, Don Davis' message at our National Conference. Thank you World Impact."



TINO, *Hope Now For Youth, Fresno*

Tino sold drugs, stole and joined a gang. His disrespect for authority landed him in jail, where he became a Christian. In 2007, *Hope Now* helped him get a job and disciplined him. He married his girlfriend after six years of living together and having one child. He began growing in Christ.

In 2008, Tino enrolled in *The Urban Ministry Institute*, offered by *Hope Now*. He began sharing his faith with people on the street and with his Muslim cousin. Tino is the prayer coordinator for his church. His study at **TUMI** is equipping him to help others who are in gangs and crime.



PRISON MINISTRIES

Anthony, *Prison Fellowship, California Rehabilitation Center, Norco Prison*

“As a new Christian, I struggled with my faith and in my walk because instead of the peace I thought that I was promised, I received a storm. My wife left me and will not let me be a part of my children’s lives. I was attacked by two inmates during a lockdown.

“That changed after I started **TUMI** classes sponsored by *Prison Fellowship*. In the “Conversion and Calling” course, I saw what happened in my life as I surrendered to God. He opened my heart to His truth; I was transformed into a new creature who walks in God’s strength, not mine. I showed the other brothers all that God’s Word does when you surrender to its teaching. God is calling me to share the Word with others. He is equipping me through **TUMI**.”

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INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Margaret Mensah, *missionary, Accra, Ghana*

“I serve at Agbogbloshie, a poor rural community in Accra, where migrants settle. I developed a deeper care for the poor through **TUMI**. I have taken into my home and supported several young children through school. My desire and ability to memorize Bible verses has improved markedly as a result of **TUMI**—quoting scripture while reaching the lost adds credibility to my message. Quoting scripture keeps me emotionally balanced through good and bad times.”

Stanley Appiah, *Covenant Family Community Church, Accra, Ghana*

“**TUMI** helped me better understand the work of the Lord and strengthened my resolve to minister to the urban poor. I was blessed by the lesson on the ability of God’s Word to create, convict and convert. With new understanding and resolve, I reached out to an addict and saw God’s transforming Word convict and convert his life. He was delivered from the power of the enemy.

“The Kingdom Consummated” explained how lost and depraved human life is without eternal salvation. The sense of urgency to snatch people from eternal damnation is rekindled in me and consistently propels me to be a witness for our Lord. I encourage every Christian leader to take **TUMI**—the quality of teaching and depth of new found knowledge, understanding and renewal the course imparts are invaluable.”

Victor Vasquez, *Tijuana*

“I tried to study at a Bible Institute but the principal told me that I couldn’t continue because I didn’t have a certificate from Elementary School. I was very sad and remembered that Peter was a common man with no degrees or diplomas. My pastor said that to study in their Bible School I needed to go to High School. I continued preaching the Word and God answered my prayers. I now study in the **TUMI** Bible School where I’m preparing to serve the Lord better.” Victor finished his first module with an “A” and perfect attendance.



Dear Christian Friend,

Equipping urban pastors with theological education so they can serve the Church in the city is one of our most strategic ministries.

- * Alejandro, who accepted Christ in 1995 with the help of his boxing coach, says, "I wanted to reach the lost, but Bible college and seminary were beyond my budget. **TUMI** was an answer to prayer. Every course was inspiring. The case studies were practical. I liked the intense Biblical studies along with the hands-on ministry projects. I have led people to Christ and answered challenging questions that would have puzzled me before. The memory verses and prayer at **TUMI** encouraged me spiritually. I can confidently prepare a Bible study or sermon, and minister to the hurting and lost. I am equipping inner-city youth to reach their lost friends. I thank God for **TUMI** and recommend it to all leaders in the Church who desire to grow in Christ.
- * Tony was equipped to defend his beliefs at **TUMI**. Once, while with his Christian rap group, he was asked what he believed. Tony quoted (from memory) the Nicene Creed. He explained what it was and supported it with Scripture. His rap friends were stunned since they did not know how to defend their faith.



We teach hundreds of students, like Alejandro and Tony, how to preach, evangelize and disciple thousands of those trapped by poverty, crime and abuse. The gospel of Christ is their hope.

You can help us maintain our current enrollment, and expand this crucial outreach. By giving:

- \$65, you can sponsor one pastor, like Alejandro, to take a class at **The Urban Ministry Institute**.
- \$1000, you would pay for his complete seminary-level education (16 modules).
- \$350, you can provide a full set of textbooks for a student, like Tony, who cannot afford them.

Please give generously as we prepare urban pastors for fruitful ministry. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Keith Phillips

DR. KEITH PHILLIPS
President



P.S. For \$5000, you can underwrite the establishment of an additional **TUMI** satellite in a new city, where we can equip pastors to sharpen their skills as God's appointed representatives.