

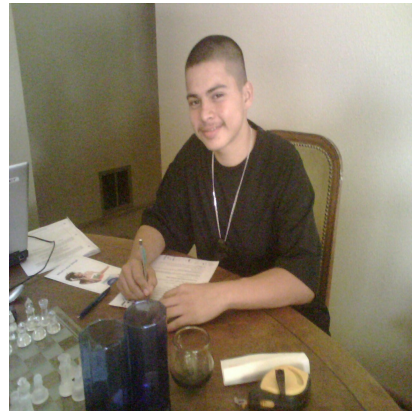
# From Gangs to Jobs

Seeking and Finding...Jobs, that is!



We are moving forward toward a mark of excellence; Heriberto (aka Eddie) Navarrete, age 21, has completed our FGTJ curriculum and is participating in our Keeping it Real class where we learn about character qualities and word studies as well as responsible fatherhood. Eddie's graduation ceremony was held Sunday, November 8, 2009 at The Bridge Community Church and praise Jesus, God has blessed him with a **JOB** at Dunkin Donuts.

Furthermore, Isaac Guerra, age 19, (and incidentally one of our first graduates of the pilot program *A Cord of Hope*) left his job for personal reasons and came to us again for help. So we worked with him through the Keeping it Real portion of the program and boy he has grown. Both as a man and a father, he has really matured and we had the great privilege of meeting the General Manager for Danny's Truck Wash who said he would take a chance on Isaac as an auto detailer in training.



Dear Supporters of **From Gangs to Jobs**,

We are still looking for **mentors**: Men that are willing to walk with these young men and willing to look past their every day failures and see the potential of what they can become.

We are looking for **leaders**: Men who will be present at the ministry location wherever that may be, when the participants are present. Men who are willing to give their greatest gift – **THEIR TIME**, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm. (\*For more information, please see below.)

*I still believe: Most prisoners re-entering the community want to succeed but the barriers they face seem insurmountable.*

I got out of prison 16 times. Every time I was released I would do all that I thought I had to, in order to stay out of prison. My options were few. I would run out of them in just a few days and not shortly after that I would run out of hope. I never had intentions of failing.

*I just wanted to be normal.*

Natividad Mendoza

## FGTJ in the Media

Three months ago the History Channel's Gangland aired an episode on the Bulldog Gang of Fresno, California (of which I used to be a member). They invited me to be one of the key speakers on the show, so I accepted on the condition that they speak of the redemption story the Lord is still writing about today and what we are doing. They did, very briefly, but enough to get the attention of a local radio station called **Prison Radio Outreach**.

Through a local connection (Eddie McLaughlin) and the airing of the Gangland episode, **Prison Radio Outreach** asked me to share my story on the radio and internet. This time it would not be secular, but for the work of God only! I accepted their invitation and for the first time, my story will be on the radio where many people can hear it in prison as well as anyone else in the Valley of the Sun. If you are interested in what we are doing at From Gangs to Jobs and why we do what we do, then please listen to the show. It will be broadcasted on 1010 AM radio this Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and for another hour on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. This program will also air on 1280 AM radio Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm; however, the Saturday episode will not air and may be heard on the internet on [www.thepownetwork.com](http://www.thepownetwork.com).



Praise God the Lord has blessed From Gangs to Jobs with a new home. We are now located at 4007 E Apollo Rd Phoenix AZ 85042. We are still meeting at Peter Piper Pizza temporarily until the new facility is ready to use. If anyone has expertise and / or resources to help us build a restroom and the multipurpose / game room please give us a call.

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