

From Gangs to Jobs

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

SPRING CLASS GRADUATES

What a wonderful thing the Lord is doing. We had four graduates from the spring class. It has been my joy to take part in such a great and needed work. These young men that have now been a part of our lives for the last seven weeks will have an ever lasting impact on our lives. Our hope is that they will have a future where they will trust in the Lord and watch God work wonders in their lives.



So we had 4 graduates this class. All four have been placed in jobs. Thanks to the people who stepped up. Right Advertising hired Justin and Joe. Our friend Manny helping us place Ernesto and Jack to work for Ranch Market.

Praise God for His faithfulness.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

We have been blessed to have a relationship with the Bridge Community Church who really cares about our urban youth. Every graduating class so far has been able to be acknowledged in front of the congregation. What a boost that is for these young men and their families. And what a great feeling it must have been to see about 40 members of these guys' family and friends show up to support them on their completing their commitment to From Gangs to Jobs.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SPRING CLASS



Our camping trip

This was a time for the guys to reflect all that they learned and to give them the opportunity to share in the reason why we do what we do. This to receive Christ as there lord and savior. The rocks everyone is holding is to represent the burdens of our lives. Tossing these rocks was to represent our freedom from our past junk pile.

The New Me

I went from pack in gauges n glocks.
Gang banging and slanging rocks.
Now I'm starting over with From Gangs to Jobs.
No more blazing up pot.
Thanks to Natividad I got a new chance at life.
I can finally live without being high.
In this program I found piece of mind.
I had given up and was ready to die.
Now just living alone is like a natural high.
57th Dr and Indian School
The Vatos in class are calm and cool.
Now we see we don't have to be in the streets acting a fool.
I'm ready to learn to work and go back to school.
For me I know this program's the best.
The way it happened so sudden I feel truly blessed.
In this life time I know this is the biggest test.
I'm even starting to tell myself I can do it.
Everybody else laughs and say prove it.
Who wants to bet on it I guarantee you'll lose it.
This is the new me 20 years in the making.
Now I feel the opportunities are mine for the taking.
Just looking in the mirror and facing me.
Move on with life because this is the new me.

Justin Belvin

May 2 2009 graduate, FG TJ



A Poem written by Justin,
a spring graduate.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

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**God Bless You,
Executive Director
Natividad Mendoza**



Our service trip to Mexico

We are been blessed that Weekend Missions have a heart for the work we do and invite From Gangs to Jobs to go with them. Here we are feeding 500 in Mexico WOW is all I can say! The guys worked hard and were loved by all.

I want to give thanks to our board of directors for always standing strong always believing. We can't do what we have done without the sacrifice one family has made in letting us work out of this venue Thanks from all of us who you touch.

Thank you all for your investment in these young men's lives. They will be changed forever and will never be the same.