

From Gangs to Jobs

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

We are moving forward toward a mark of excellence, attempting to always improve our output we are finding new ways to be effective, after considering some wise counsel we decided to amend the current format of the program we have started another group which will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8pm. More details to come!

Needs for our evening classes:

We are 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 house 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.)

July 23, 2009 – The History Channel's *Gangland* will be airing an episode featuring the Fresno Bulldogs (Natividad Mendoza's former gang). This episode will also highlight our program, *From Gangs to Jobs*. I warn you, this is a secular show and as such, the interview of Natividad Mendoza is not intended to promote the gospel of Christ. There should be a small biography of the life of Natividad before meeting Jesus Christ and there should be a redemption story at the end.

Natividad Mendoza

What I 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 the intentions of failing.

I just wanted to be normal.

Natividad Mendoza



ordinary Opportunity! I thank God for what He is about to do through our efforts.

Our Challenge to You

Read Ezekiel 37 – A Valley of Dry Bones with a twist.

¹The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones (gang members). ²He led me all around among the bones (homeless) that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out (hopeless). ³Then he asked me, “Son of man, (us) can these bones become living people again?”

“O Sovereign LORD,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, ‘Dry bones (Drug users), listen to the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath (give you hope) into you and make you live again (make you world changers)! ⁶I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin (life skills bible teachings). I will put breath into you Holy Spirit, and you will come to life (and live). Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

⁷So I spoke this message (us), just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley (this valley). The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons (began healing). ⁸Then as I watched (I trusted in God), muscles and flesh formed over the bones (They began to in themselves). Then skin formed to cover their bodies (they began to have hope), but they still had no breath in them (they still needed people like us).

⁹Then he said to me, “Speak (teach) a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic (Believe your chosen) message and say, ‘this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again (And they will),’”

¹⁰So I (we) spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army. Amen

*If anybody feels like participating in a Saturday mission week at the From Gangs to Jobs ministry home the opportunity has come again August 8th 2009 all hands are welcome. Call Jennifer Mendoza for more information and potential needs
602-380-8555*

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.* *God Bless You,*

*Natividad Mendoza
Executive Director*

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