



Cross-Cultural Ministries, Inc.

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A detailed update to CCM newsletter recipients:

Cross-Cultural Ministries, Inc. continues the ministry begun by God through Vicki Shanahan and Brookvalley Church of Christ. We have continued in the same apartment since 1992, serving the Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees and now the immigrant families from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico.

Since April 2006, we have been so greatly blessed that I am overwhelmed with what God is doing and how He is using so many to accomplish His work along the Buford Corridor.

- Part of the original mission of CCM was to assist churches and ministries with their own cross cultural outreaches.
 - Last fall, Open Table Community selected Pearl Lane to be their location to reach out. They are continuing this school year to provide 1 after-school session. They also provide tutors for our adult English classes on Sundays.
 - Open Table Community donated new sweatshirts and Bibles as gifts for the children and adults including the elderly Cambodians, who participated in our different ministries.
 - Chamblee UMC provided Thanksgiving food boxes to the numerous families at Pearl Lane and Azalea Place apartments.
 - CCM hosted 2 Thanksgiving dinners for the Cambodians and for the Latino families.
 - For Palm Sunday, three churches assisted CCM in its Palm Sunday outreach service. They were Solid Rock Church, Open Table Community, and New Covenant Community Church. Three women received Christ as Savior.
 - During the summer, 3 churches had representatives tutoring the children in reading. They were Christ Church, Open Table Community, and Christ Fellowship Church of Atlanta.
 - Dunwoody Baptist Church and First ARP Church of Rock Hill, SC did a VBS program at the center.
 - Whirlwind Missions and CCM cooperated to meet the needs of the Pearl Lane area children.
 - Whirlwind Missions had numerous churches doing onsite VBS programs during the summer while CCM offered a Summer Reading Program.
 - Whirlwind Missions gave several donations to assist us during this school year with our programs, including children's learning software.
 - Dunwoody Baptist Church is providing a Youth Outreach United team for 1 after-school session at Pearl Lane on Thursdays.

- Youth Outreach United is also able to provide CCM with an additional team for 2 after-school sessions on Mondays.
 - CCM continues to partner with Atlanta Intercultural Ministries to split the rental cost of the apartment.
 - School supplies for the children were donated by Dunwoody Baptist Church, New Covenant Community Church, and Open Table Community.
- Margo Cuthbert continues to partner with us on Fridays to provide the Good News Club for the elementary children. She has been faithfully doing the club for CCM for 15 years or more!
 - Children receive Christ as their Savior and are disciplined in the Bible.
 - Children learn life lessons on how to be a follower of Christ.
 - The after-school program this year serves the K-5 through middle school with almost 32 children enrolled. We have scheduled them by grades to tutor them.
 - We have 3 English classes on Sundays with Open Table assisting with 3 tutors.
 - Spiritual and physical needs are being directly met with the assistance of others, churches and organizations. Relationships with the families are strengthening which enables us to know more of their needs and respond to them.
 - Open Table assisted in providing additional food and clothing to a few needy families.
 - CCM has a church service for Cambodians on Sundays in the apartment to continue to minister to some Cambodian families. One elderly Vietnamese woman joins us.
 - Some improvements have been made to the center:
 - Open Table Community gave us 6 tables in August 2006 to replace the old tables that were literally falling apart.
 - Two new energy efficient air conditioners were donated. We are much cooler throughout the center!
 - One new storage cabinet for the kitchen was purchased. Items no longer have to be stored on top of the counter, microwave, oven, and under tables.
 - The linoleum tile flooring has finally been sealed and waxed. They have some shine to them, but will require regular mopping and waxing to continue looking good.

Truly, as I reflect back, I am amazed at what God is and has been doing since April 2006. There is so much more that could be done with additional staff and finances. At another time, I will write about all the possibilities to ask you to join with me in prayer for them.

Serving Christ together,

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