

STORIES

MISSIONYEAR ANNUAL REPORT 2002

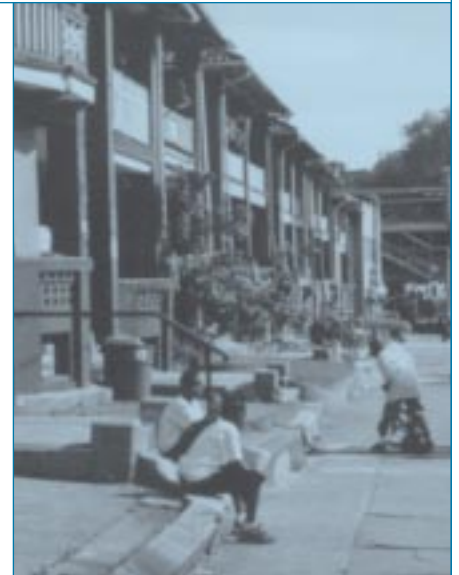


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TYLER OAKLAND LINDA CARLSON JENNIFER CHAN EMILY
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“THE WORLD IS WAITING...FOR NEW SAINTS, ECSTATIC MEN AND
WOMEN WHO ARE SO DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE LOVE OF GOD THAT
THEY ARE FREE TO IMAGINE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER.”
HENRI NOUWEN

CHRISTOPHER LARSON JESSICA LEMONDS MARC LEROUX
KRISTIN MARTIN RACHEL MELTON MAGGIE MIDDLETON
JONATHAN PETERSON AMY ROSS SHANNON STONE STEPHEN
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FISHER JEN FLOWERS TRESSA HARVEY MARY KILIAN MEGAN
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CASEY NACKE LORIE NEVISON JOSH PARKER JOSH PERKINS
NEIL POLLING ASHLEY REECE JONATHAN REGENOLD TARYN
SEKULA NATHAN SWANSON SARAH VINCENT

THE PEOPLE OF MISSION YEAR HAVE COUNTLESS STORIES TO TELL—STORIES OF HOPE, OF FEAR, OF JOY, OF SADNESS, OF BUILDING UP, OF TEARING DOWN. THESE ARE STORIES THAT HAVE CHANGED LIVES. THEY DO NOT, HOWEVER, GENERALLY WIN ACCLAIM; THE STORIES OF LIVES TOUCHED AND TRANSFORMED DO NOT MAKE IT TO THE FRONT PAGES OF NEWSPAPERS. MISSION YEAR IS NOT ABOUT RECOGNITION. IT'S NOT ABOUT MAKING HEADLINES. IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE PERSON, ONE HOUR, ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME.



IT IS INGRAINED IN US THAT WE HAVE TO DO EXCEPTIONAL THINGS FOR GOD, BUT WE DO NOT. WE HAVE TO **BE EXCEPTIONAL IN THE ORDINARY** THINGS OF LIFE, AND **HOLY ON THE ORDINARY STREETS, AMONG ORDINARY PEOPLE...** OSWALD CHAMBERS

Dear Friends of Mission Year,

Welcome to our ministry's Annual Report! Like last year, 2001-2002 was relatively trouble-free in terms of organizational administration. Our Team Member and donor support systems are working quite well now, which has increasingly allowed us to concentrate on recruiting more good people to get involved in this great work of God.

In terms of street level ministry, I believe 2001-2002 was once again our best year ever. If that sounds too relentlessly upbeat, I am sorry, but the fact is that Mission Year is still young and rapidly improving. Every year we learn more about what it takes to recruit and transform bunches of raw, mismatched, well-meaning young people into capable, confident, compassionate inner-city neighbors. And every year our teams themselves work hard to strengthen and improve Mission Year for those coming after them. A genuine tradition is being built here, which bodes well for the future.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BART CAMPOLO, PRESIDENT

Of course, the Mission Year tradition is not so much about systems and numbers as it is about loving relationships and spiritual impact among the poor in the name of Jesus. To be sure, there are plenty of good facts and figures to be found in this report, but what we really celebrate here are the stories of love, faith, and hope that are happening in and through the lives of our Team Members and their neighbors this year. In Kingdom terms, Mission Year is still a terrific investment, by the grace of God.

Even as this report goes to print, another 90 Team Members have begun Mission Year 2002-2003, while this year's crew has moved out to love new neighbors in new places. It isn't easy, but this good work goes on and on. Thank you for your part in keeping it going! I hope and pray that you will keep on supporting Mission Year as we work together to advance the Kingdom of God.

Keep the faith!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Campolo'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bart Campolo

President

Mission Year gives Christian young adults an opportunity to become neighbors in inner-city communities in Atlanta, Chicago, Oakland, and Philadelphia. Several teams of five to seven members are planted throughout these cities, and they build intentional Christian community in their homes while being intentional Christians in the community outside their homes.

Inside their homes, they experience the struggles and joys of community living, of learning just how difficult it is to love—and to be loved—unconditionally. They share everything with each other, from household chores and meals to the deepest parts of their hearts and minds. They wrestle with the difficult questions that their urban community brings up and pray together, sometimes for answers, but especially for the love and wisdom to continue to face a world that seems to make less sense every day. They read and discuss books that will help them to more deeply explore pertinent topics—relationships, poverty, simplicity, ministry—and to put what they

I WANT TO DO **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**
I WANT TO BE **SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT**
EXPERIENCE **A DIFFERENT REALITY**



are seeing around them into words. In addition, they attend bi-weekly Citywides—gatherings of all the teams in a particular city. These are an opportunity to learn about and be encouraged in the work they are doing and the lives they are living.

This life has three main components outside the home. First, they spend about twenty hours a week serving their neighborhoods by volunteering at local hospitals, schools, and other venues. Second, each team gets involved in a strong church within the community, contributing to ministries already in place there and being encouraged and supported by church members. Third, they invest about fifteen hours a week in “relational outreach,” building trusting and genuine friendships with people in the neighborhood—laughing, crying, ministering, being ministered to, teaching, and being taught. One thing ties these components together: relationships. Every day, new stories are written...in the lives of those they have come to live among and in their own lives.



Mt. Pleasant Team: (L-R) Lisa Tracy, Megan Simoneau, Erin Horeni, Renee Agatsuma, Amanda Britton, Adeline Park



New Life Community Team:
(B) Mike Stamm, Elisa Bennett, Brad Stamp (F) Stacie Fisher, Nicole Jensen, Charles Fick

Shelby may not yet understand that she is a child of the King of Kings, but she knows that I tell her she is. If there's nothing else I can do for Shelby this year, I can and will plant in her the truth that she is beloved of God — the most important truth for all of us to hear. — The Raven, Atlanta

ATLANTA

AND THIS IS PROBABLY WHERE GOD WANTS ME—HUMBLED BY HOW INEFFECTIVE I AM WITHOUT HIM, AND DEPENDENT ON HIM TO CHANGE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES. ADELINE PARK, ATLANTA

CITY DIRECTOR
LEROY BARBER



THE ONLY WAY WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO LOVE PEOPLE THE WAY GOD LOVES THEM, IS IF WE FIRST KNOW HIS LOVE FOR US, PERSONALLY—HIS VAST, UNCONDITIONAL, AND PERFECT LOVE—AND ALLOW THAT LOVE TO OVERFLOW. MEGAN SIMONEAU, ATLANTA



New Life Covenant Team: (L-R) Zach Anderson, Stephen Futrell, Desha Wren, Mike Sharp, Ben Runyon, Kristin Knight, Erin Weiss

THIS IS WHY I DO MINISTRY. NOT BECAUSE GOD CANNOT CARE FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT ME. NOT BECAUSE I DON'T ALREADY HAVE SALVATION, OR BECAUSE HE WON'T LOVE ME OTHERWISE. BUT BECAUSE IN DOING SO, I GET TO KNOW CHRIST, WHICH IS A FAR GREATER AND MORE MEANINGFUL THING THAN ANY OTHER.
 WENDY HU, CHICAGO

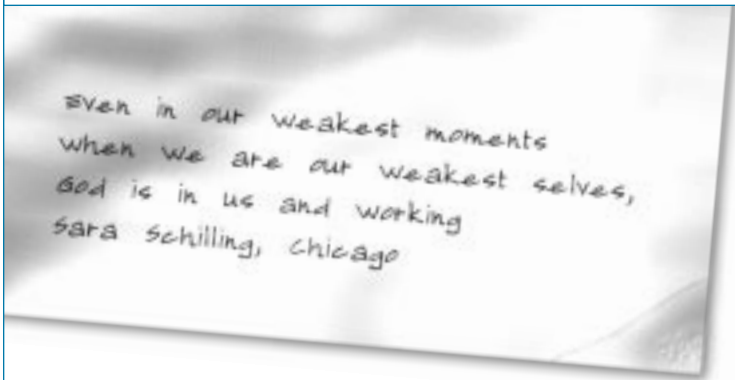


Rock of Our Salvation Team: (L-R Around) Jennifer O'Byrne, Jane Mellema, Ginger Neal, Tawndee Witter, Blair Major, Brian Kraft, Brian Hansen



Lawndale Team: (B) Blair Thompson, Wendy Hu, (F) Travis Taflinger, Christie Tyler, Rachel Serra, Jessica Fyten

CHICAGO



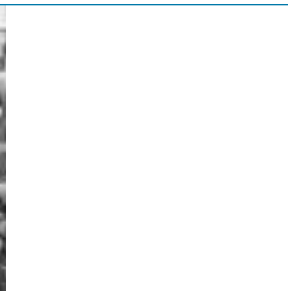
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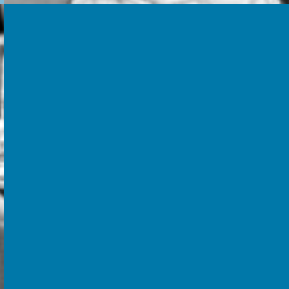
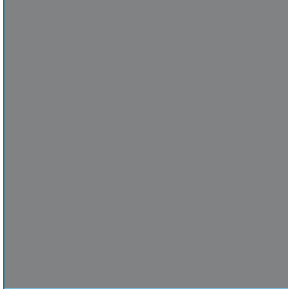
Pure in Heart Team: (L-R Around) Dara Stutzman, Dustin Grable, Ryan Marks, Dewayne Dorsey, Sara Schilling, Crystal Gregory

THIS IS WHY WE WORK AND STRUGGLE: WE HOPE IN THE LIVING GOD WHO IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL PEOPLE...

I TIMOTHY 4:10

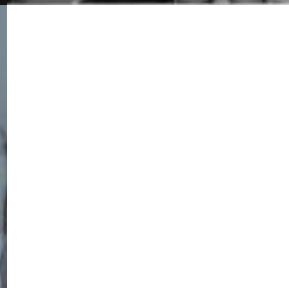
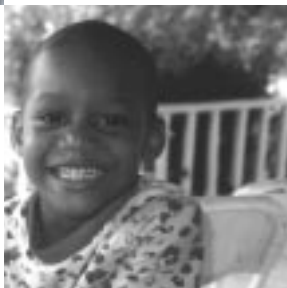
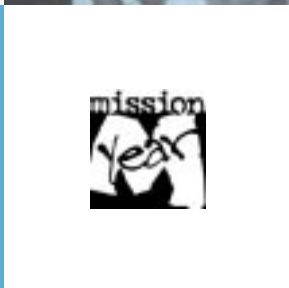
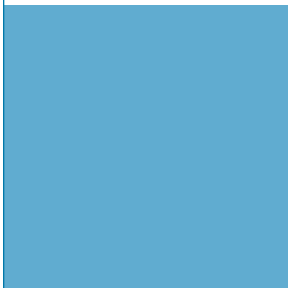
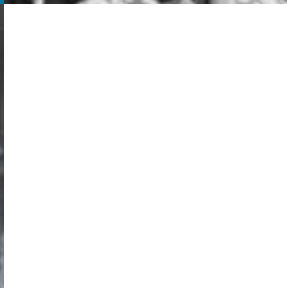
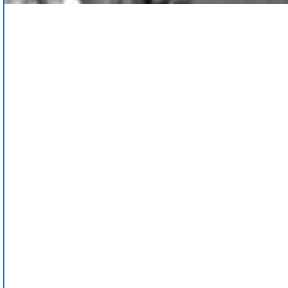


I WASN'T EXACTLY SURE WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE. I WAS SURE THAT THIS YEAR WAS ABOUT ME SHARING CHRIST WITH MY INNER-CITY NEIGHBORS. WHAT I FAILED TO REALIZE WAS HOW OFTEN MY NEIGHBORS WOULD SHARE CHRIST TO ME. ERIN HORENI



I HAD OPPORTUNITIES AND SECURITY. THEY WOULD NEVER DREAM OF. IN LIGHT OF THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE, HOW COULD I RETURN TO THE SAME LIFE?

KRISTIN MARTIN



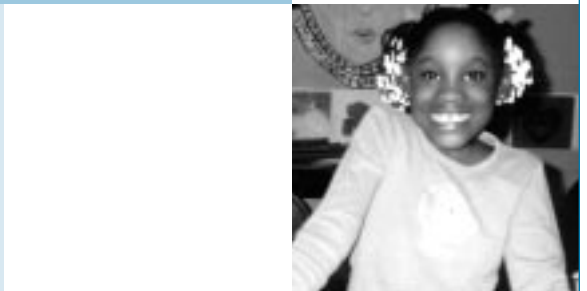
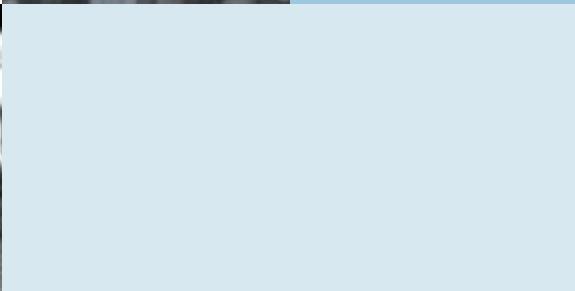


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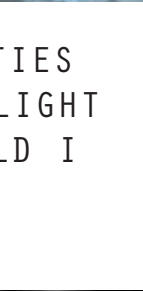
THE IDEA OF THE PROGRAM IS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS. YOU MOVE INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE ISSUES OF YOUR NEIGHBORS BECOME YOUR ISSUES. YOU SHOP AT THE SAME GROCERY STORES, DO YOUR LAUNDRY AT THE SAME LAUNDROMATS, PLAY IN THE SAME STREET

SARAH VINCENT



SO MANY TIMES I FEEL DISCOURAGED, AND I FEEL LIKE "BIG" THINGS AREN'T HAPPENING...BUT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, I CAN BRING SOME HOPE AND GOOD NEWS TO SOMEONE WHO HASN'T HEARD IT...

MAGGIE MIDDLETON



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JUST BECAUSE ONE IS FAITHFUL IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THINGS WORK OUT, PEOPLE CHANGE, OR THAT THINGS GET BETTER. BEING FAITHFUL THIS YEAR IN MANY WAYS HAS BEEN ABOUT COMING ALONG SIDE PEOPLE AND WALKING WITH THEM THROUGH THEIR STRUGGLES AND JOYS.

ANU DEAN





Cosmopolitan Baptist Team: (B) Jessica Lemonds, Emily Delagrange, Rachel Melton, Maggie Middleton (F) Mark LeRoux, Stephen Stull, Jonathan Peterson



Mt. Zion Team: (L-R) Anthony Vallejo-Sanderson, Amy Ross, Kristin Martin, Jennifer Chan, Christopher Larson, Shannon Stone, Kyle DeRoos

OAKLAND

I KNOW THAT MY LIFE CAN NEVER BE THE SAME NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN THE POVERTY AND HURT IN THE INNER-CITY. I CAN'T GO BACK TO LIVING THE SAME LIFESTYLE AS I DID BEFORE. -JAMES EARNSHAW, OAKLAND

CITY DIRECTOR
JOSH KAUFMAN-HORNER



I want to love people. I want to love all of them. I think the most important lesson I've learned this year is that of loving...[to] have the time to find that Jesus waits to be served in each person I see.

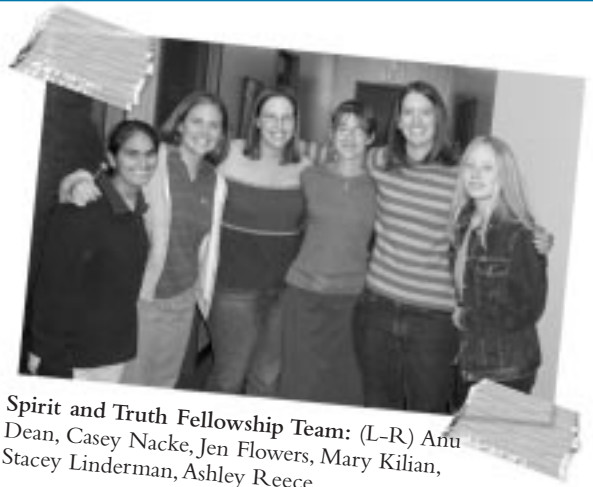
Kristin Martin



Olivet Team: (L-R) Gretchen Zuidema, Travis Kirk, James Earnshaw, Kim Williams, Linda Carlson, Jennifer Nespoli



Mt. Zion Team: (L-R) Josh Perkins, Cari Akberdin, Janice Dean, Sarah Vincent, Nathan Swanson, Josh Parker



Spirit and Truth Fellowship Team: (L-R) Ann Dean, Casey Nacke, Jen Flowers, Mary Kilian, Stacey Linderman, Ashley Reece

It is easy to forget that the whole purpose of the day might have been to make a kid smile or spend time with a lonely person in the neighborhood. It's easy to see the big picture of what helping should look like and forget what loving someone looks like.
Ann Dean, Philly

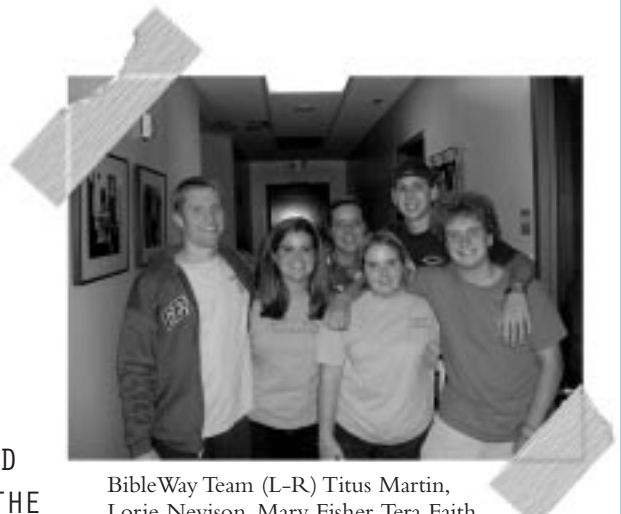
PHILADELPHIA



Bethel Temple Team: (L-R) Neil Polling, Taryn Sekula, Megan Kirk, Tressa Harvey, Sam Chung



CITY DIRECTOR
DAVID THOMPSON



BibleWay Team (L-R) Titus Martin, Lorie Nevison, Mary Fisher, Tera Faith, Jeff Malloch, Jonathan Regenold

I HAVE CONSTANTLY SEEN GOD'S PROVISION. MORE ACCURATELY, I HAVE LEARNED TO LET MYSELF SEE GOD AT WORK AND ALLOW HIM TO WORK IN AND THROUGH ME. I THINK I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I HAVE ALLOWED GOD TO WORK IN ME, AND IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE! JOSH PERKINS, PHILADELPHIA

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

IN THE LIVES OF ORDINARY PEOPLE, IN THE MIDST OF ORDINARY LIFE, THE EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENS. A YOUNG BOY IS LOVED. A CHANCE MEETING ON THE BUS HEADED DOWNTOWN TURNS INTO A GENUINE FRIENDSHIP. PEOPLE LIVE; PEOPLE LOVE. LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED..MIRACLES HAPPEN...THE ORDINARY TURNS EXTRAORDINARY.

BLAIR THOMPSON, CHICAGO

Last Friday, I spent the morning in domestic abuse court with Christie, one of my teammates,

and Ronnie and his family....Fran is accused of hitting her son Brian and so there is more than obvious tension in their relationship. Brian has also slipped quickly into the role of the 'bad' kid at school and seems to be throwing up walls wherever he can....Brian seemed to be pretty amiable to our presence despite reports from some of our other teammates that he had been hostile with them. But after being questioned by two lawyers and receiving some verbal lashings from his mother and caretaker, Brian was shutting down rapidly. He retreated to an empty chair away from the rest of us, and I eventually worked my way over to him to see if I could at least sit with him. After a bit of coaxing, I got him on my lap and just tried to hold him and let him know he was loved. I softly just whispered to him, 'It's not your fault. It's not your fault. I love you, God loves you, and it's not your fault, Brian.' His mood didn't change rapidly, his anger didn't subside instantly, and in fact he seemed to hold on to everything he could with all his might. But, I hope that his little glance up at me tells me that something sunk in. I hope my two minutes of encouragement can somehow have enough effect to at least slightly shield him from a lifetime of guilt and self-loathing...Can we really rest in the fact that all we were able to give him were a few months of the deepest love we can muster for him and really think that can change him? I guess I can't, but I think God's love through me can. My love is small, limited and finite. God's is none of those. If I let Him, I have to believe that He can work through me enough to impact Brian's life. I have nothing else to lean on...Here God must take over, because my love will not do the job.

I SOFTLY JUST WHISPERED TO HIM, 'IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. I LOVE YOU, GOD LOVES YOU, AND IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KEVIN.'

I met Shanelle on the bus headed downtown one morning several months ago.

As soon as I got on the bus, she started talking to me and before I knew it, we were both eating Jell-O pudding, laughing our heads off. Shanelle is warm, funny, full of life, and a ton of fun. Since that first day I met her, I've been drawn to Shanelle. There's just something about her that makes me want to be her friend....And so, I've found a friend, a companion in this journey heavenward, in Shanelle and her family....As I share my life with Shanelle and her family, I see more and more of the good work that God has begun in them, and I'm thankful that in God's grace, he chose me to live out the gospel of love, hope, and grace for Shanelle, her mother, and her sister.

ERIN HORENI, ATLANTA

At first all I could see was some drunk, smelly, dirty bum who had no chance,

but Gary shared with me the little love that he had been given through hanging out and our conversation. I didn't see Gary as a bum anymore; I saw Jesus in his eyes. Before I headed home Gary told me, 'If anyone gives you trouble, tell them you know Gary.' I smiled, we shook hands, he hugged me and said, 'Thank you for talking with me.' Gary needed someone to talk to as much as I needed an attitude change. Meeting Gary really touched me; he shared with me more than potato chips and a friendship but a lesson...a lesson of sharing all of God's love that has been so graciously given to me....Lord, you have loved me, now it's my turn to love you through loving others.

ANTHONY VALLEJO-SANDERSON,
OAKLAND

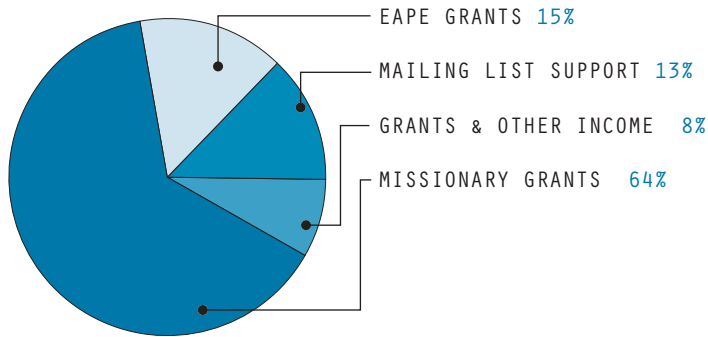
I drudged over to Annie's after choir practice, where I was to meet my two roommates, Jen and Kristin. Upon finding one another we chatted with Annie and then got permission to take her daughter Tyreeka over to our house for the day. This in itself was quite a feat, seeing as how Annie had refused Tyreeka's outings with 'those white people' earlier in the year. But alas, God had been working, and we were allowed the opportunity of more personal time with Tyreeka. And so the games began. Tyreeka's older sister, Ella, ended up tagging along and I was quite excited to actually have kids in the house. It's always been easy to play with them at the park or in the street, but getting them to come over is a-whole-nother story. Throughout the day we painted, played dominoes, wrote with chalk, and baked cookies. All were blissful and joy-filled and upon walking the girls home later that evening, with their home backed goods in tow, we ran into some other kids from the hood. Upon hearing that I had baked cookies with the girls, everyone else suddenly wanted to do the same and seeing as how it was getting late and I was getting low on flour I suggested another day. This quieted the pleas and I made my way home. After arriving home from church the following day we had all set-

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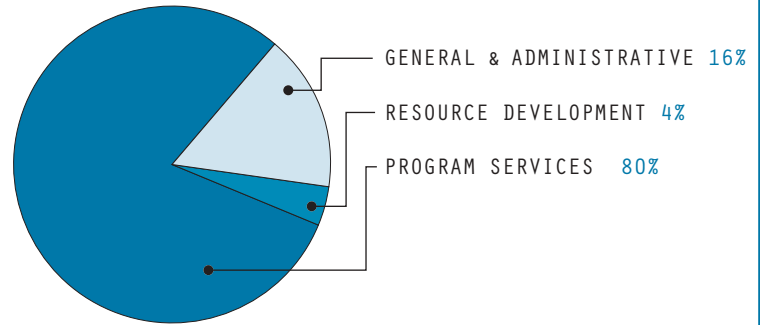
led in to finish writing our newsletters when there was a couple knocks on the door. Anthony answered it and then came to tell me I had some visitors. **When I got to the door I saw three pre-adolescent boys whom I had maybe talked to one time before, all looking at me with questioning glances awaiting a reply to the question, 'Can we make some cookies now?'** Well when you do it like that, how could I say no? I recall the rest of that day with a smile on my face, for after apron-ing up the boys and explaining the rules of baking, we had a blast together. Four more kids stopped by later in the day, and my ever tolerant teammates came out of the 'room of writing' to help me man the group. The boys made more cookies, lifted weights with the help of Chris, and the girls showed us their newly made-up dance. After clearing out the kids and sending the cookies with them, the house was a disaster, but I couldn't have been more happy. **It seemed that at last our house was being viewed as a safe one and one of warmth and love.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

SOURCES OF INCOME



EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



Mission Year
Statements of Activities
Years Ended August 31, 2001 and August 31, 2000

	Year Ended August 31, 2001		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenues and support:			
Contributions	\$ 1,120,753	\$ 272,949	\$ 1,393,702
Program fees	-	-	-
Application fees	-	2,502	2,502
Interest income	9,738	-	9,738
Realized gain on investment	-	-	-
Total revenues and support	1,130,491	275,451	1,405,942
Net assets released from restrictions	226,186	(226,186)	-
Total	1,356,677	49,265	1,405,942
Expenses:			
Bank charges	1,265	-	1,265
Board meeting expenses	364	-	364
Curriculum	16,397	-	16,397
Depreciation	8,147	-	8,147
Dues and fees	4,385	-	4,385
Group living expenses	341,733	-	341,733
Health insurance	116,798	-	116,798
Insurance	7,054	-	7,054
Office equipment leasing	2,042	-	2,042
Office expense and supplies	17,913	-	17,913
Payroll taxes	18,839	-	18,839
Pension expense	4,404	-	4,404
Postage and shipping	31,086	-	31,086
Printing, mailing and newsletters	39,237	-	39,237
Professional services	12,878	-	12,878
Revolving	24,827	-	24,827
Rent, utilities and maintenance	194,709	-	194,709
Salaries and housing allowances	282,608	-	282,608
Staff retreats and meetings	2,844	-	2,844
Telephone and internet	11,423	-	11,423
Training and conferences	21,143	-	21,143
Transportation and travel	65,896	-	65,896
Website development	1,911	-	1,911
Total expenses	1,627,723	-	1,627,723
Increase in net assets	228,934	49,265	278,219
Net assets at beginning of period	173,183	228,186	399,367
Net assets at end of period	\$ 402,117	\$ 275,451	\$ 677,568

Mission Year
Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2001 and August 31, 2000

	August 31, 2001
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 664,064
Agency transaction receivable	
Advances to city directors	31,843
Due from landlord	7,642
Prepaid expenses	33,822
Security deposits	14,740
Property and equipment:	
Computer equipment	41,168
Furniture and equipment	15,495
Less accumulated depreciation	(11,717)
Total assets	\$ 797,057
Liabilities and net assets:	
Accounts payable	\$ 5,999
Capital lease payable	9,118
Accrued expenses and taxes	4,354
Total liabilities	19,471
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	
Undesignated	223,070
Designated - general reserve	240,000
Designated - website development	13,089
Designated - video production	15,000
Designated - computer upgrade	10,976
Temporarily restricted	275,451
Total net assets	777,586
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 797,057

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