



Broken Hearts Ministry

Reaching out to the streets of Los Angeles

Looking Back & Moving Forward

Broken Hearts Ministry has much to be grateful for - and to anticipate - as we end another calendar year and enter 2011!

In 2010, BH saw two of our exciting programs flourish and make a lasting impression. Our street retirement fund - dreamt about years ago but was put into action last year - has assisted our friends in getting off of the streets and into permanent residency.

The fund is a financial grant/scholarship which is given to a qualified individual for a temporary time in an effort to get them into a safe and trustworthy living situation, and/or a stable job. 100% of those who received our grants in 2010 are now employed, in homes, and more financially independent than they were a year ago.

This Christmas I took time to hang out with our very first grant recipient and her family.

While I was in her home, all I could think about was how thankful I am that we

at BH - and our supporters - were able to play a huge role in not only getting a mother with children off the streets, but keeping them off as well. Amen!!

“White as Snow” is another program we started in 2010 that is equally impactful in its own unique way.

Thanks to the amazing partnerships with Tim and Jodi Tucker, Reality LA, Hollywood Church, Basileia, Ecclesia and the Hollywood Hub, we have been able to dive deeper into community.

Similar to *Laundry Love Projects*, individuals and

families bring their laundry and we provide the machines, quarters, and detergent. But it is so much more than just washing clothes.

This is an opportunity for us to live in community with our neighbors, (continued on pg. 2)



sharing stories, lives and resources with one another...

The ministry exceeded all expectations - from the free food, 10-20 loads of laundry, free clothes and blankets, to having a worship service and bible study after the Laundromat closed.

The icing on the cake for me was having Tim, the owner of the Laundromat, preach at "The Refuge" service while his daughter, a student at Biola University, led worship. Man, if Hollywood could gain more owners like the Tuckers, who knows what God could do in this city!

These two programs only grow as we pour our mind, heart, soul, time, energy, money and effort into them.

Please help us continue to give hope to the hopeless, and opportunities to bring the One that makes us "white as snow" to our community here in Hollywood.

There are still many things to look forward to in the year to come: strengthening partnerships, diving deeper into community, training and equipping, fundraising, fundraising, fundraising....and so much more.

Another BIG step for our ministry will be happening at the start of the year - hiring a full time employee(s)!

For those of you who may not know, we have had the amazing God-given ability to stay strong and grow as a ministry with part and full-time volunteers.

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We also understand that we would not be at a place where we could even *think* about something like this if it were not for the continued support of all our partners, family members, friends and more.

Thank you so much. Please continue to keep sowing seeds that will reap a harvest in the city of Hollywood and beyond!

-Antquan Washington, Executive Director

Stories from Santa Monica Blvd...

In the western region of the world, demons often work transparently. Through a person's thoughts, rather than speaking directly through them, an evil spirit may use a thought or mental picture to sway us into temptation.

As I began Broken Hearts, I started to recognize this mind game and what it looked like within our everyday lives. Especially after sensing it on the street one night as I waited alone for the team.



Once the opposition has your thoughts, confusion, strongholds, and disbelief will set in. When this is firmly planted, the mind ventures off into a murky calamity. The only way to get beyond this destitute point is to accept the gifts that God places before us, changing our minds and asking for a rewiring of our hearts.

I met "Jerry" on the unforgiving streets of Hollywood. He is stuck in a life filled with loneliness and fear. He has no path or direction and he suffers from the guilt and remorse of his complacency. He lives in the alley, sleeping on old sweat shirts and cardboard, constantly looking over his shoulder and lacking anyone he can truly trust. He's been mugged and beaten many times by the same people who surround him daily, along with many cruel strangers. Jerry does not like the life he leads, yet he knows no other life at this moment, and has no motivation to change the way he thinks.

But it can start when he begins to recognize his damaging thoughts and eliminate them within his everyday life. Only by seeing his thoughts for the evil that is influencing them, and making the effort to change his way of thinking can he stop his addiction and suffering and positively influence his life.

This is why scripture is so important - because it brings our heart to a point where it has no will of its own, and gives us a tool which God uses to rewire our hearts. "Among these we, as well as you, once lived and conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh, obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind..." - Ephesians 2:3

A person will get out of the Word only what he is willing to put into it. Paul warns us in Ephesians that we are not to be controlled by our sensual nature, but to think according to the Word, aligning our thoughts with God's. Jerry is hungry and needs to be fed scripture and must let it sink deep within his heart.

Meditating on God's word allows Him to shine through our darkness. And proclaiming his Word brings light to the dark streets of Hollywood. Our minds, and the way we think, play an important role in our victory!

-by Joe Powell



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Prayer Requests

- For volunteers to join our Thursday and Friday night Prayer Ministries, as well as the development of these teams.
- For financial provision as we employ 1-2 staff members in 2011.
- That God would give us divine appointments every single week and conversations with people who are ready to hear about Him.
- For the growth and discipleship of our friends who have entered rehab, transitional living, or have recently committed their lives to Christ.

Upcoming Events:

WHITE AS SNOW: February 24th & March 31st @ 10pm

Join Broken Hearts and other local churches for a monthly laundry ministry - "White as Snow". Invite friends, neighbors and strangers to get their laundry done for free on Thursday night at 10:15pm at the Launderland Coin laundromat on Santa Monica and Las Palmas. Volunteers should arrive by 9:45pm for briefing. Contact holly@brokenheartsmintistry.org for more info.

EXPOSURE NIGHT: February 25th @9pm

A bi-monthly event in Hollywood for those interested in the ministry, wanting to learn more, praying for us, or who can't commit to the weekly ministry. We'll have a fairly typical night on the streets with a Bible study and time to interact with those hanging out on the street.

9pm briefing @ 4903 Fountain Ave, Los Angeles CA 90029; 11pm start at Santa Monica & Las Palmas. Contact antquan@brokenheartsmintistry.org if you'd like to attend.

Visit <http://www.brokenheartsmintistry.org/special-events> for more details and updated volunteer opportunities.

About Broken Hearts Ministry

Who We Are: Broken Hearts is a mission-based organization that serves in Los Angeles, focusing on relational evangelism to share Christ with the broken-hearted. We seek to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people to whom we minister while communicating the gospel through our words, work and worship.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to impact the broken-hearted who live on the streets of our cities by building relationships, providing resources, demonstrating the love of Jesus, and giving them hope.

If you'd like to financially support Broken Hearts, please send donations to:

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