



Broken Hearts Ministry

Reaching out to the streets of Los Angeles

Hey Supporters,

My name is Nicholas Harmon and I have been serving the neighborhoods of Hollywood with Broken Hearts for nearly three years.

It is an honor and thrill to stand with God for this community, especially because of all the sermons and hateful propaganda in the world that stigmatize this entire neighborhood.

To be sure, Ephesians 6:1 clearly states, "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

As prayer warriors and supporters of Broken Hearts, I ask that you would pray without ceasing for God to set the captives of Hollywood free from their spiritual bondage.

In addition, please pray for spiritual strength, wisdom, and guidance for the council of leaders and volunteers that comprise Broken Hearts as we answer God's call to stand in the gap before Him on behalf of the land (Ezekiel 22:30).

Knowing that we have the support of the larger body of Christ in this work means a lot to me as well as the rest of the Broken Hearts team.

Thank you for all the prayers, finances, and donations that you have and will continue to contribute over the years.

Warm regards,

Nick Harmon
Friday Night Ministry Lead

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Changed by the Streets: A Volunteer Story

by Rachel Sovilla

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was considered one of the greatest preachers of all time, preaching to over ten million people during his career as a pastor and seeing tens of thousands come to know Christ. Yet he consistently attributed his “success” to his church basement. At any given time a person could walk into the basement and see up to 800 people praying. Prayer was at the heart of his ministry because he knew that salvation belongs to God (Revelation 7:10) and not to man.

It doesn't take much effort to see how this relates to Broken Hearts. It had been several years since we'd had a consistent prayer team, so this past summer we set out to reestablish what we consider the heartbeat of our ministry - prayer. We believe that just as God doesn't need us for evangelism but chooses to use us, He doesn't need our prayers but chooses to work through them anyway. Thus, the Broken Hearts prayer team was established on the premise that God will work through our prayers.

The launch in July was difficult, as finding anyone to commit to joining in late-night prayer seemed impossible. But God is good, and we've seen the prayer team grow from just me on Thursday nights, to both a Thursday and Friday night team of consistent individuals who meet while the street team is out.



I often hear how prayer is solely about changing the individual believer's character. This is a nice Bible school statement, but it's simply not true.

While prayer does change our character of self-sufficiency to one of trust and complete dependence on God, it also has a very real impact in the spiritual realm.

The Bible instructs us to pray without ceasing. We are told that prayer is one of the spiritual gifts; and it is worth noting that all spiritual gifts are given for the building up of the body (1 Cor. 12:7). So why would prayer be considered a spiritual gift if it were only given to benefit the individual?

The establishment of the prayer team *itself* has been an answer to prayer as I head up Thursday nights and Michelle Kim heads up Fridays. We've also seen God further establish the Friday night street team, which had been lacking consistency but now has a teaching team and faithful group of team members. All of us in Broken Hearts are

excited to see what God will do. We hope that someday we'll have 800 people all coming together to pray for the city of Hollywood.



Stories from Santa Monica Blvd...

When the content for this newsletter started to come together from the contributors, a theme of prayer began to emerge. Thanks to the efforts of our prayer ministry leaders, it has become quite clear to those of us in Broken Hearts how crucial prayer is to this ministry (and in every area of life).

Seeing how our prayers have been answered is an amazing faith-strengthener. It can help us to see that *saying* how important prayer is doesn't just sound nice and spiritual, but that it's actually true.



So here's a recap of just a handful of the answered prayers we've had since starting up again with regular prayer ministry:

- For Han, one of our long-term and most faithful prayer team members, to find a job. Han got a job recently in Virginia, which has taken him away from being with our group physically, but he continues to participate in long-distance prayer.
- For the prayer ministry to grow. We have not just one, but two nights of prayer, which have been joined by people within our church communities in Orange County and Hollywood.
- That our friend "Jake" would get sober and off of the

streets. Jake has now been sober for over 30 days and has found temporary employment.

- For the growth and development of our Friday night team. The team has grown by several people, including a few who are helping to teach a new Bible study on Friday nights. Nick has been teaching at midnight in the donut shop for several weeks now, along with other team members.
- For some of our team to be able to move up to Hollywood to be more available to serve. One has moved, one is planning a move soon and others are hoping to follow as God opens doors.
- That our relationships with local government, businesses, and other organizations would improve and allow for community development. Some of the local security guards have started attending our Bible study when they're not working and friendships are being built.
- For divine appointments each week. We continually see God bring us into conversation with people who needed to hear from him that week and have great opportunities to get into meaningful conversations and share Christ.
- For some of the young guys we see regularly on the boulevard. They've been opening up to us more and coming to bible study and showing interest in church.

This is just a snapshot of the many prayer requests that have been answered. Thank you for your prayer support and continued prayers. It does more than you'll ever know!

-Holly Pinkham



Prayer Requests

- Strength, encouragement and wisdom for our leaders, both for balancing and maintaining ministry and for personal relationships and responsibilities.
- For more volunteers to commit to our Thursday night team.
- For the growth and development of our Thursday and Friday night prayer teams.
- That God would give us divine appointments every single week and people who are ready to hear about Him and have their lives changed by Him.
- For the sobriety, growth and discipleship of our friends who are trying to stay clean and make new lives for themselves.

For questions about Broken Hearts Prayer Ministry or to get involved, contact prayer@brokenheartsministry.org

Upcoming Events:

Exposure Night – Feb. 26th; 9pm-1:30am:

A bi-monthly mission trip to Hollywood, open to those who are interested in learning more about our ministry, have been praying for us, or who can't commit to the weekly ministry.

If you'd like to participate, please contact Nick Harmon or visit www.brokenheartsministry.org/news-events

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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. Our primary demographics are homeless men and women, transsexual and homosexual prostitutes, drug addicts and dealers, runaways and club-goers, ages 14-30.

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.

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