



FAITH NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to give hope to disadvantaged children by showing them God's unconditional love and by guiding them into becoming whole persons - socially, intellectually and spiritually.

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Faith Network of the East Bay, Inc. Monthly Newsletter

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for 'unity in our community' among students, teachers, parents and principals as school begins Sept. 7.
- Pray for church partners and volunteer support for two new schools asking for help: Dewey High Sch. (E. Oakland) and Martin Luther King Jr. Elem. (W. Oakland.)

THANKS TO

- Charlotte Martinez for Dell computer donation.
- Jane Stephens, our most senior volunteer, recently moved to Covenant Village in Turlock. For the past three years Jane has served on the Newsletter Assembly Team. Saint Jane, you will be missed!

OUR VIDEO ON WEB

Faith Network's promotional video is now up on our website. To view it, go to www.faith-network.com.

CONTACT

Interested in volunteering?
Contact us :

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Refining a Star

John Scott and Joshua Jackson are in the process of composing and arranging their new song "My Plans For You"--to be released on the new **"Bear Fruit 2"** Album this fall. Joshua is twelve years old, and is one of several "Oakland Stars" who will be performing at the **Bear Fruit 2** concert on November 13.



Joshua Jackson and John Scott rehearse for Nov. 13 Bear Fruit 2 concert.



Tickets are available today on our website or you can order them by phone. Come see Oakland's talented youth shine at our second annual benefit concert! Also enjoy NewSong worship band, Pacific Boychoir, Soul Sistas and Harbor House dancers and much more.

Current and Future Volunteers: Fall Tutor Training

OCTOBER 16, PATTEN UNIVERSITY 9 am - 2 pm, catered lunch provided

Presenter: Zaretta Hammond

Join us for our new tutor training. This 5 hour workshop is designed to provide you with the tools to be an effective tutor and support student reading. You will learn about the basic components of reading development.

In addition, you will learn strategies for assessing student reading levels, selecting appropriate books for guided reading, and putting together fun, engaging activities to develop key reading skills in letter recognition, sounding out words, and reading comprehension. Look for a flyer in the mail!

RSVP (510) 336-7055 or info@Faith-Network.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This September we celebrate our 3rd anniversary of ministry to disadvantaged children and urban public schools. On September 13, 2001, Jon Blankmeyer (Faith Network Board Chair), Norman Brooks (Oakland Unified School District Administrator) and I met with Roberta Teller, Principal of Burbank Elementary. Despite the fact that Faith Network had no track record, Ms. Teller was willing for her campus to be our maiden voyage. A few weeks later the first wave of volunteers began serving Burbank.

Today, thanks to our collaborative partners, Faith Network is serving five elementary schools in Oakland: Burckhalter (in place of Burbank which has closed), E. Morris Cox, Emerson, Fruitvale, and Webster Academy.

And doors continue to open: two more schools are asking for "faith-based support" - Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, 959 12th Street (West Oakland) and Dewey High School, 1111 2nd Ave. (near Lake Merritt). We are right now in the process of identifying neighborhood churches willing to adopt these two needy campuses.

Already, the congregation of J.L Richard Terrace, a senior center across the street from Dewey, has expressed interest in getting involved. Principal Marie Roberts is excited about her students "listening to seniors talk about their heroes, share their life story and occupational background." An Alternative Education Center, Dewey has an enrollment of 300 students - "many of whom," says Ms. Roberts, "have been beaten down, but they're at Dewey because they want to succeed; they just don't know how." So the adventure of faith continues as the new school year unfolds and more opportunities come our way to seek the shalom of the city. Thanks to so many of you who are upholding Faith Network by your prayer support, volunteer service and financial gifts.

Sincerely,



OFFICE SPACE SEARCH

Faith Network is now actively looking for office space to lease in Oakland. We need 1,000 - 1,200 sq. ft. for 3 offices, conference and storage areas. Hopefully in the \$1.00 per sq. ft. range. Any leads?

Please call or email us if you have any information.



NEWS

SPONSOR THE CONCERT

Sponsors are needed to help underwrite our upcoming Bear Fruit 2 benefit concert Nov. 13 at Skyline High School. A sponsor is a business, organization or individual who will make a \$1,000 or \$500 contribution.

All net proceeds of the concert will go toward supporting services to urban schools in Oakland.

Please forward names and contact information of

potential sponsors within your sphere of influence. Checks should be made payable to Faith Network. All proceeds are tax deductible. Tax ID #No. 94-3403801.

