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New Horizons Ministries Quarterly Newsletter

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*(Straight From Late Night.....continued from front page)*

I would like to share the story and words of another young woman we have been working with:

"The streets can be a lonely and terrifying place. It is very difficult to hang on to a sense of self-worth in this life-style; and it is easy to get lost in a sea of self-pity and low self-esteem. However, the LNO women at NHM have proved to me that there are still good-hearted people in the world and I am thankful that other people believe in me as much as I had been trying to believe in myself.

I will forever be thankful for the opportunity NHM provided for me to get an education. When I was told that they would pay for my education I was skeptical because on the streets, you're offered many false hopes and this makes it difficult to believe that people will follow-through. Personally, I thought there was a catch! Nevertheless, I applied to college and when I bought my supplies it hit me: "This is really happening!" I enrolled in Math and English and it had been 3 years since I'd been in a classroom. I had never felt as proud and honorable as I did when I finished the quarter with an accumulative GPA of 3.68! I was reminded that I can conquer any goals and dreams that I put my mind to, and that there is a bright future for me.

I would like to thank NHM and the donors for making this experience possible. Words can't express how much it has meant to me to be given second chance to follow my dreams. The emotional and financial support has been amazing and boosted the confidence of someone who really needed it. This opportunity and the people involved I will carry in my heart all the days of my life.

## NHM Wish List

**Late Night Outreach** (All food items individually wrapped.)  
Please label donations as "LNO" so we'll know who they're for!

+Cookies +Candy +Fruit Snacks +Gum +Nuts  
+Bottled Water +Single bag chips

LNO is also asking for donations to cover costs associated with printing scripture/outreach cards they pass out on the street.

### Computer Needed!

Minimum Specifications:  
♦ P3 ♦ 256 MB ♦ 900 MHZ

### Computer Projector Needed!

Must connect to desktop or PC using standard, serial, parallel, or usb connectivity. Also needs to have a projector cable and a functioning lamp!

If you would like to discuss contributing these computer items please contact Rudy Renfro @ 206-374-0866 ext. 106 or rudy@nhmin.org.

### Monthly WorkGroups!

Please contact John James at ext. 102 or johnj@nhmin.org if you have a group that would like to help clean NHM on a monthly basis!

## NHM Global Reaches India

Contributed by Ron Ruthruff  
Director of Ministry & Program Development



As our work with street kids has deepened over the years I have come to realize that the urban youth worker needs an eclectic blend of working disciplines to effectively serve homeless adolescents. NHM staff must be advocates for you in court and able to navigate through the justice system. They must understand chemical dependency and the culture that develops from addiction. The youth worker must have some family systems theory and basic counseling skills, as well as some theological training that enables them to share how the story of God intersects with the human story. In the middle of all that, we must also know something about the normal psychosocial development of the adolescent. If you were to observe or participate in our tri-annual staff training, you would see how understanding these disciplines are vital to our work here at NHM.

The development of NHM training topics has created great partnerships in the greater community. Rita Nussli, our Executive Director, teaches social work courses at Seattle Pacific University, and I have taught Adolescent Development and Youth Culture at Trinity Lutheran College for the past 7 years. In addition, for the past 3 years I have been teaching and guest lecturing at Bakke Graduate School (BGU). BGU is based in Seattle and offers Masters and Doctorate programs that utilize cities all over the world as the classroom. BGU provides training for urban pastors and ministry practitioners that connect theology to practice. Theological education and ministry have been disconnected from each other for much too long. BGU empowers their students to position ministries like NHM as laboratories to analyze theory. For lack of a better metaphor, the BGU strategy is to move the wine press closer to the vineyard. It has been a

gift to give lectures and tours of NHM to BGU clergy visiting from all over the world.

Last October, BGU invited me to travel with them to Mumbai (Bombay), India to visit street youth programs and present lectures on adolescent development. Mumbai is a huge city, very poor, and terribly overcrowded. Of the approximate 18 million people, Christians make up about 2% of the total population. Hinduism controls much of the country and claims the largest percentage of people and with it comes a caste system that is filled with complexity. However, complex as this system may be it very clearly dictates where you live and work, who you marry, and impacts almost every other facet of the lives of Indian people.

While this country is so poor and predominantly Hindu, colonialism and a newfound technology industry has begun to westernize their culture  
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## Straight From the Heart of Late Night

Contributed by Shelia Houston  
Late Night Outreach (LNO) Coordinatoor

As the new LNO Coordinator here at New Horizons, I am blessed to serve as a leader and guide for our LNO volunteers as we love, pray, support, and fast for the deliverance of young women involved in prostitution. God has called us to serve these women and we work to see their dreams resurrected.

On my second night out serving, I had the privilege of meeting a beautiful young

woman. She began to talk about how she had gone to church before but didn't feel like the message was helpful to her. She continued to tell her story and shared that she had asked God for deliverance, but she didn't believe that this deliverance could happen in her life. We spoke for a while longer and then she went back to work.

A few minutes later, another woman came around the corner complaining about the woman that I had just spoken to! She complained that she was being

pressed about leaving the life of prostitution because if she died, there would be nobody to care for her 3 children. It was a blessing for me on this night to see that the deliverance that the first woman believed could not happen had actually already begun! The beginning of her deliverance was the concern that she showed for the other worker, as well as in showing compassion for the children. It is amazing to see how God works in the lives of the women we serve on LNO.

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## 2005 Dessert Congratulations!

New Horizons Ministries was richly blessed at the 2005 Dessert Extravaganza!

Together we raised over **\$141,000 (cash/pledges)!**

Thank you so much for all that you did to make the 2005 Dessert a success!

## Hard Shoes to Fill

Contributed by Sarah Murphy-Kangas  
Program Manager

It's strange to say good-bye to my wonderful supervisor and to step into her role at the very same time! Mary Enstad has left NHM to have her second child, and I'm transitioning in to her role as Program Manager. I've been the Volunteer Resources Coordinator for 5 1/2 years - facilitating training and orientations, supervising self-care volunteers, screening and interviewing all potential volunteers, and loving my job.

I've been ready for a change, though, and am excited to begin support and oversight of all the Program Coordinators here. They're an amazing crew, and I look forward to how we can serve our youth together. Many of you have talked to me about volunteering or have been through NHM training at some point, and I have been privileged to meet you in those places - thank you for helping to make my job so enjoyable. We hope to introduce our new Volunteer Resources Coordinator to you in our next newsletter!

## A Ministry of Reconciliation

Contributed by Rita Nussli, Executive Director

'After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' - Revelation 7:9-10

For several years, NHM has been on a journey to become a multi-cultural ministry that reflects God's true kingdom, celebrates cultural competency, and strives to undo institutional racism. Our mission is clear: to be in relationship with homeless youth, serving and loving in the way of Jesus, equipping youth to leave street life. Focusing on a ministry of reconciliation in obedience to God's direction gives us the most effective tools to fulfill our mission.

Moving towards a harvest of reconciliation required the tilling of very hard dirt and the removal of many stones. This process involved inviting Pastor Harvey Drake from Emerald City Bible Fellowship (ECBF) to teach us the basics of racial reconciliation. NHM staff, our Board of Directors, and many volunteers also attended a two-day training on Undoing Institutional Racism provided by the People's Institute. We have read Divided By Faith together, and discussed the implications it has in our journey of reconciliation as we move forward. Additionally, many of us live and worship in multi-cultural communities and churches and continue to be blessed and renewed by experiencing God's glory in culturally diverse settings. We have now truly begun planting seeds of relationship in our communities; building trust as we make mistakes, seek forgiveness, and try again. God has also begun to call people from other cultures and ethnicities to partner with NHM in the work of growing this amazing garden of reconciliation.

We have built a team comprised of staff, Board Members and volunteers called M.O.R (Ministry of Reconciliation). This group serves as a guide to ensure that cultural competency and anti-racist principles are grounded in our services, mission, values, and ministry mandates. Ernie Cathcart, a member of ECBF and a staff member at Casey Family Services has come alongside NHM to serve as a consultant for M.O.R. This team is also committed to training our staff in methods and sharing knowledge that will empower everyone at NHM to be culturally competent and to speak out against our own practices of institutionalized racism. We are continuing to learn how to identify and deconstruct the principles that perpetuate these systems of inequality within our organization. God has led an amazing group of people here in the past year and as a result, 45% of our staff are people of color. We are a staff that is committed to speaking truth to our brothers and sisters, and calling each other to an even greater accountability in this ministry of reconciliation.

Our hiring process is no exception to NHM's commitment to racial reconciliation. It has become our commitment that when we have an open position that we advertise in a way that opens the door for us to have a diverse pool of applicants to choose from. We are committed to interviewing applicants from a variety of races, cultures, and educational backgrounds. As always, we pray faithfully for God to provide clarity about which candidate the position should be offered to. We always submit to His authority. I believe God is taking NHM to a time of harvest. A time when there is great beauty in the diversity of people that make up our paid staff, Board, and volunteers. It is a blessing to know that you are part of this journey as well.

## Hunter Remembered

Contributed by Rita Nussli, Executive Director

Last summer a friend of mine introduced me to a young man named Hunter who was 18 and had a tumor in his brain. He had a deep and abiding care for the homeless and due to his illness, the Make-A-Wish Foundation had approached Hunter about making his wish to help the homeless come true. We invited Hunter and his Mom to come and tour NHM and I was amazed at his deep caring for hurting people. After this meeting, Hunter responded to Make-A-Wish and asked if they would support NHM's work with street youth as his wish! This was a request that had never been made before, but it was agreed upon and we all worked together to give a gift that would bless all parties. We decided that 3 leather couches would be obtained for the drop-in center to help make our youth feel loved. Hunter went home to be with God on December 31st and I had the honor of speaking at his memorial. His life impacted so many in such a short time as Hunter, his family, and friends poured out many blessings on our street youth. We celebrate Hunter as an honorary NHM staff member, thank God for Hunter's gifts of love, and look forward to building upon the legacy of new partnerships that Hunter has blessed us with.



## NHM Welcomes New Urban Ministry Intern!



NHM is thrilled to introduce Miyuki Bigelow as our new Urban Ministry Intern! She has a degree in American Studies and a minor in Japanese from the University of Washington. Miyuki brings to NHM a true passion for social and racial justice and hopes to always be able to utilize her education in the workplace. She loves to travel and to learn from different cultures and especially appreciates the food! She and her husband Brian live in the Rainier Valley and worship and serve and Emerald City Bible Fellowship.

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...ents in Mumbai are not exempt from this process. Teenagers are "going out" and contrary to the caste system are ...ives who they will marry. Ancient music is being rapped and performers are sporting hip-hop clothing.

... truly amazed to see the Christian mission being fulfilled in such a complicated urban environment. One organization that we ...ore than a single, tiny room in a slum of over 600,000 people. This ministry was committed to reaching out to the women ...ere some 80% of sex workers were HIV positive. The local police were not very helpful; the rumor was that many policemen paid ...hborhoods where they could further exploit these women. One can quickly see the potential epidemic for all of Mumbai's ...nber of this organization, had begun to develop relationships with the women; assessing their needs and connecting a network of ...ed 'A Place of Grace.' Vera was building a community of trust in the midst of desperation.

...um churches on Sunday. In a singular ghetto of 1 million people, we saw churches alive and looking for God to reveal himself. ...ot begun the service, but was filled with adolescent girls praying before the rest of the churchgoers arrived. This church of about ...ut 8 missionaries to plant churches in different parts of the ghetto. We visited a second church packed with about 200 parishio- ...People sat in the windows and in the alleys just to hear the Word. The pastor invited us up front and introduced us to his people ...of Eden and of these (his congregates) are my beautiful flowers!' As my colleagues and I stepped onto the small platform we ...e standing on Holy ground.

...g ministries and outreach organizations and engaging in plenty of rich conversations, I was then able to present lectures on the ...of adolescents. I also provided guidance on how to design programs to address the specific challenges associated with the ...elopment. These sessions were presented to BGU students as well as some local Urban Ministry Practitioners we met in Mumbai. ...g to teach in this international context and I presented. It became clear to me what adolescent issues are ...e at NHM, and which are universally true in the global context.

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...taught me far more than anything I could have taught the people of Mumbai. I met ...beauty of those they served, beauty prompting a response of unconditional love. ...asked God to create something out of nothing, because nothing was all they ...e BGU for creating an opportunity for theology, theory, and practice to be

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