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New Horizons Ministries Quarterly Newsletter

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Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.



With these words, the Apostle Paul closed one of the most famous chapters of Scripture in the entire Bible, 1 Corinthians 13. This beautiful writing of Paul tells us that when we strip away all of the various cultural understandings, complex doctrines and denominational trappings we so often pile on top of the Christian message, what we find residing at the very core are "faith, hope, and above all love." It's these core Christian understandings that guide both our mission and ministry at New Horizons. *Faith*, given to us by God's grace, informs us and calls us to live out lives of service and love in the manner of Jesus. *Hope* continually holds out the possibility for changed lives and new ways of living for Seattle's street involved youth. And God's never-ending, never-failing *Love* empowers our team of professional Christian care givers and loving volunteers to tirelessly work to build trust and relationship in the face of pain, mistrust, and rejection.

I'm Dan Shelly and I feel humbled to be given the opportunity to serve as the new Executive Director of New Horizons Ministries. Even as God leads our departing Executive Director into new areas of ministry and service, Rita leaves behind a wonderful legacy - a healthy and vibrant ministry with 30 years of experience making a real difference in the lives of Seattle's street youth. I'm excited to participate in the vision, growth, healing, and hope that God has in store for New Horizons Ministries over the next 30 years.

At New Horizons we remain an intentionally diverse community of Christian believers united by a common call of service to these discarded youth, loving them in the way of Jesus. As we walk together, it is my heartfelt desire to come to know each of you as friends and companions on this journey. There will be several informal gatherings over the next few months to help us meet one another, but I also invite your phone calls, emails, letters, and especially those times when you are able to drop by and say, "Hi!"

I look forward with joy to our journey together.

In Christ's Love,
Dan

Finishing Well

Contributed by Rita Nussli

December 31, 2008 marked my completion of 22 years as the Executive Director of New Horizons. In January 2009, New Horizons' next director, Dan Shelly began his tenure as Executive Director. As I spent the first day of his orientation with Dan I was reminded what a great God we serve. Here was the exact right person to lead NHM into completion of the vision God has set before us.

For the last year, I have been getting ready for NHM's next leader. I had a list of 10 tasks that God had given me for NHM to complete in 2008 (see last newsletter). Five of these tasks are completed, one is ongoing (the day to day fulfilling of our mission statement), and four are well on their way to completion. Street Bean Espresso is steadily moving towards its' opening as we pray for the Murdock Trusts' decision for completion of funding in February. We are currently writing the grants for the 10-year facelift of our building at 2709 3rd Ave., and hoping to begin work on that before summer sets in. The program to give our ministry away to others around the country (teaching them what God has taught us about the way to minister to homeless and street involved youth) has been developed and we are preparing to write the grants to fund a three year pilot of this training program. Our Board voted unanimously to move towards providing apartment living in a supportive community setting once our new director was in place, Street Bean is open and operational, the 10 year face lift is complete, and funding is stable. This is a long term dream so please pray for its completion.

As I have worked towards finishing my tenure well, God gave me a picture of Joshua taking over after Moses and leading the children of Israel into the Promised land. God let them know that they had already been given the Promised Land; they just needed to go in and take it. I believe God has given New Horizons the coffee shop, the renovation, the training to give away around the country, and the apartment building ...we just need to enter the Promised Land and take what God has given us. I'm excited to see God's hand of provision as New Horizons completes the vision God has given to us, now under Dan Shelly's leadership.

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Items to Donate?

NHM is currently in need of the following items! If you are able to donate, please drop items off between 1pm and 4pm Monday - Friday or by scheduling a specific time.

We greatly appreciate your generosity!

- youth appropriate men's pants - size L & XL
- youth appropriate women's tops - size XL & XXL
- womens underwear - size 5 & 6
- deodorant
- volunteers to deep clean kitchen monthly
- electric beaters
- large rice cooker
- large crock pot

For Late Night Outreach:

- Individually wrapped:
 - Hot Cider, Candies & Fruit Snacks
- Gloves, Knitted Hats & Scarves
- An emergency kit

Finishing Well continued:

Thank you for the joy of serving as the leader of this most amazing ministry to those in great need. I have loved my tenure at New Horizons. You have blessed me and the youth we all love in awesome ways. I will be around (off site) for up to six months meeting with our supporters and helping to raise funds for operations and completion of the 4 tasks yet to finish. I ask you to take a step closer to this ministry we share and a step deeper in your involvement, blessing Dan (our new leader), the staff, and especially the youth we all serve.

My next calling involves being ordained in the Free Methodist Church in June and then a move into providing spiritual direction for leaders; calling these leaders into a deeper intimacy with God and to a fresh awareness of how to lead from that place of intimacy. I am in anticipation of this next call upon my life which I am grateful for...afterall, it is tough to beat the joy that comes from serving at New Horizons Ministries!

God in the Jail

Submitted by Zach McCauley, Counselor/Case Manager

Watching youth we serve come to know God personally brings me more joy than any other part of my job. As people who care about God's work among our youth, know that God has used jail time in particular to bring five young men to Himself in the last eight months. Below is one of their stories.

Last spring, two youth we serve were involved in a fight that ended in the death of another man. The first time I went to visit David (name changed) in jail, he was angry, bitter, and full of hatred. A month later I encountered a radically different individual. He told me, "I found God, Zach. I have life and energy and hope - I didn't even know that hope was real until I met God!" Being bored in jail, he started reading the Bible. He kept reading until somewhere in 1 Samuel when he had a profound encounter with God. David told me, "At that moment I knew God was real and that He loved me deeply. I found out a few days later that He not only loved me, but that He can change my heart." David then told me the story of a jail mate suddenly beating him one day. David sat there and took the punches instead of retaliating, as was his habit. When his jail mate realized David wasn't fighting back, he stopped, apologized, began to cry, and held out his hand for a shake. David had a chance to share with him how God had changed his heart. Praise God for bringing new life out of David's situation and for the power of Scripture.

In Genesis 50:20, Joseph says to his brothers who sold him (leading to imprisonment in Egypt), "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Similarly, David is on a mission within the jail to introduce more inmates to God. He's corresponding via letters with unbelievers and also hosts an ongoing prayer meeting. David understands how spending his time in jail feeling sorry for himself and also anticipating the day of release from jail distract him from opportunities to love people within jail. Like Joseph, pray that God continues using David's situation for the saving of many lives.

Please join us in applauding our own
Late Night Outreach Manager,
Sheila Houston, for being recognized in our
community!

Sheila has been nominated by Kelly Hogan, a LNO volunteer, for the
Making a Difference for Women Award
given by the Soroptimist organization! This award is given to women
who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women
or girls.

Please pray that this very special recognition allows Sheila to share the
stories of the young women her team serves and to make more people
aware of the work of New Horizons Ministries on the streets of Seattle!

In the words of our youth...

Free
by Shayla

Free is the ability to say
"I love you" and to feel loved

Free is the wind in your hair
The puddle gathering rain
and the smile a stranger gives you.

Free is the sound of your friend's laughter
echoing in your ears.

Free is faith
for all people.

Free is the right to choose your path on life's journey.
Free is equal, strong and FREE!

GET CONNECTED

Everyone is invited to join us at an upcoming **Community Tour** and learn more about how we are working to transform the streets of Seattle!

Upcoming Dates: February: 4th at 9am & 17th at 6pm
March: 4th at 9am & 17th at 6pm
April: 1st at 9am & 14th at 6pm

Are you curious about what happens at our Drop-In Center?

Join us for our next **Development Dinner** to serve a meal to our youth and your eyes will be opened! On the second Wednesday of every month you can take part in this unique opportunity!

If you are interested in joining us for either of these opportunities, please contact Carina at carinas@nhmin.org / 206-374-0866 x.103 or on our website at www.nhmin.org.

Street Bean Espresso

Update

Contributed by Linda Ruthruff

I'm thrilled to announce that the lease for Street Bean Espresso has been signed and we are tying up some of the last strings in order to start renovation of our new business site.

On January 12, 2009, NHM's Board of Directors unanimously approved for Street Bean Espresso to enter into a lease agreement with John Loacker, and Kroll Map Co., for our future café site at 2700 3rd Ave., Seattle. John has been supportive and enthusiastic about our project from the beginning, and in an effort to provide us with every possibility for success has offered Street Bean free rent through March 2010!! We are humbled and so grateful for his generous support of our young people and this future business. Our projected opening date is June 2009.

If you have carpentry, painting, electrical, or plumbing skills that you would like to donate, or if you would like to make a financial contribution to this exciting venture we'd love to hear from you.

For more information about our new sustainable business please contact Linda Ruthruff at lindar@nhmin.org or visit www.streetbeanesspresso.org.

Adaptive Life Skills Mentorship Program

Contributed by Audrey Baedke

Do you remember your first day of work at your first job? What excitement did you feel? What worries did you have? Could you imagine being eighteen, having no home and no job experience? What barriers would keep you from feeling prepared for a job? One youth, when recently offered a position through the New Horizons Adaptive Life Skills Mentorship Program said, "Really? I have a job? I didn't think I would ever be hired by anyone. I also didn't think I would want to be. But I think I'm ready for this."

The Adaptive Life Skills Mentorship Program hires youth for eight weeks, giving them the opportunity to learn about themselves, how to interact with others, and how to balance life and work. It consists of three weekly commitments: Life Skills Workshops, which are interactive activities and a discussion focused on life topics and issues; The Bridge, where youth visit professionals, learn about their jobs and their personal experiences entering the working world; and one-on-one work with New Horizons employees, working together to learn life skills and completing tasks.

For most youth in the Adaptive Life Skills Mentorship Program, this is their first work experience and the only commitment to their time. Each group is diverse, and the youth are often unfamiliar with one another. They begin nervous, shy, and unsure of themselves. Throughout the program, they build community with one another, with staff at New Horizons, and adults throughout Seattle. They are encouraged and challenged, and invited to encourage and challenge one another. They are given options outside of the program as they work with a Case Manager to achieve personal goals. And they work hard. By the end of the program, they walk with a visible confidence. When working on her résumé at the end of the eight weeks, one youth commented, "It is strange when I try to describe myself now because I am not the same person I was before New Horizons. I have changed so much through Mentorship."

If you are interested in learning more about the Mentorship or are interested in being a Bridge host, please contact Danielle Jones at daniellej@nhmin.org or Audrey Baedke at audreyb@nhmin.org.

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Dessert Extravaganza ever!

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During the program, a beautiful painting was created by Scott Erickson and we want to share it with you!

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