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I continue to walk with these children of God wherever life leads them, and I encourage and love them every step of the way. There are not many places where you can get paid to do that!

I used to tell my supervisor that NHM was crazy to pay me because I would do this work for free, but my wife told me to stop because someone might take me seriously! Truth be told, I still feel that way 3 years later. God doesn't always use the spectacular to change lives, but when He changes lives, it is always spectacular! Spending time with youth sweeping floors or fixing broken things, when done in the way of Jesus, leads me to great revelation about God's love. Through prayer and God's grace, I know it does for our youth as well.

NOTE: I am currently looking for groups and individuals to come and adopt our building one night a month for cleaning, organizing, painting, and helping to trim down an endless to-do list. Your availability and commitment would be a huge blessing both to our youth and our building. Please contact me for more information at : 206-374-0866 or johnj@nhmin.org.

Sign up for September Training!!!

If you are interested in volunteering with NHM or simply want to learn more about youth involved with street culture, our training is a great place to start. The 17-hour training covers many topics including an overview of street culture, prostitution, chemical dependency, relational counseling, and the theology of our ministry at NHM. Both sessions must be completed in order to volunteer in a direct service role:

Saturday Sept. 17	830 am - 530pm
Saturday Sept. 24	900am - 500pm

To register please contact Sarah Murphy-Kangas at: 206-374-0866 ext. 110 or sarahmk@nhmin.org.

Registration is \$50 and partial scholarships are available.



NHM Across the Globe

Contributed by Ron Ruthruff
Director of Ministry & Program Development

As the Director of Ministry and Program Development at New Horizons, an important part of my job is establishing new partnerships by giving tours of our facility. These tours have become a tool for educating the community about who our kids are, where they come from, how we serve them, and the theological themes that support our philosophy of ministry. Pastors, educators, congregants, theology students, and concerned community members all come through our doors. Recently, through one of these tours, the door was opened to sharing NHM's vision for serving youth internationally.

During a tour I gave several months ago I introduced Mr. Chinn, the retired Minister of Religious Affairs of Vietnam, to the work of New Horizons. Two local pastors were hosting Mr. Chinn as he travelled through Seattle to get a sense of how faith-based agencies



are addressing social problems. The tour was followed by an invitation from Mr. Chinn to come and tell the New Horizons story to various groups in Vietnam and Cambodia. Last month, I travelled to 5 major cities in these countries. Also on the trip was Naomi Nguyen, the Mentorship Program Manager and Ministry of Reconciliation Chair at NHM, Dale Sewell, who is the pastor of Mercer Island Presbyterian Church and has been building relationships in Vietnam for the past 12 years, Ray Bakke, a prolific writer on the subject of urban ministry, and Nancy Murphy, the Executive Director of Northwest Family Life, a faith-based agency addressing the issue of domestic violence. This trip was an amazing opportunity to learn from new people, listen to a new culture, and share the NHM vision of working with street kids.

Together, we visited youth service agencies and discussed the need for training partnerships with higher education. We also spoke to colleges that were willing to be a conduit for social change within the cities. There were opportunities to lecture to political leaders and city planners regarding the impact of urbanization on a culture that has historically operated from an agricultural paradigm.

Due to major cultural and religious differences, levels of political bureaucracy and language barriers, I often wondered what exactly was going on, and what I was doing there. I did learn that Vietnam's history is riddled with foreign occupation, imperialism, and negative feelings about religion. Many Vietnamese leaders would tell us that the French brought with them Catholicism and stayed to occupy and colonize Vietnam for 100 years.

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My Time

Contributed by Danielle

I came into contact with New Horizons Ministries about 2 years ago through the Late Night Outreach (LNO) Program. The LNO team are out every Friday night from 11 pm to 3 am, serving young women working the streets and they give help to so many. They pass out information on services we need, bad date lists, hygiene items, snacks, warm drinks and also always provide someone we can talk to about anything. I have really bonded with most of the women that come out to spend time with us and love us.

About a month ago, I was asked if I would be interested in a mentorship program at NHM. I came to the orientation and decided that it was something I definitely wanted to do. Not only because it is something to fill my time, but because of all that this opportunity will offer. I am learning life skills that will be very valuable for my future including how to work in an office environment, and how to act around professional people. I have met many wonderful and delightful people since I started my mentorship and they love

having someone around that needs and values their help.

The LNO team were the first people from NHM that I met and without them I wouldn't be where I am today! These women praise any accomplishment I make and give me options to make my future brighter. They say I am a strong and beautiful leader, and I say that they are the same. Especially because they have the courage to stand on the streets with us. I know God sent them to us for help, and the compassion in their hearts brings them back every Friday.



2005!

Thank you so much to all of you who helped out and participated in our 15th annual Walk-a-thon!

With your hard work we were able to raise over \$32,000 for Seattle's homeless youth! These graciously donated funds will go to support our outreach and drop-in services.



Thanks again to all of you who were a part of making the 2005 Walk a success. We couldn't have done it without you, and we hope so much that you will join us again next year!

Please provide any feedback you may have to:

EdwardF@nhmin.org

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Contributed by John James
Facilities Manager

I don't mean to brag, but I must tell you that I have the best job in the world! I am blessed to have perhaps the most diverse position here at New Horizons Ministries. Though my title of Facilities Manager would imply that I spend all my time cleaning or repairing stuff, in reality, I find that only a portion of my day is actually dedicated to the physical process of maintaining our great facility.

A normal day for me is anything but normal and throughout the week, I see the truth of our mission statement lived out in my 'non-routine' routine. I started out at New Horizons as an Outreach Volunteer. When I became the Facilities Manager some of the relationships that began when I was a volunteer came with me. I am now able to have kids help with projects around the building whether it be painting, cleaning, or helping me build or repair things. The time we spend together might not always be the most productive in terms of completing the job, but I am often blessed in seeing God's plans worked out in the life of a youth while we are together. It is also an honor to be part of their life's journey!

The best part of my job is being involved in the mentorship programs. The mentorship opportunities that we offer our kids fulfill the 'equipping youth to leave street life' portion of our mission statement in a very meaningful way. I have been a privilege to work with young men anywhere from 6-12 hours per week. My commitment is to meet them wherever they are in life on a particular day, and to walk with them to a place where they are better able to understand what society expects. Though they don't always choose to walk down these paths, the things that they learn still become a part of their lives.

I have also been greatly blessed to see youth walk into the place that God has prepared for them. Long-time clients who we had all but given up on enter our mentorship programs and radically change their lives by getting clean from drugs, facing troubled pasts, and coming to peace with who they are. Perhaps the most important thing that can happen is that our youth learn that there is no limit to what they can accomplish. It is amazing to be in a position to witness this!

Sadly though, I have seen youth leave the mentorship program after just a few weeks because the time was not right for them, or because the nature of their street life was such that they could not meet the responsibility of a structured time commitment. But these were not failures! All these young men are near and dear to my heart and I am still in relationship with most of them.

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Redemption

Contributed by Laura Moon
Outreach Services Coordinator

Each month the staff at New Horizons Ministries have the opportunity to share what God has been doing in the lives of the youth they are in relationship with. In the past several months, much of our praise was focused on a youth that we will call 'Tyler.' He has recently finished his training with the Barista Program (provided by the Orion Center), was offered a full time position at a local coffee shop, and moved into an apartment! To fully understand the significance of these changes it is important to look at where Tyler was 6 years ago when we first met

Tyler came from a home where his parents struggled with addiction and as a young teenager he was asked to leave the home. All children love their parents and long for their parents to be proud of them. For Tyler, there was an incredible tension between wanting to make his parents proud and carrying around hurt and anger that he did not know how to express. In drop-in we were able to see this anger as it was expressed to peers and staff, and it was often exaggerated because of drug use. We experienced Tyler harming himself to try and cope with his pain, and we listened while he spoke of hopelessness for the future. At this time, there were many challenges that were standing in the way of Tyler's desire for a different life.

What I love about working at New Horizons is the opportunity to pray with youth in their places of hopelessness and watching as God redeems the pain of their past. In the last 2 years we have seen exponential growth in Tyler's life. Tyler pursued going back to school, completed the first phase of the mentorship program here and also started the second phase. He was able to complete the Barista Training Program, secure an internship, as well as gain full-time employment while getting into an apartment! In the midst of all of this success, Tyler did experience doors closing on him. Despite the discouragement that arose, he focused on continuing to pursue other opportunities. It has been amazing to see the transformation in this young man's life.

I recently visited Tyler at his work and was overwhelmed with God's faithfulness and love for him. As I watched Tyler take orders and make drinks while explaining to me how everything worked, I was so proud of him and felt privileged to have watched his journey.

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They would talk about the 'American War' and reflect on the U.S Government's use of missionaries to promote an American bias toward the issues that revolved around the war. Whatever your political perspective, it was clear that the Vietnamese political leadership felt double-crossed by religion and had difficulty separating faith from the politics and power of the West. It was great to share how faith can be an agent of change and transformation. It was also important to share how NHM has been able to rally large numbers in the faith community to address the problem of homeless youth and that problems such as poverty, addiction, and domestic violence can be addressed using the same faith-based relational strategies.

University curriculum reflected the difficult economic challenges faced by Vietnam. These institutions are currently focusing on technology and language because they realize that technology trade and tourism will be the best ways to boost Vietnam's economy. Our dialogue with them revolved around how they can also be places that promote social ethics, and help students reflect on issues that can hinder communities from living up to their spiritual, social, and economic capacity. New Horizons partnerships with places like Seattle Pacific University and the Bakke Graduate School have connected practice to philosophy in this way. These conversations and case studies led to discussions of learning institutions that can serve the community and connect to practical human services organizations.

Many of the youth services organizations that we visited were truly incredible. They are doing so much for the kids despite so few economic and human resources available. NHM has always believed that trained and supported volunteers multiply the effectiveness of our work. We were able to describe for these agencies how NHM trains, supervises and supports our community members to work directly with the youth that we serve.

Finally, I would like to express how I am grateful to Naomi Nguyen, her trip home had it's own set of challenges and she truly persevered. NHM continues to strive to be a culturally competent agency and the work we have done here was invaluable in Vietnam. My co-workers of color at NHM are teaching me how to be a humble learner, and a cross-cultural listener. NHM has always dreamed of learning and partnering in ways that will help kids all over the world. To that end, we were gifted with the opportunity to share that NHM is a multi-cultural agency, seeking to be in relationship with homeless youth, serving and loving in the way of Jesus, equipping youth to leave street life.

2005 Dessert Extravaganza

Friday, November 4th

Please mark your calendar for this important annual event!

