



INTERCEPT

Connect. Serve. Empower.

July 2008

Project Intercept Fall Programs



**Cheryl Lowe,
Project Intercept
Coordinator**

Join us from September 26-28 at Pole Cat Hollow (off Dessau Road here in Austin) to continue in relationship with elementary aged kiddos on a camp out! We need volunteers to mentor children, to lead group activities, or to give an hour at meal times to help prepare, serve, and clean up.

Big Fish After School Program starts up again the first week of September! We need volunteers to commit to come to MP's Community Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 2:30 - 5:15pm to help with homework, play outside, and study the Bible with children from Central East Austin.

CrossTrainers will begin again on September 20th from 11am - 1pm. Come to love on children, play games, study the Bible and eat pizza for lunch every 3rd Saturday of the month during the school year!

- Cheryl Lowe,
Project Intercept Coordinator

Email Cheryl@MPAustin.org if God is prompting you to serve Him through any of these opportunities!



Christmas in July?

With the heat and drought here in Austin, it is hard to start thinking about ministry plans for the winter season (except when daydreaming of cooler weather).

Even so, we are beginning to make plans for this year's His-Story presentation at the Mission: Possible! Center. As you may remember, last year we were led by the Lord to discontinue our "Christmas Store" and offer the gift of the Good News of God's eternal purposes for mankind made known by His Son, Jesus Christ. His-Story is a live presentation of the life and purpose of Jesus Christ. There were many who came to help build the set, participate in the program and interact with people who came to it. As we make preparations this year, we will need your help to make this possible.

Please contact us if you are interested in participating in this year's His-Story presentation. Keep an eye on the website for updates and details as well as an informational video about the program.

- Tim Pinson, Jr.
Director of Ministries



It's time to begin praying and preparing for His-Story 2008!

Fall Volunteer Opportunities



Big Fish After School Program begins first week of September MWF from 2:30 - 5:15pm

CrossTrainers begins Sept. 20 3rd Saturdays from 11 am - 1pm

Camp Nikos Fall Retreat September 26-28

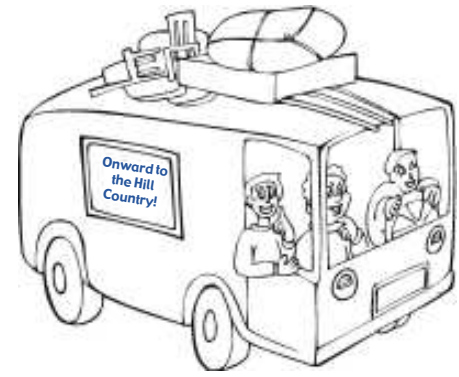
Your gift of \$45 will sponsor a child for Fall Retreat!



Re-purposing the Old Tavern at 12th and Chicon

Mission Possible has been going back and forth between the Kingdom Business idea and developing the Old Tavern into a place of ministry. The latest plans include moving our offices to the second floor and using the bottom space for a Coffee House. This ministry area would serve as the lobby for the office space as well as a meeting place with an arts and music venue that would allow folks to connect in a safe, clean environment. Now that the facility is paid in full there will be no overhead costs for the coffee house, that makes Kingdom "Cents." Please continue to pray for the impact the Body of Christ could have in this area of our city that has been held captive for so many years.

- Tim Pinson, Sr.
Executive Director



Road Trip 2008 to HEB Camp

A group of MP staff, adults, college students, and teens headed off to the hill country near Leake, Texas to camp at the H. E. Butt Foundation's property during the first week of July. We enjoyed a beautiful piece of the Frio River, hiked, spent relaxed "family time" together, and talked about Knowing The King.

It's not too late to sponsor one of the Road Trip campers! The cost is \$325. Please visit our website to donate, or mail a check to our offices.

This trip is for youth who have outgrown Project Intercept's elementary-aged programming. We are grateful for this opportunity to "Intercept" these teens at such a critical time in their lives. Please pray for the relationships that we initiated, and those that are deepening. Our hope is that long-term connections will be made with campers, that they may see real examples of life with Christ.

It's not too late to be part of the HEB Camp! Consider sponsoring a camper for \$325.



After 5 years of needing to explain the name NYACC we have decided to rename the facility the "Mission Possible Center." Our hope is that we will be able to more effectively communicate our mission and purpose through this new name.

We are excited about celebrating our 5th year in the heart of Central East Austin and want to say, "Thank you!" to the many volunteers that have made our Mission Possible!

“It’s Good to Know the King” Nikos Summer Camp 2008

Ninety four children and around 60 leaders attended Camp Nikos this year from all around Austin. Throughout the week full of songs, outdoor activities, crafts, and group times, we talked about The King’s character and His love. He is real! We can get to know Him and hear His voice. We can trust that He will do what He says.

Praise God with us for a great week together at camp! Thank you to each prayer warrior and financial supporter for enabling such a sweet time. There are still opportunities to participate on our website.

Check out our official
Camp Nikos Blog to see
pictures and videos
from camp at
www.campnikos.com



**“I know it’s good to be
near you, God.**

**I will go and tell everyone
about the wonderful
things you do.”**

- Psalm 73:28 (Nikos version)

**Mission Possible's
Mission Statement:**

**Connect,
Serve,
Empower.**

We want to see safe and thriving communities that have been transformed by the power of God's love.

Our goal is to connect the Body of Christ so it can serve urban communities and empower individuals through spiritual, social, and economic programs.

Through our three focus areas: Project Intercept, Street Ministry, and Community Development, we partner with the Body of Christ to build relationships with people in our city so that life change can take place.



My name is Cheryl, and this is my lifesong ...

My name is Cheryl Lowe, and this is my Life Song:

Growing up, I learned all of the Sunday School answers a little girl needs. There was always a song in my heart for Jesus.

Somewhere near the end of middle school, I began to run after independence and self-fulfillment. I acknowledged Truth in my head, but I had lost sight of my First Love.

Concerned with the direction I was headed, my wise parents sent me to Camp Nikos. I must admit that I was not very pleased with these plans for my summer, and arrived closed and angry at 13 years old.

God used Camp Nikos to change the course of my life.

My heart melted for the girls in our cabin. I saw and heard about some of life's ugliest problems. I watched "game faces" warm up to affectionate smiles and giggles. At the end of the week, God broke my heart as we parted ways to return to "The Real World."

God used this brokenness to turn my eyes back to Him. After several short-term missions opportunities, I was ready to give my life completely to God and watch where He would take it.

So began the melding of His desires in my heart: Children, Spanish, Cross-cultural ministry. He patiently taught me that He was, indeed, completely trustworthy.

When He asked me to join MP staff, I knew I could trust Him for the details. I am so grateful to our gentle, faithful God for pulling me back to Himself.

LORD, take my life and let it be always, only, all for Thee.

Cheryl Lowe is the Project Intercept Coordinator at Mission Possible. You can visit her blog at ben.cheryl.wordpress.com



**Check out the
Mission Possible
website!**

www.mpaustin.org



Jackie Cherico.
Outback Director



**Soooooo close yet so ...
Northside Restoration Arts**

It's hard to believe, but it has been 11 months since the beginning stages of building on the Restoration Art Center in Bill and Shelly Schreyer's back yard. Not that the building has not been used, but the finishing touches are still being added to the structure.

When finished it will be a showcase of art for the northeast community in Pflugerville. A complete store of art supplies is waiting in storage to be added to the new shelves and cabinets. We look forward to having things up and running soon.

**Outback happenings
and scheduling-**

After every Nikos summer camp, all the art supplies come back to the Outback Art Center and have to be restocked. This closes down the center for a couple of weeks. This summer we will be keying in on making musical instruments, and beginning learning about painting on canvases. We are looking into another day class during the long days of summer to break up the monotony of the summer break.

Gardening lessons-

With the already 16 days of 100+ temperatures, the garden has taken a beating, except for the tomatoes and watermelon crop. Our watermelon crop is beginning to show new tiny watermelons, they seem to thrive in the hot temperatures. Hopefully we will be able to harvest a few watermelons and make some salsa for the kids' efforts.

Volunteers and teachers-

Laurie Thelen has shown interest in helping teach the Saturday group a few times a month, please pray for her and us as we coordinate these efforts. Along with Laurie we still have several volunteers from the Salinas Street Church who assist in bringing the kids, and working with them on Saturdays. This ministry is a means of gifting children; my part is in helping coordinate kids and adults under the umbrella of the Outback.

- Jackie Cherico,
Outback Director



Outback Helpers Needed

If you have a dream of teaching a skill, or just hanging out with the kids, please contact Jackie at jackiecherico@hotmail.com or leave a message at 476-4640.



by Terry Brock
Community Relations
Liaison

Community Corner

There's activity in the Community Preservation Alliance outreach and God gets all the glory for what He has accomplished through His people. We have been blessed

to have some young guys who are committed to spending some time on Saturdays (when needed) doing repairs etc. in the community.

In April, there was quite a bit of progress made in the 1818 Building (Old Tavern) and we plan to move our offices into the upstairs portion of the building. After a lot of progress, things slowed down due to a lack of volunteers. Also in April, on the 12th, we participated in an Austin One Work Day. We had some folks working in the 1818 Building, some in the Community Garden, and we finished up the day by having some of the team cleaning, prepping, and applying Kilz to an elderly lady's wheelchair ramp.

The B.A.G.S. outreach has also gone well. The folks we serve are such wonderful people and to be able to spend some time visiting with them, providing some needed

Community Preservation Alliance Update



- We've made good progress on renovating the 1818 Bldg. (Old Tavern)

- On April 12 we participated in Austin One Work Day

- We are continuing to add families to our B.A.G.S. Food Pantry program.

- The Urban Submersion Weekend (May 16-18) was a success.

Mark your calendars for our next Urban Submersion Weekend on November 21-23!

food and then praying for them is such a blessing for us! This outreach will be growing every month as more qualified residents find out about it.

From April 25-May 10, my wife and I were in China visiting missionary friends and God used us there.

May was a busy month too! I visited with more folks who were qualified to be part of the B.A.G.S. outreach and we ended up serving close to 25 homes.

The Urban Submersion Weekend on May 16-18 was a great time. We set things up so that everyone attending the weekend would get to participate in each of the ministry areas that make up Mission:Possible!

The Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee is seeing an encouraging number of business owners/operators in the 12th and Chicon area attend the meetings and desiring to be actively involved in community events. God is moving in Central East Austin and it's exciting! We are actively trying to initiate a Neighborhood Association Coalition and a Neighborhood Business Coalition, which will really help in identifying specific problems and providing input for solutions.

There are many exciting opportunities for you who want to invest some quality time in the lives of others and make a difference for eternity. Please pray about how God could use you through the various outreach areas of Mission:Possible Austin!

- Terry Brock, Community Relations Liaison

Praise God! More Good News!!!

In 2003 Mission Possible purchased the property known as the NYACC Center. Tim Pinson Sr. has had a goal of having the organization debt free by November 2008. As the board and staff began to pray about this goal, God began to work. Over the past 4 1/2 years many have contributed to this end. In April of this year, one of our faithful donors made us an offer to have the note completely paid off by May of 2011. We thank God for His faithfulness. So far this year the old tavern was paid in full and now with this offer more of the funds given to this ministry will impact families, children and homeless for the Kingdom of God. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and provision!

NYACC Community Center	
Mortgage balance	\$151,952
2008 Year to Date Budget (Jan.-June)	\$292,842
Actual	\$249,542
Difference	- \$43,300

Once debt is paid in full, all funds will be used to directly impact lives for Christ!

Mission Possible Events & Programs

Call us at
494-0953
for more
info!



Cross Trainers
3rd Saturdays
beginning Sept. 20

Camp Nikos
Fall Retreat
Sept. 26-28

Sundays

The Church Under The Bridge

Every Sunday at 7th & I-35

Service begins at 10am

Lunch is served at 12:30

To find out more, call the Mission Possible Offices at 494-0953.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Big Fish After School Program

Meets from 2:30 - 5:15pm; Program for 6-12 year olds who live near NYACC.

The Middle School Girls also meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8pm

To find out more, call 494-0953 or email cheryl@mpaustin.org

Tuesdays

Tuesday Night Fellowship

Meets from 3-9pm

Call Duane Severance at 619-0423 for details.

Wednesdays

Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 10 am at NYACC on 12th and Chicon,

To find out more, call 494-0953 or email timjr@mpaustin.org

Thursdays

Big Fish Club at NYACC

Every other Thursday from 6-8pm Program for 6-12 year olds who live near NYACC.

To find out more, call 494-0953 or email cheryl@mpaustin.org

CARS at Owens Garage

Every Thursday from 6-8pm Auto mechanics training program for youth

To find out more, call Bill James at 636-0817 or cars@mpaustin.org

B.A.G.S. Program

Last two Thursdays of month from 1-4pm

To find out more, call Terry Brock at 217-9750 or terryb@mpaustin.org

Saturdays

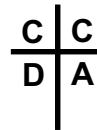
Cross Trainers

Meets every 3rd Saturday beginning Sept. 20

To find out more, call 494-0953 or email cheryl@mpaustin.org

First Evangelical Free Church- Rio Laddo Outreach

Contact Kurtis White at kurtis.white@gmail.com
2nd & 4th Saturdays 11AM



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Contact Cheryl Lowe at
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to volunteer!

Camp Nikos Fall Retreat

Sept. 26-28, 2008