



One mission, four partners.

While generations of crises have led to silos in Richmond, with churches on every corner and walls between each one, we are encouraged by incredible people and their kingdom work being done in Richmond!

CPC believes that our partnership in Richmond is and will continue to be a dynamic process.

Working in close partnership with our brothers and sisters in Richmond, much was accomplished with the time, talent and treasure of CPC during 2016. This newsletter summarizes the work and ministry of our Richmond efforts and provide a glimpse into our plans for 2017.

TODAY'S YOUTH MATTER

TYM engages with vulnerable children in under-resourced communities of the Bay Area. These kids live with a legacy of trauma and a large majority are in the foster care system. TYM fulfills its vision of transforming kids lives by strengthening confidence, building up their faith and providing opportunities through authentic relationships and experiences. TYM's dynamic camp program is a respite for traumatized children, while the THRIVE! Youth Academy supports children year-round. For more info, visit www.tymkids.org.

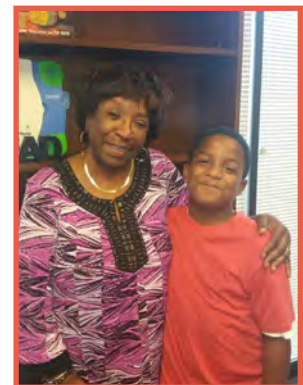
CPC has been involved with TYM for some time now. Most recently TYM was supported through Women's Ministries. Below you will read an amazing story about Ms Lennie and her grandson Anthony.

But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. James 2:18

Picture for a moment...a grandmother on the brink of making the hardest decision of her life, forced to choose between her own child and her grandchild. She somehow finds the strength to march into the crack house that holds her daughter and grandson. She finds six-month old Anthony covered in a pile of dirty clothes. Scooping him up in her arms, she immediately fled and didn't look back. Within days, she filed for his custody. Despite living on a fixed income, Ms. Lennie adopted her grandson...rescuing him from an environment of drugs and neglect.

Raising Anthony proved more difficult than she could have imagined as he was diagnosed with behavioral problems. She watched him enter school and challenges emerged. "The day I applied for assistance from the Youth Services Bureau, I was literally afraid for my grandson and clinging to my faith in God." She later discovered TYM and sent him to camp. She exclaimed, "God released my worries." As she wept, she said, "I love TYM!" Last summer, he took a giant step forward to build his faith in God.

Anthony was one of the first of 20 children to enroll in THRIVE Youth Academy which TYM launched on October 18. THRIVE is TYM's partnership with CPC and the Richmond Police Activities League. Starting with 20 kids on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, the plan is to expand the program to three or four days in 2017. In addition, a Friday night event similar to CPC's Wild Side is planned to commence early in 2017. Through THRIVE, the loving and caring environment from camp (66 Richmond kids came to TYM camps in 2016) will continue year-round, with program components that provide academic support, and life skills, while demonstrating and teaching Christ's love.



Anthony's chance of a happy, productive future is infinitely greater now that he knows the love of Christ and has a solid support system of people who help him both in school and in life.

BAY AREA RESCUE MISSION:

The Bay Area Rescue Mission is doing amazing things in Richmond! In 2016 CPC and the Mission have become more deeply involved and we are celebrating the work being done.

- BARM's Single Mother and Children's 7 room center was painted and carpeted with a main focus on education and child care.
- We are planning to install a computer work facility in one of the newly renovated rooms to provide GED education and basic computer skills for the Mom's and Kids who live at the Ministry Center.
- The Missions' kitchen facility supported the 2nd Annual Richmond Family Gathering.



The Mission is all about offering help for the "whole person". They come alongside the homeless and impoverished by providing food, shelter, the gospel message, Biblical studies, computer-aided learning, GED preparation, job skills training, parenting classes, and so much more!

Learn more by visiting their website: www.bayarearescue.org. Consider partnering with them in "Changing Lives for a Brighter Tomorrow."



Something to look forward to in 2017:

A "Paint the BARM Bus" event is planned for late May of 2017. The idea behind the event is to have CPC'ers paint the bus in any way they choose. It will be a fund raiser for the Mission to be held in the CPC parking lot.

CHRISTIAN HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH:



2016 was a very busy year at CHMB with multiple CPC'ers involved in the ministries of the church. Pastor Al Featherstone leads his church with integrity and care.

Here are a few amazing things happening at CHMB.

- The Relevant Woman meetings had their best year since it's inception. They held a Priscilla Shirer simulcast that drew over 125 women from the Richmond Faith community. This year a similar function will be held in a much larger venue. They continue to meet for Bible study every Monday evening.
- We are celebrating our 4th year anniversary of the Soup Kitchen and it continues to meet the needs of poorest of the poor in Iron Triangle.
- The youth program for teens continues to flourish
- Saturday computer classes for adults and teens.
- A counseling center is in the works staffed by life group of CPC'ers
- And the church renovation continues with a view towards renovation of the church sanctuary

GARDEN OF PEACE:

- 2016 saw the beginning of the church renovation. A new roof was installed just before the heavy rains began.
- In 2017 the city Building code compliance requires that new windows be installed, two wall heaters, a hot water heater, and new exit from the second floor be designed and constructed.
- Most exciting is the transfer of title to the church expected by Spring.