

Body of Christ Cares

Mission

1. To Proclaim the Gospel and Demonstrate God's Love in Practical Ways
2. To Promote Reconciliation, Communication, and Collaboration Within the Body of Christ
3. To Organize, Equip, and Empower Christians to Minister



Our Plan

1. Provide Meaningful MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES that EMPOWER Ministries to be More Effective.
 - a. Staff regularly meets with ministries to encourage, consult, network and to identify both strengths and needs
 - b. BODY OF CHRIST CARES connects needs with volunteers and resources; Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Rich Van Til (708) 363-2568, for a list of volunteer opportunities
 - c. Example: Roseland Christian Ministries Homeless Shelter- On Tuesday evenings we send a volunteer team with resources, (Bible lesson/craft, snacks, etc.) to the shelter to minister to approximately 80 children and their Mothers. We have a fun time sharing a Bible lesson, doing crafts, and sharing snacks. The end result:
 - a) The Homeless are blessed and encouraged
 - b) The Volunteers experience meaningful ministry
 - c) We empower a wonderful ministry to expand its outreach & offer a new program
 - d. If God has placed in your heart a special calling or ministry idea, BODY OF CHRIST CARES can help empower you to bring the concept to fruition



2. Secure and Share **RESOURCES**

- a. **Network** with other ministries and businesses
- b. Promote **monthly “Ministry Projects”** encouraging church members to donate small items that make a **BIG** difference! Examples Include:
 - 1) **Back to School Supply Project and Rallies (Donate School Supplies)**
 - 2) **“Christ The Great Gift Christmas” Toy Drive (Donate Toys)**
 - 3) **“Hallelujah Party” – Halloween Alternative Neighborhood Outreach (Donate Candy, Games and Craft Supplies)**
 - 4) **“Boxes of Love” Thanksgiving Dinners (Full Thanksgiving Dinners Donated)**
 - 5) **“Heart for the Homeless” Valentine’s Day Project (Donate Homemade Cookies, Cards, Toiletries) AND several other monthly projects**
 - 6) **MINISTRY PROJECT END RESULTS:**
 - a) Entire families, including children, participate in missions and grow in understanding of the area’s needs
 - b) Resources (supplies, donations, goods) are distributed with a Christian Witness by a ministry that can continue spiritual care to those ministered to.
KEY: Why donate to organizations that meet physical needs only, and not spiritual as well?
- c. **Secure “Permanent” resources** to be shared within the body of Christ
 - 1) Currently we have a van loaded with carnival games and a bouncer that we use to empower urban ministries to have evangelistic outreaches
 - 2) We need a U-Haul type of truck, more supplies and also a bus to transport kids to our activities and to help other ministries with their needs
 - 3) Eventually, a Resource Center will be needed

3. Develop Online Resources and Online Communities to foster BODY OF CHRIST CARES'S goals

- a. **Develop Online Resources** – especially in the areas Scott Reese has extensive experience in:
 - 1) Reconciliation Issues
 - 2) Urban Ministry
 - 3) Ministering Effectively to the Poor
 - 4) Sharing One's Faith

- b. **Develop Online Communities** to foster reconciliation, collaboration, & evangelism
 - 1) The internet has exciting potential for connecting the Body of Christ for ministry purposes; We want to develop a FACEBOOK type of site without the suggestive advertising & designed to foster communication within a church AND the Body of Christ collectively
 - 2) The Internet has changed how people get information, find friends, communicate, find entertainment, and develop community
 - 3) Unfortunately, Christians in general have not taken advantage of this incredible opportunity for sharing their faith or connecting with their Christian Community
 - 4) The Internet has also opened up wonderful opportunities to communicate with and to encourage missionaries. The Internet also in an unprecedented way provides an easy opportunity for us all to be “missionaries” ourselves - to connect with others outside our circle of Christian friends – giving us an opportunity to share our faith with this lost world
 - 5) See www.ChristianInternetMinistry.com for more information





4. Develop monthly and annual events that promote reconciliation or evangelism

(Some examples include:)

- 1) **Body of Christ Men's Bible Study**, every first Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- 2) **Monthly meal** for an Evangelistic Outreach in Roseland
- 3) **Monthly youth activities** for Urban Youth. Example: With resources in place (funds, busses, vans, and volunteers) we had nearly 200 for a day of fun (pumpkin patch hayride, games, etc.) at Rich's farm. (We also promote a weekly Bible Study for children)
- 4) **Annual *Taste of Reconciliation*** – Every year we partner with Living Springs CC to have a special time of fun, ethnic food, & a multicultural worship service where we are challenged in the area of Reconciliation. Hundreds are blessed and inspired. It is our desire not only for you to attend this event but also to help your church host your own "Taste of Reconciliation". We can also help your church set up a special committee to help guide the church in reconciliation issues.
- 5) We will be adding other monthly and annual events to promote reconciliation or evangelism endeavors such as: **GOOD NEWS DAY** – Sat. before Easter coordinate a collaborative effort of churches to visit every home in their community – asking each family how they could pray for them as well as leaving evangelistic materials and an invite to the Easter Service. **DAY OF KINDNESS**: Coordinate a collaborative effort to smother a community with acts of kindness in an effort to share the **GOOD NEWS** with their community.

5. Expand this simple, yet vital mission to other cities

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