

Open Door Ministries

Meeting Needs and Making Disciples in the Urban Community



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Fall 2010

You are Invited to Open Door Ministries *Embracing Our City 2010*

Banquet & Silent Auction



Date: Friday, November 5th

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Opens 6:00 p.m. - Dinner & Program to Follow

Location: Downtown Denver Sheraton

Plaza Ballroom

1550 Court Place - Denver 80202

Garage Parking Available (\$5)

The Banquet is *free* to attend as the cost is underwritten by Table Sponsors.



The 2010 Table Sponsor Levels are \$350, \$500, and \$1,000.

Table Sponsors have the opportunity to fill a table
with ten of their friends and family.

To become a Table Sponsor or RSVP to the banquet fill out the
enclosed response card, visit us online (www.odmdenver.org),
or email Lauren Perkins at lauren@odmdenver.org.



Summer Ministry Highlights

EZRA

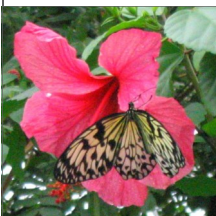
This summer Ezra had it's first worship night which was a huge success with 6 attendees. The evening was a spirit filled time with worship lead by Megan



Isaacson. Ezra also had it's first creators' cafe of the year this summer which received rave reviews from everyone who attended. We had great live music from Rachel James and multiple artists showing their work as well as creating art live, which really added excitement to the evening.

Preschool

The preschool had a great summer with 22 children involved. We



went on lots of field trips including the Butterfly Pavilion and the Zoo. The kids enjoyed swimming every Friday and going

to the library a couple of times each month. Another highlight of our summer was spending a week at a church's VBS in Littleton. The kids always bring back the songs and stories they learned there.

Urban Missions

What a busy summer this was for Urban Missions! Fourteen groups came to visit us over 10 weeks, from as close as Littleton, CO and as far away as Kansas City, San Antonio, Washington State and Elk River, MN. One highlight was partnering with Sky Ranch Camp (based in Dallas), having close to 200 of their campers come up for an "urban plunge" on four separate occurrences. During their stay with us, they were able to help us plan and execute four separate

neighborhood outreaches for families in the area, and also engage in



service opportunities and experiential activities like our community scavenger hunt and prayer walk. Each group we had visit us brought boundless energy and excitement for what they would learn and experience during their time in Denver. Our prayer is that each group would take something they learned while on their Urban Missions trip and use it in their own cities and communities.

Chayah House

Chayah House celebrated 2 one-year anniversaries in our program this summer, and 3 one-year sobriety dates! We are so thankful the Lord has allowed us to be part of what He is doing in these ladies.

E.A.T.



The EAT meal has seen a steady flow of attendees, of both familiar faces and new people to the community throughout the summer. We've

been blessed by veteran groups continuing their service of preparing delicious meals and bringing clothes and toiletries to hand out to folks who attend the meal. We've also had the joy of receiving new groups come and serve for the first time and meet people from our church. EAT continues to be an excellent opportunity for churches to get involved with ODM, whether it is once a month or once a year.

TRYAD

TRYAD has had a very busy summer. While maintaining the weekly lunch and Bible study, we also worked with the ODM preschoolers teaching disability awareness and have taken a number of field trips including the Wildlife Experience, Cherry

Creek Reservoir, Bow Mar Beach and bowling. Many



of our TRYAD members also participated in our annual "Stroll & Roll" fundraiser.

Treasure House

Treasure House was privileged to have a graduate this summer! Charrise came to TH two years ago, addicted to crack/cocaine, homeless and pregnant with twins. She wanted an opportunity to turn her life around. During her stay at TH, Charisse regained her sobriety, had her twins, and enrolled in college in a paralegal program. In May, she graduated from the paralegal program and accepted a paid internship with a downtown Denver law firm. We are so proud of her and how far she has come! She has made it full circle from homelessness and addiction to being a graduate with a paid position, a good apartment, a solid walk with the Lord, and has been reunited with all her children.



Esther House

We had two women graduate from the Esther House this summer. We are very proud of our ladies who have completed the program and are moving on. Both are planning on moving into graduate level housing - one at Nehemiah House and one at Victory House. All the women of Esther House enjoyed seeing the fireworks after the Rockies game over July 4th weekend. We've also enjoyed game nights and volleyball games and cookouts. It's been a great summer. And now we're just trying to figure out how to eat all this squash from our garden! Any takers?



Youth

So much has gone on this summer in youth ministry, and it's not slowing down! During our outreaches, our kids really have made the effort to plug into what was taking place. It was great to see some of them participating on the worship team! Their desire is to do even more outreaches in our community!

As summer comes to a close and we head back to school and cooler temperatures, we will ring in the new school year with a lock-in and an in-service day where we will give the youth area in Open Door Fellowship a face lift. Please continue to lift up the youth program as we continue to get to know one another and trust one another as we also put our trust in Christ to lead us into the various journeys He has us to go!

2010 ODM Golf Tournament Wrap up...

Thanks to the 55 participants that came out to Raccoon Creek Golf Course in support of Open Door Ministries on July 22nd. A great time was had by all!



1st Place Team:
 Del VanEssen
 Caleb VanEssen
 Seth VanEssen
 Scott Thompson

2nd Place Team:
 Charley Babb
 Matt Cartier
 Hugh Halter
 Marc Shupe

3rd Place Team:
 Paul Anderson
 Dawn Anderson
 Candace Bambel
 Paul Bambel

Passing of a Dear Friend...

Fred Winter was one of four men who moved into ODM's Cornerstone Home when it opened in August 1998. Fred and the other three men had graduated from Providence House I and needed a permanent home. Open Door Ministries with the help of many others took on the project of creating Cornerstone Home as a place where these disabled men could live at a lower cost for the rest of their lives. Fred lived there for twelve years before going home to be with the Lord. He died of a heart attack on July 30th, but he will be remembered for years to come for his smile, his hugs, and his hand shake.



From the Executive Director



I would like to personally invite you to attend our banquet this year. Better yet, please consider being a table sponsor for the event. The table sponsor is the key to making the banquet successful. **Table sponsors pay for the table at one of three levels--\$350, \$500, or \$1000.** Our cost for the event is close to \$350/table so the higher levels donate additional funds to the ministry. **Table sponsors then fill their table with ten people.** Personal invitations work best. I always recommend asking church friends, neighbors, co-workers, Bible study or small group members, relatives, and people from other social outlets such as exercise groups, etc. **Once you have your table filled, send us all the names so we can make name tags and RSVP an exact count to the hotel.** Then come and enjoy the night with your table. Your participation is a huge help to Open Door Ministries.

We are downtown at the Sheraton this year which is at 16th St. & Court right on the Mall, so you might want to make a night of it. You could even take the light rail downtown and ride the Free Mall Shuttle right to the Sheraton, or **you can park in the Sheraton garage parking for only \$5 per vehicle.** Consider staying the night too at the low rate of \$109. Mention the ODM banquet when you reserve your room by October 6th to get the special rate. **This year we will hold a silent auction during the banquet.** If you have an item that you would like to donate or would like to help with this, please contact Lauren Perkins at lauren@odmdenver.org. This should be a lot of fun, so put it on your calendar today.

I mentioned in our last newsletter that we are looking for 100 new monthly donors before the end of the year. We praise the Lord for all gifts and we rely heavily on one time gifts, in fact, sometimes too much. As a result, our giving tends to fluctuate greatly throughout the year. We understand that not everyone can do a monthly gift, but for others it's a much better giving fit. Would you prayerfully consider starting a monthly gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, or more?

One other type of giving that I would encourage you to consider is a planned gift. This could be a gift in the form of stock or commonly it means adding Open Door Ministries to your will. If you would like to discuss any of these options, please contact me at dwarren@odmdenver.org.

In Christ,

David Warren

Open Door Ministries is an outreach of Open Door Fellowship Church:

Cornerstone Home: Providing housing and companionship for disabled men.

E.A.T.: (Eating All Together) Reaching people through eating a meal together after church services on Sunday evening.

Ezra: Building relationships with street kids through art.

Men's Housing: Transformational housing ministry serving single men in the inner city.

Nehemiah House: Providing housing for staff, low-income families, and dorm space for Urban Mission teams.

Preschool: Providing inner-city children a quality education founded upon high academics and Christian character development.

School-Age Program: Providing school-age children with before-and-after school care, including tutoring and mentoring opportunities grades kindergarten through eighth.

Still Waters Housing:

Chayah House: Serving single women by providing housing, life skills, and basic Christian discipleship.

Esther House: Providing transitional housing for women leaving the sex-trade industry, addictions, and other dangerous lifestyles.

Treasure House: Serving single moms and their kids by providing housing, parenting skills, and basic Christian discipleship.

TRYAD: (To Reconcile You Able-bodied and Disabled) Reaching some of the many disabled in our community through needed companionship and evangelism.

Urban Missions: Bringing youth and adults to Open Door Ministries for an inner city, short-term mission trip.

Youth: Sharing the message and love of Christ to urban youth through Bible studies, activities, and one-on-one relationships.

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