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## **South Jersey Aftercare\*She Has A Name\*My Father's Hands**

God's love is unshakable and eternal, so he can handle your confessions of sin, weakness and failure. Paul Tripp

Dear Lynne,

Thank you for taking the time to read our E – newsletter. It is so great to be able to communicate with you this way and share with you all of the ways that the Lord continues to advance His glorious, unstoppable gospel here in the city of Camden.. Stay tuned for details regarding this year's Undie Sundays. Families and children to be adopted will be available at the beginning of next month. This is a great way to practically demonstrate the love of Jesus to children with a mom or dad in prison and to some children here in our South Camden neighborhood. And it is a great ministry to get your children or grandchildren involved with.

We have been talking a lot lately about how God sees people. Whether you are in a season of your life where there aren't too many problems or you are in the middle of the storm, God has His eye on you. He knows everything about what is going on in our lives. We take great comfort in the fact that his love for us never changes, He never takes his eyes off of us and He is with us whether we are in the middle of a trial or life appears to be going along smoothly. What a great comfort that is. We trust that you know the comfort and peace that can only come through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. There is absolutely nothing like it.

Thank you for your love for us and your prayers for us.

You are Loved, Bill and Brenda

## **Drive By Prayer!!!**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO JOINED US FOR DRIVE-BY PRAYER BACK ON JUNE 24TH. WE HAD A GREAT TIME PRAYING FOR OUR CITY AND PEOPLE THAT THE LORD PUT ON OUR HEARTS: CHILDREN, LOCAL CHURCHES, PEOPLE SUFFERING IN VARIOUS WAYS, THOSE DEALING DRUGS, LOCAL MINISTRIES AND MORE!**

Join us for our next monthly drive-by prayer ride....

**Date:** Satuday, July 29th

**Time:** 10:45am

**Starting At:** The Heal Camden Lot, 1708 S. Broadway, Camden, NJ 08104

**Who Can Join Us?:** Anyone!!!--if you are serving at the Saturday morning Neighborhood Breakfast you can hop into one of the vans right after the breakfast is over. If you are not at the breakfast, just come to the starting location and jump into one of the vans.

**What:** We will stop at various locations here in our South Camden neighborhood and pray for whatever the Lord places on our hearts...Children, families, those struggling on the streets with addictions, drug dealers, residents, local churches and ministries, whoever and whatever.

Ready To Join Us?: Please let Bill know by sending a quick [email](#).

**Prayer Requests From Our  
Neighbors At The  
Saturday, June 24th & July 1st  
Breakfasts**

We had the joy & privilege of seeing many, many neighbors during the past 2 Saturday mornings at the weekly neighborhood breakfasts...and a number of them shared their prayer requests with us. To see those requests so that you can lift those requests up in prayer, please click [HERE](#).

## **Real Freedom**

We love our country and always celebrate Independence Day on the 4th of July. But as we continue to grow in our walk with the Lord, we have found that it is our **DEPENDENCE** on God that has gotten us through difficult seasons and has enabled Him to work on those areas in our lives that need, shall we say, some "adjustment". We have also learned that real freedom is found only in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Click on the link below to see 4 things the bible says about freedom. Bill & Brenda

### **4 THINGS THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FREEDOM**

## **New Man on the Team!!!**

As most, if not all of you know, we love having worship music playing in the background each Saturday at our weekly Neighborhood Breakfasts. It really sets the tone for the breakfasts and softens the hearts of our guests as well as those serving. It could be as simple as one person playing a guitar in the background to a three or four piece worship band singing worship songs.

Jerry Cameron has joined our team and will be coordinating music for each of the weeks. You may want to play on a regular basis, say the third Saturday of every month, or you just might want to play every other month or a few times a year. Either way, Jerry is the guy that you need to talk to for more details and kick around the various opportunities. You can reach Jerry by [email](#).

We would love to have you.

## **JOIN US FOR OPEN PRAY TIME ON TUESDAY, JULY 18TH...**

Our next time of Zoom prayer is on Tuesday, July 18th at 5 PM. Are you carrying a burden that we could pray for and with you? This will be a 30 minute time of prayer where you can bring whatever is on your heart and others on the call will pray for you. If you will be joining us,

## Subject: Good News Friday: From Campers to Directors

Dear Friend,

Thirty-five years ago, our summer staff was recruited from various parts of the world, including England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and across the United States.

These young missionaries dedicated two months of their lives to voluntarily run summer camps and then returned to their homes. This model helped UrbanPromise get its start and build our foundation, but it had significant limitations.

Our overarching vision has always been to cultivate local leadership—leaders who understand their community, live in the neighborhoods, and commit to the long and challenging work of transforming their city.

This summer, our vision has intersected with reality in a beautiful way. **I am thrilled to announce that ALL our summer leadership positions are now held by alumni** of our summer programs, individuals deeply rooted in the Camden community.

Allow me to introduce them:

- Siomara, our VP of Programs, started at the age of 14.
- Tony, our StreetLeader Director, started at the age of 5.
- Albert, our Children and Youth Director, also started at the age of 5.
- Faith, our Camp Faith Director, began at the age of 6.
- Brandon, our Camp Spirit Director, joined us at the age of 14.
- Derrick, our Camp Peace Director, became involved at the age of 10.

Together, this team of local leaders is making a significant impact on the lives of hundreds of youth across the city, right at this moment! They are leading teams of volunteers who serve as role models for God's love and grace, engaging in activities such as playing games, tutoring, mentoring, playing sports, fostering creativity, and guiding our young ones in exploring the Christian faith.

This is truly good news.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Main**

*Founder and President*