

## **HOPE TRULY IS RISING!**

### ***Testimonies from Urban Harvest in Detroit***

We shared with you in the previous newsletter about the summer of miracles in the Bronx. *God is moving in powerful ways in Detroit, too!* As in the Bronx, literally hundreds of people in Detroit had encounters with Christ!

*Rejoice with us over all that God has done for the glory of His name!*

DETROIT - Detroit is making national news, but this time the news is not talking about *"the tragedy of Detroit!"* This sports town has much to cheer about: The Lions are playing well! The Tigers were in the play-offs. The Michigan Wolverines and MSU Spartans are in the Top-20. The Red Wings have begun the NHL season undefeated!

But more than sports success, *the city of Detroit is changing, and we have been blessed to see it happen!* When we began working in Detroit in 2005, the infamous "8 Mile" was a literal dividing line between Detroit and the suburban population. Churches were not walking the streets touching the needs of the people around them. Downtown was a ghost town, *and hopelessness prevailed!*

*But thanks be unto GOD that is no longer true!* We have been reaching out and praying for this city for six years, and *God has heard our prayers!* UHM outreach has united Christians from all over Metro Detroit to fill the streets with prayer, to minister to the felt-needs of people, and to worship Jesus in some of the darkest areas of the city! The 2011 IGNITE Gathering brought more than 100 college students together to cry out to God and commit their lives to serving Him! Christians interceded at Prayer Stations, prayerwalked the heart of the city as well as East Detroit, Southwest Detroit, and Dearborn. Truth was lifted high in outdoor worship and many forms of outreach.

*A true highlight of the summer in Detroit was the Family Day in Clark Park.* Clark Park is located in one of the poorest and worst violent crime and gang areas of the city. *But on July 30, the park was filled with the presence of Christ!* Over 1,000 people came. More than 900 people were fed. Free medical screening was available. *Thousands* of Bibles and Christian literature (donated by the American Bible Society) were distributed. At one distribution tent, *26 people received Christ!* Live worship music filled the air for hours. Inflatables, clowns, face-painting and carnival games provided fun for children and families and gave multiple opportunities for ministry, encouragement, and sharing our faith. Child Evangelism Fellowship reached dozens of children with the gospel message!



Twenty-nine churches and organizations joined under the leadership of UHM to make this possible! The Detroit Red Wings partnered with us for *Hockey in the Hood: Street Hockey for Inner-City Kids*. Professional athletes from Detroit gave their testimonies and *more than 30 youth received Christ as Savior!*

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A lady came to a Prayer Station at City Hall and said,

"I came to you last year for prayer. I was homeless and without a job. My father was homeless and without a job. You prayed for my needs and God heard your prayers! Both my father and I have homes now, and we have jobs, too. Do you see that building over there? I work on the 8th Floor!"



Two years ago, we knocked on the door of this woman (at left with Pastor Presberry's wife, Eleanor) and on her porch she began a new life with Christ. *She is now a servant-leader in a church in East Detroit, walking door-to-door in her community looking for souls who are just like she was two years ago!*



Above: The stacks of Bibles didn't last very long as many were hungry for God's Word!

## Scenes from Family Day in Clark Park



Above:  
A girl receives her first Bible!



Many people from the community came to us, some in tears, thanking us for blessing their community with this event!



Above: 3-time Stanley Cup and Olympic Champion Brian Rafalski (with sunglasses) shares his testimony and leads in prayer.



Above: Major League Baseball pitcher Todd Jones shares a compelling testimony and challenges these youth about faith in Christ.



Above: Youth prepare to pray with Tom Grassano and receive Christ as their personal Savior.

People were opening their hearts to Christ throughout the day. *God demonstrated His love and radiant glory in one of the neediest areas of Detroit!*

***The job is not done! UHM is continuing to reach needs, empower leaders, lead in outreach, and make a difference in this city. Your prayers and partnership are vital to keep this ministry going and reach more and more souls in America's cities! Please consider what you can do today to sow into the urban harvest in these cities!***

***Please keep praying, for God desires to do greater things!***

***"His light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it!"***

**John 1:5 (NLT)**

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