



NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

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Dear Friends,

God has put within our hearts a deep desire to reach more men in the community and provide opportunities for employment and the dignity and stability that it brings.

In 2004, members of our community, youth, volunteers, staff, and board members identified a future dream for men that included jobs training, strengthening the family, and getting men involved in their church and community!

Listen to the hopes of the men in our community as they are expressed today:

- I hope for a job that pays the bills.
- If I had a good job, I would feel less anxiety and be less angry.
- I would be able to spend more quality time with my family if I could provide better for them.
- I wish I had a little extra money to take the kids to McDonalds.

The **Isaiah 58 Campaign** will help us reach these dreams and meet the needs of these men and their families. Phase I of the campaign includes two buildings on the south 4 acres of the campus which will house 1) Barrio Works, a workshop where youth can work with their fathers to gain hands-on craftsmanship experience and build skills in wood-working, metal-working, and bike repair, and 2) the Enterprise Building, which will provide space for businesses and employment where job training and job experience can be acquired.

Join our team in helping to make all of this possible.

Neighborhood Ministries has received a \$250,000

Challenge Grant from a generous friend toward Phase 1

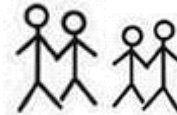
of our Isaiah 58 Campaign. For the funds NM receives for the Enterprise building, this donor will match it up to \$250,000! That is \$500,000 toward Phase I's \$2.5 million dollar plan (Total campaign goal is \$13.9 million). Please send in your donation or pledge towards this grant and mark "Challenge Grant" in the memo line of your check.

Imagine a picture of a man at work in the new Enterprise building!



Picture the smile on this young man's face as he learns critical job and life skills.

Can you see the stable family and the father who is more equipped to take care of them?



Help transform this building into the new Enterprise Building and put real faces on these pictures!

God is inspiring great hope for the men in this community. **Pray with us that the men in our community will reclaim their dignity and identity in Christ and begin to lead their families and communities.** Pray that The Neighborhood Center will continue to be a place where families can become spiritually and emotionally healthy and economically stable.

Thank you for walking this journey with us,



Kit Danley,
President

Upcoming Events

- December 7 –
NM's 25th Anniversary
Celebration and Fundraiser at
the Phoenix Convention Center.
Register at www.nmaz.org
- December 1 –
Parents' Christmas Store
- December 15 –
Christmas Fiesta at The
Neighborhood Center
- March 10, 2008 –
The Classic at FireRock Country
Club

For details, go to www.nmaz.org
or call 602-252-5225

Here are some concerns and conclusions from the Neighborhood Ministries Road Map:

For the **men** in our community:

- ◆ The most significant challenge we face is helping our fathers become role models in their families, including the need for their presence and responsibility in the home.
- ◆ The most common concern was the lack of availability of jobs in the community as well as lack of preparedness for those jobs.
- ◆ They desire programs at NM that are specifically designed for men that will encourage participation.

For the **youth** in the community:

- ◆ It is statistically proven that without jobs or after-school activities, there is a significant increase in teenage pregnancy.
- ◆ They value positive adult relationships that affirm their worth.
- ◆ They fear they are lacking tools to be successful adults and desire education, job opportunities, training, and relationship skills.

Those surveyed believed that NM could provide the following help for the men and youth in the community by:

- ◆ Providing programs for men and led by men
- ◆ Beginning small business development – including job training for specific businesses (i.e. restaurants, cleaning services, taxi service, auto mechanics, landscaping, etc.)
- ◆ Assisting those with alcohol and drug addictions
- ◆ Helping men and youth realize their potential through their current skill set
- ◆ Teaching communication skills for parents
- ◆ Providing ESL classes