

## **City Gospel Mission Youth Prayer/Praise Update**

### **January/February 2012**

Dear Prayer Partners,

We value your ongoing support of this ministry. Below, you'll find prayer items from the City Gospel Mission Youth staff. **YOUR PRAYER INVOLVEMENT IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THIS MINISTRY!**

#### **Praises! Answers to prayer:**

- Praise God for many performance opportunities for the Princesses ballet team and for successful presentations.
- Praise God for the Whiz Kids team of volunteers and staff that put together the Christmas Story that shared the birth of Christ and the gospel message in the same format as our tutoring books along with games and activities to re-emphasize the story!
- Praise God for providing Thanksgiving baskets for over 2,000 families.
- Praise God that 10-12 Hispanic Whiz Kids families were able to go to Cincinnati Zoo's Festival of Lights through the Anthony Munoz Foundation and Nationwide Insurance.
- Praise God that one of our partnering churches, River of Life, has a new Pastor.
- Praise God for all the volunteers and donors that made Holiday Partnerships possible.
- Praise God for the numerous Whiz Kids parties that allowed the Gospel to be shared through the Christmas Story to over 1,500 children.
- Praise God for providing Christmas gifts for over 325 families through the Christmas Store.
- Praise God for all the youth volunteers that give their time to help at-risk youth.
- Praise God for Mel B who is finding much joy in her Whiz Kids role; direct answer to prayer.

#### **Prayer Requests**

##### **January 1-7**

- Pray for the Character Basketball League that will be starting back up this month.
- Pray that the recruitment at CCU (Cincinnati Christian University) will provide at least 16 new tutors.
- Pray that our tutors return from the Holiday season with renewed enthusiasm to help their students.
- Pray for Aaron's family, as they mourn the loss of Aaron.

##### **January 8-14**

- Pray for healing for Joe, a father of one of the youth we serve; he was recently diagnosed with diabetes.
- Pray for Rachel who has been told false religious notions about the Biblical Jesus; pray for a revelation from God.
- Pray that all the needs of a single mom with four children be met; they are homeless.
- Pray for the partnership between CCU and Whiz Kids as college student volunteers transition from one semester to the next.

##### **January 15-21**

- Pray that more of our major donors will be willing to introduce the ministry to their friends.
- Pray for more volunteers to help in our Princesses, God Squad, and Rollas programs.
- Pray for salvation for Aleasha, Tre'von, Devontae, Dejowan, Anaria, Gabby, and Mackenzie.
- Pray for the ministry's Development team; to focus on their strategic plan.

##### **January 22-28**

- Pray that the moms of the Princesses that do not know Christ come to know Him and accept Him in their hearts.
- Pray for Ernie's knee infection to be healed.
- Pray for Dylan; he is becoming uninterested in Whiz Kids. Pray God will keep him focused and give him someone to walk with him (mentor).

- Pray for our Whiz Kids Pilot Program; we need 15 sites to participate and raise \$250,000.

#### **January 29-February 4**

- Pray for Gary and his family while his father is in jail.
- Pray that more tutors will feel led to become mentors to the Whiz Kids.
- Pray that Mary will change her habit of stealing.
- Pray for our new Hispanic Outreach Program and for the work that Daniel Minera (new staff member that heads the program) as we establish new relationships and build the foundation for a successful program.

#### **February 5-11**

- Pray for three of our staff; Ron, Gordon, and Barry that will be participating in a year long leadership training and development opportunity in the area of urban ministry.
- Continue to pray for Derek and his ability to make good decisions in the midst of a difficult home life.
- Pray for our 80 plus Whiz Kids mentors and their mentees and that significant life change would take place as a result of these relationships.
- Pray for our Capital Campaign; goal is to raise \$3.3 million.

#### **February 12-18**

- Pray for more tutors for the Pleasant Run Elementary Whiz Kids site.
- Pray that the church partnerships beginning in NKY are a blessing to all involved.
- Pray that Brandon will continue to be open to what God is doing in him and his life.
- Pray for a Whiz Kids site to begin in Covington with the appropriate leadership and support.

#### **February 19-25**

- Pray for the planning of our summer programs/activities.
- Pray for Donna to have God's patience and wisdom in her life.
- Pray for more Christian adult tutors for the River of Life Whiz Kids site.
- Pray that Greg will feel safe and experience some stability in his home life.

#### **February 26-29**

- Pray for the continued development of the Whiz Kids mentoring program.
- Pray the Lord enables the churches to continue ministering to the families helped through the Christmas Store and Thanksgiving Baskets.
- Pray that Karen will continue to seek a place of worship for her and her son.
- Pray for special blessings for all of the Whiz Kids volunteer leaders.

#### **Directors of City Gospel Youth Programs**

**City Gospel Mission President:** Roger Howell  
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**Holiday Partnerships:** Angela Allen  
**Volunteer Services:** Robin Wagner  
**Whiz Kids:** Doug Dunlap  
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**Please pray for our Board of Directors:** Dick Alexander, Chris Beard, Mike Ellison, Joellen Grady, Char Lindner, Jason McSwain, Deborah Merritt, Jack Schrand, Barbara Seibel, Liza Smitherman, Bernie Stevens, Rodney Swope, and Charles Woode.

*"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." James 5:16*