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AIM RIGHT MINISTRIES

PERCEPTIONS

Real Life

In Inner City America



Unlike the typical child who attends church with their family...

...the children and youth we deal with face life much differently. Just several weeks ago, Michael* was sent to live with another family member. His mom's pot smoking boyfriend gave her an ultimatum, either Michael or me. She chose the

boyfriend, in spite of the fact that this boyfriend is simply one of many she has been with recently.

Last week Tyrone* got in a fight with his intoxicated mom and left the house to wander the streets. "You're a mis-

take, and way too expensive," she says. Tyrone's brother is a full fledged gang banger and working on completing a 3 year sentence in the penitentiary. They both hate their mom.

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2003 AUCTION!
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Real Life *continued*

Less than a month ago, four houses down from my own, someone got shot in a failed robbery attempt. Two of the girls in this family attend Teen Night regularly.

Granted these types of things happen all across America, but hardly anywhere except in our inner city urban areas, has it become normal and a way of life for so many. The broken homes, the substance abuse, violence and poverty affect nearly everyone to some degree. It is here in the inner city where the homeless, the outcast, the forgotten, the prostitute, the drug dealer, and gang member call the streets their own. While we recognize the intensity of darkness is due to the

choices so many adults make on a continual basis, the tragedy of it all is to see the children and youth caught up in the middle of it. Through no fault of their own, they live in near constant fear and uncertainty. "Will I receive a hug or a slap today? Is mom in a good mood or has she been drinking? Will mom's new boyfriend abuse me like her previous one? Who do I need to avoid at school for fear of getting beat up? If only my dad hadn't left. I hate him and I wish he were dead."

In looking for love, teens become sexually active, the girl gets pregnant, the guy takes little responsibility, one or both drop out of school and the cycle goes on and on.

So can the cycle be broken? Absolutely. Does this mean our inner cities will become transformed overnight? Not necessarily.

The challenges facing anyone ministering in the inner city are not only

due to the *intensity* of the darkness, which I have discussed thus far, but also due to the fact that *many living in the inner city who want to change also want to leave.*

Most of us can relate to that fairly well. When looking for a new neighborhood, we don't start looking in the bad part of town. No one wants to live in a neighborhood filled with drugs, violence, failing schools, etc. We're interested in peace and quiet. A place where we can feel halfway safe about having our children play in the front yard. This is what most of us desire, and for many who have grown up in an urban environment this is what they dream about as well.

This exiting continues to compound the instability already in place, and so this is why our urban inner city areas are indeed a mission field. Primarily those who live and work in these areas are

- 1) *those who have intentionally made the choice to go and/or stay with the goal of making a difference or*
- 2) *those who are there because they feel they have no other alternative.*

Because of this, we as the church of Jesus Christ have a tremendous challenge, to send and support. While not all may be called to go, many can in some way lend support through prayers, encouragement and financial contributions. At Aim Right, our goal is to influence the lives of young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ to the point of them not only wanting to break the cycle of sin, but also wanting to stay and make a difference in the lives of others in their neighborhood. Will you help us make that difference?

-JoeDee Hostetler
*names have been changed

"Will I receive a hug or a slap today?"



SUPPORT AIM RIGHT WHILE BUYING GROCERIES OR RECEIVING PEST CONTROL SERVICE.

If you shop at **Safeway**, use Budget Rent a Car, or eat at Coco's Bakery Restaurant you may now register to have up to 3% or more of your purchases go directly to support Aim Right Ministries. Through eScrip, Aim Right Ministries will now receive up to 3% of supporter's purchases at Safeway and 150 other merchant partners. For more information concerning how to register or find merchants in your area, visit eScrip.com or contact Aim Right at info@aimright.org or (602) 462-1987.

For Phoenix area residents, use **Invader Pest Management** for you pest control needs and they will donate 10% back to Aim Right. For more information contact Aim Right at (602) 462-1987.

SUMMER BREAK IS OVER...

With summer vacation being a thing of the past, our programs have begun again. Each day or evening, Monday - Saturday, something is happening here at Aim Right - from basketball, to tutoring, to Kid's Club to Teen Night. Currently, over **175 youth and children** are regularly involved in one of our programs.



Auction 2003

February 8 Phoenix, AZ

Interested in donating to the auction, but not sure how to get the items to Phoenix?

We currently have made arrangements so that donated items can be dropped off in Goshen, Indiana. Aim Right will then make arrangements to transport items from these places to Phoenix.

Items sold at the auction include quilts, antiques, furniture, other hand crafted items, cheese, trail bologna, etc.

If you live near Goshen, IN please contact: **Brad or Lisa Plett** (574) 534-3742 for exact drop off location, and

We currently are looking into the possibility for another drop off point in Hartsville, OH.

Auction Date: February 8, 2003
Items must be received by January 20, 2003

What's New?

- **Luke Goss, from Arthur, IL has returned as an intern for a 2nd year. It's been good to have him back.**
- **Teen Night, Kids Club and Tutoring have all started again after taking a summer break.**
- **A 3 on 3 basketball league for teen guys has been started**
- **The majority of Boys and Girls Clubs have been combined into one big Aim Right Kids Club. Weekly attendance averages over 100.**
- **Elizabeth Tan is currently our new Tutoring Director.**

Current Needs

- Aim Right's tutoring program, All-Star Kids Tutoring, has many children waiting to be matched with a tutor. If interested, contact Aim Right.
- We are also in need of female interns willing to commit to one year of volunteer service. Anyone interested should contact JoeDee at 602-462-1987.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund has been established for the purpose of benefiting young adults who are or have previously been involved with Aim Right. Currently the award amount is \$800/per year, per student. It is designated for tuition and books at a trade school, college or university of their choice. If anyone is interested in contributing to this fund, please designate your gift accordingly.

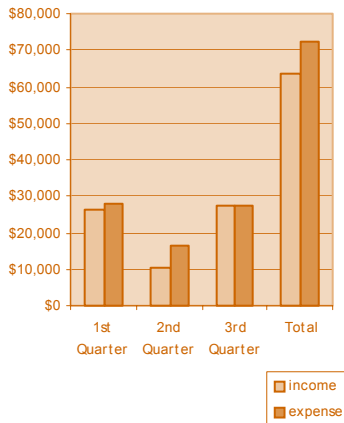


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2002 General Operating Income & Expenses

As of September 30



Mission Statement Established in 1991, Aim Right Ministries provides after school recreational activities, educational tutoring, and moral/spiritual training for at risk youth and children living in central Phoenix. Working in cooperation with Crossroads Christian Fellowship, we desire these youth to be evangelized and disciplined for Christ.

Since January 2001, Aim Right has been released by RMM as an autonomous organization and is solely dependent on the generosity of individuals, churches, and businesses interested in making a difference in the lives of inner city youth. Thank you for your continued support.

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Tutoring Director: Elizabeth Tan
Interns: Charles Beachy, Luke Goss

Executive Director Position Available

Aim Right Ministries is looking for a person with a vision and passion for reaching at-risk youth to fill the position of Executive Director beginning February 2003. This is a salaried position.

For more information, contact Darrell Bacher at 602-462-1987 or darrell@aimright.org.

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Helping Youth Find Direction in Life