

# Redeemer Community Partnership

# UPDATE

South Central Los Angeles

August 2007

## Summer Program 2007

*Pictured: Brother and sister, Jose and Daniella pose for a photo while waiting for their mom; Mario shows off his tornado-making skills; 5th grader Jerry receives help from his volunteer tutor.*

Despite the heat of the summer sun this year, our summer reading program was a great success! Eight student interns from Cal State LA and Pomona College led seven classes for children from around the neighborhood. These student volunteers packed the summer full of fun and learning with reading, writing, science experiments, poetry, crafts, games and more. In addition, we are excited to announce that eight new families joined us this year with much interest in continuing during the school year. The prospect of building lasting relationships with these children and their families is very exciting! And we hope the kids in the program gained more than just an educational experience. With our words and our actions, we desire to communicate to them the truth of God and how much they are loved by him. It is a great gift to be apart of their lives in this way.

*Jesus said,  
"Let the little  
children come to  
me, and do not  
hinder them, for  
the kingdom of  
heaven belongs to  
such as these."  
Matthew 19:14*



## Thank you!

- ✦ Thank you to **Pasadena Covenant Church** and **First Presbyterian Church of Downey** for pouring out your lives in service to our community. Thank you for all of your hard work!
- ✦ Thanks to **John Mack Elementary School** and principal **Brenda Grady** for allowing us to hold our camps on the school campus.
- ✦ Many, many thanks to our wonderful LAUP interns! **Emily, Jenny, Corinthia, Conrad, Cynthia, Sarah, and Damata**, thanks for putting on a terrific summer program for our kids! And special thanks to **Molly Unrhue** for leading the team and for all of your assistance this summer!
- ✦ Thanks to **Flor, Lucero, Gabby, Arturo, and Jorge**, our new high school volunteers who used some of their summer vacation time to help us out!
- ✦ Thank you to the **Korean United Presbyterian Church** for your partnership again this summer in allowing us the use of the church facilities!
- ✦ Thank you to **Center for Student Missions** for all the great volunteer groups who helped us this summer!
- ✦ Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who make it all possible!



**Pasadena Covenant Church helped us kick off the summer with a week-long sports and arts camp for children in the neighborhood. They also painted and repaired the home of a family who attend Church of the Redeemer. Five weeks later, First Presbyterian Church of Downey ended the summer with another sports camp and made renovations to our tutoring center.**



## Engine House No. 18



Thank you to all you who have contributed toward and prayed for our acquisition and renovation of a 100-year old fire station for use as a new community center, performing arts theatre and church. We were one of three applicants invited to make a presentation to the City in mid-August. we are now awaiting a decision before the end of the month. Please pray for God's clear leading and provision through the process.

## How you can help!

### Volunteer Opportunities

Become a **Reading Buddy** and read weekly with an Adventures Ahead student.

Contact Lauren at:  
(323) 733-6173  
lauren@tigrett.com

### Donation Opportunities

- ★ new computers to replace our outdated ones
- ★ a digital camera
- ★ an air conditioner
- ★ school supplies: notebook paper, pencils, markers, etc.
- ★ prizes for our prize shelf

### Giving Opportunities

Partner with us by:

- ★ Giving a one-time gift or becoming a monthly donor.
- ★ Sponsoring a child for one semester--\$150

*See the enclosed envelope for more details.*