



***2018 - A Time of Sharing at Christmas and Throughout the Year***

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***Christmas 2018 - What a time of great joy, praise and sharing at New Creation Church!*** As we celebrated the wondrous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we also remembered those in need, both locally and abroad, through our ongoing community outreach programs.

In this edition we recognize and say "Thank You!" to the NCC Partners who have led these Outreach Programs throughout the years.

***Angel Tree Project*** – For the past 19 years, Pastor Patty B. Allen has championed the Angel Tree Project, ministering to local children with an incarcerated parent. She and her dedicated volunteers ensure these children don't miss out on the joy of receiving a new toy and clothing item at Christmas. Thanks to the love and generous support of NCC Partners, over 257 children were blessed this year! *(See Page 9 to continue reading about Angel Tree)*

***K♥ARE (Kids Are Reaching Everyone)*** – Sis. Angee Miller, is the Coordinator for the K♥ARE Outreach for children ages 4-12. This past fall the children held a successful 'Warm for the Winter' drive collecting new winter hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless. Because of NCC's gracious response over 200 items were collected. *(Read more about the K♥ARE program on Page 10.)*

***The Brotherhood*** – Pastor Jerry Powell has blessed

the Brotherhood Men's Ministry with sound spiritual leadership and faithful service for the past eight years.

As a long standing ministry of the Adult Department, the Brotherhood serves the homeless by witnessing and handing out care packages. They regularly serve meals at God's Extended Hand mission and also serve meals at Father Joe's Village at Christmas time. *(For more on The Brotherhood see Page 5.)*

***CRASH, Inc. Outreach*** – Bro. Robert 'Bob' West is on a mission to share the Word of God. And he has a special focus on sharing it with participants of the local CRASH program, for he credits this spiritually-based residential drug rehab program with saving his life! One of the ways Bob pays his blessings forward is by transporting CRASH participants to Friday Men's Fellowship meetings and to Sunday services at New Creation. *(Read more about his work with CRASH on Page 8.)*

***God's Extended Hand Outreach*** – In 2003, after the city of San Diego banned serving the homeless on the streets, Wendy Johnson and Ann McPherson began the New Creation Church outreach at God's Extended Hand. Fast forward to 2018 and Wendy is still serving faithfully at God's Extended Hand. She is joined monthly by other volunteers from the NCC ministerial team, Sanctuary choir, and the different auxiliaries. *(See Page 7 for more on GEH.)*

***Ghana, Africa Outreach*** – This past summer, New Creation's global outreach extended to Ghana, Africa. Bro. Mark Thomas and Pastor Barry Harris were blessed to visit the Promise Land Ranch School in Tema, Ghana. The school is free for low-income preschool through eighth grade students. In 2018, NCC Partners and community members donated 2,000 pounds of food to the school! *(For more about the Ghana trip, see Page 11.)*

## *2019 NCC Themes Presented by Sr. Pastor Reginald L. Gary*



### Holding On To Holiness

Psalm 34:10-14

*Sub Theme:*

“Living In A Higher Expectation”

Psalm 62:5-7

Holiness - The state of being holy! It's the consistent crucifixion of the desires of the flesh. It's an intentional life of holiness and total devotion to God. Holiness is the discipline of our beliefs. No one can live in a holy way without being disciplined to holiness!

With compassion, sensitivity, commitment, discipline, honesty, lack of judgment of others, personal repentance and agreement with our God, we will seek to recapture the power that can only be found in holy living (Holy living is Powerful living)

Holiness is not:

- ◆ Mystical
- ◆ Magical
- ◆ Mysterious
- ◆ Occultic
- ◆ Secret
- ◆ Esoteric (confirmed to, and only understood by, an enlightened inner circle).

*“It is my humble opinion that the church in America has lost its way and respect for “holiness.” R.L.G.*

It is my belief that it will regain its direction when it returns to the source of its power.....**HOLINESS!**

Re-Embracing Holiness will:

- ◆ Make us responsible to the study of the Word of God
- ◆ Make us fervent in Prayer
- ◆ Compel us to reach the lost
- ◆ Meet the needs of the needy
- ◆ Be more committed to our local church
- ◆ Give us constraint
- ◆ Make us accountable to families and friends
- ◆ Save us money
- ◆ Strengthen our relationships
- ◆ Help us more clearly hear from God

The church can not be pleasing to God if it continues to compromise “Holiness” in order to be politically correct!

1Peter 1:16: “Be Holy, for I am Holy”

### 2019 Monthly Themes

- ◆ **Jan** - Understanding Holiness  
Psalm 34:12-14
- ◆ **Feb** - Plan a Life of Holiness  
Luke 12:31
- ◆ **Mar** - Live in Newness of Life  
Ezekiel 36:26
- ◆ **Apr** - Receiving God's Forgiveness  
Psalm 103:3
- ◆ **May** - Is God in It?  
Psalm 51:10-13

◆ **June** - Hold on to what will Hold You  
Joshua 1:8-9

◆ **July** - Living with my Scars  
Jeremiah 30:16-17

◆ **Aug** - Living in the Power of God's Promises  
Psalm 37:1-6

◆ **Sept** - Pray with Expectation  
Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 7:7

◆ **Oct** - Speak Words that Give Life to Others  
1Thessalonians 5:12-15

◆ **Nov** - Thanking Family  
Romans 12:10-13

◆ **Dec** - Born to Bless  
Deuteronomy 30:9-16

Psalm 34:10-14

<sup>10</sup>The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. <sup>11</sup>Come ye children harken unto me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>What man is he that desired life, loveth many days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup>Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. <sup>14</sup>Depart from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.



## Staff Recognition

### New Creation Church Security



Marquis Snowden

*A doer of the work will be blessed in what he does.*

*James 2:25*

As a member of New Creation's Security team, Marquis Snowden is a familiar and welcoming face at NCC. Usually seen at the parking lot main entrance on Sunday mornings, Marquis has worked for the past six years with his uncle, Don E. Snowden, to maintain the safety of our church buildings and grounds.

In addition to his presence on Sundays, Marquis also works to provide vital room setups and security for the sanctuary, meeting rooms and classrooms during the week. This work has taught him patience and resilience to adjust to changing timelines, changing requirements and changing information. He says "You learn to work smarter and not harder to ensure each ministry's request is done correctly, pre-

cisely and timely."

A 20-year member of New Creation, Marquis credits his mother's firm guidance, the Youth Ministry, and mentors within New Creation for his Christian foundation. On Sunday mornings Mom said "Get up, we're going to church!"

He recalls being baptized very young, and grew up in New Creation with his two brothers. The Youth Ministry deepened his faith and guidance and mentorship from the late LaRue Harrington inspired him. Their conversations, discussions, and problem solving helped him in this position, and in life.

Other men like uncle Don E. and Mark Thomas taught him how to do the job, about team work and responsibility - all with joy

and laughter. They taught him one must have patience (one of the fruits of the Spirit) and things must be done in a smooth fashion.

As a result, Marquis likes working with people, completing set ups to the requestor's expectations, and receiving compliments on a job well done.

*"I knew God would always be there because my Faith groomed me to where I am today, and Faith led me to believe I would be ok."*

Marquis wants us to know additional help is needed on the Security team right now! Any dedicated person, young or 'seasoned' who is interested in helping, can speak to Marquis or Don E. anytime you see them on Sundays or weeknights at the church. Amen!

## Membership Has Its Privileges

Membership is vital and important to you as a participant in the Body of Christ.

Here at New Creation Church we want to be able to provide you with the available assistance that may be needed during times of life's challenges, and we would love to share Church news and events with you in the form of email communications.

If you have been attending New Creation Church and have not become a

**PARTNER** (Joined the Church as a Member) we invite you to speak to one of the Team members in the Partner Services Office, join us at the Invitation during one of the Sunday Worship Services, or contact the church office Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 2pm at 619-584-5460.

*You could be missing out on all of your membership privileges!*

We offer a New Members Class that will teach you the history of New Creation Church and what we be-

lieve, our Statement of Faith and Mission, as well as assist you to get connected with a ministry in the church.

Our prayer is that you consider becoming a partner with us.

If you are a current partner or you are not sure please take a moment to stop by the Partner Services Office to verify that your name, and each family member's name, is on file with the church and you are officially a PARTNER of New Creation Church.

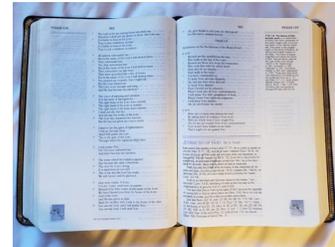


*No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you.*

***Bible Facts - Center of the Bible***

**Question**

**Answer**



What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 117

What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 119

Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

Psalm 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118.

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalm 118.

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

What is the center verse in the Bible?

Psalm 118:8

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word! Psalm 118:8 (NKJV)

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.”

Now isn't that odd how this worked out or was God in the center of it?



***NCC Family News:  
Graduations, Weddings, Births, Special Occasions***



***Congratulations  
2018 San Diego Prestige Award  
Nominees:***



New Creation Church Sanctuary  
Choir received a nomination for:  
***Choir of the Year South***

Mark Gary, New Creation Church  
Minister of Music received a  
nomination for:  
***Minister of Music of the Year***

Donnell Pleasant, New Creation  
Church Choir Director received a  
nomination for:  
***Choir Director of the Year***



**Congratulations to the families of  
the precious babies and children  
that have been dedicated back to  
the Lord in 2018**



**Congratulations to newly elected  
San Diego NAACP  
2019-2020 Board Members**

**NCC Partners:  
Francine Maxwell - Vice President  
Wanda Rogers - Assistant Treasurer**

We invite you to share your good news with our Church Family in one of the upcoming newsletters in the months of:

***April, July and October***

Forms to share your news are available on the counter at the church office (next to the newsletter stand) or in Partner Services.

Submit to Member-at-Large mailbox, email to [mbratlge@nccofsd.org](mailto:mbratlge@nccofsd.org) or give to a team member:

**(L to R) Othella Burns, Wanda Everett, Shirley Darensburg and Darvin Glenn**



## Ministry Spotlight: Brotherhood Men's Ministry



Pastor Jerry L. Powell with Elliott Raspberry (left) and Herbert Argrow (right).

to men.

◇Inspire men to be positive role models to our youth.

◇Inspire men to be leaders in their homes, church, and community.

*“We are to minister to men of the church through fellowship and sound spiritual leadership. We are to support the New Creation mission by helping men to increase their awareness, understanding and willingness to apply Godly principals while fulfilling their roles in the family, church and community.” - Brotherhood Mission Statement*

For the past eight years Rev. Jerry L. Powell has faithfully served as the Brotherhood Ministry Spiritual Leader, giving sage advice and guidance in all Brotherhood events and programs.

A “born and raised” San Diegan, Rev. Powell is a Lincoln High School “Hornet 4 Life”. He credits a sports scholarship to Cal State University Northridge

for affording him the opportunity to earn his B.S. degree in Business Finance. With 10 years of prior ministry experience, Pastor Gary appointed him Spiritual Leader to The Brotherhood Ministry in 2011.

Rev. Powell notes he “...enjoys working collectively with the men in a capacity of spiritual growth and enhancement. It has been a rewarding experience working diligently with our 2018 officers, President Herbert Argrow, Vice President /Acting Secretary Elliott Raspberry, and Treasurer Ed Webster, along with a number of faithful men serving Christ.”

The Brotherhood would like all NCC partners to know they have been faithful in outreach for many years. The auxiliary has stepped up with moving assistance to members, and with yard cleaning when a member became ill.

The Brotherhood is a regular fixture serving and ministering to the less fortunate at God’s Extended Hand and Father Joe’s Village, as well as street witnessing and handing out care packages to the homeless.

Members of The Brotherhood usher every 4th Sunday. The men see to it that an atmosphere of reverence and order is maintained before, during, and after the service. When they usher worshippers to their seats, they do it for God. When they gather the offerings, they serve God. What they do, they do “...not as unto men, but unto God.” They are a part of the total congregation which presents itself before God to worship Him.

New members are always welcome! If you are interested in being a part of The Brotherhood Ministry, please contact Cynthia Brownlee, Adult Department Director at [adultdepartment@nccofsd.org](mailto:adultdepartment@nccofsd.org) or the church office at (619) 584-5460.

The Brotherhood Men’s Ministry has been a mainstay at New Creation for many years. It is comprised of men who love God, want to learn more about his teachings, and want to share God’s love throughout the community.

The Brotherhood is committed to programs and events rooted in the biblical principles of Christian Holy Living, and provides:

◇Support and encouragement

(L to R) Terry, Herb, Dale and Renard enjoying meal prep at Father Joe’s Village



Elliott serving meals to the homeless at God’s Extended Hand



Brotherhood group photo at Father Joe’s Village



Quinton & Darwin prepping meals at God’s Extended Hand



## *Did You Know...*



### Day 1

Our thoughts matter so much. The thought really does count because what you think determines what you become. Unfortunately, most of us tend to be held captive by toxic thoughts, rather than focusing our thoughts on God's truth. This week you will read from God's Word about the dangers of toxic thoughts and how you can replace them with God's truth.

How have your toxic thoughts negatively affected your life and relationships?

Read: Proverbs 4:1-27

### Day 2

To battle against your toxic thoughts, you must identify and reject them. As II Corinthians 10 tells us, the battle against our toxic thoughts is like none other. It is not a physical battle, but rather it is a spiritual battle that requires God's help in fighting.

What are some of the causes of toxic thoughts in your life?

Read: II Corinthians 10:1-6; Ephesians 6:10-20

### Day 3

There are four common categories of toxic thoughts. These are negative, fearful, discontented, and critical. Chances are you are struggling with toxic thoughts in one or more of these four ways. Don't let these toxic thoughts grab hold of you and consume you. The deeper you let them take root inside you, the harder they will be to shake off. Identify those thoughts and reject them today.

Which types of toxic thoughts do you experience most often? What are some examples of your toxic thoughts?

Read: Jeremiah 12:1-4

## Community Outreach: God's Extended Hand



On the fourth Saturday of every month around 12:30 pm the hustle and scurry of volunteers preparing to serve the homeless community fills the kitchen and dining area at God's Extended Hand.

You can hear the choir members warming up to sing praise and Christmas songs and cheerful volunteers are working together assembling hygiene bags that sometimes include snacks.

Today the children from New Creation Church **K♥ARE** outreach program are there to hand out care packages filled with hats, scarves and gloves. St. Demiana Orthodox Coptic Church volunteers stop by with brand new sweatshirts and clothing, and another community volunteer delivered jackets.

Alex, a young man from Helix High School, chose to serve at God's Extended Hand for his Senior Expedition project. Along with his mother he helped prepare food and serve, as well as participated in assembling the hygiene bags.

First time volunteers Abby and Fallon were excited to be serving the homeless community and making a difference. Reggie of HomeStreet Bank was there with his family. They are

becoming regular volunteers with New Creation Church.

The doors open at 2:30 pm. There are bibles on each table and the God's Extended Hand volunteers are organized and providing directions for the day. The service started with prayer by Minister Childs. As songs of praise by choir members Valerie, Wanda, Mike and Mitch filled the room with "Joy Bells Keep Ringing in My Soul", there was clapping and singing all over the room. Then everyone sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

A word of encouragement and a message from Matthew 22:36-40 by Minister Hines, and all were reminded "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." The invitation to accept Jesus as Savior was extended, and a couple came up to receive Salvation. The closing prayer included a testimony and afterwards the choir sang "Silent Night."

Now it is time to partake of the meal being served. Today's menu is pork roast, rice and gravy, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls and applesauce.

In 2003 Ann McPherson and Wendy Johnson came together and partnered with God's Extended Hand to feed the homeless. Ann co-ordinated the ministers to speak, and Wendy and Jackie Clay cooked the meals, until Ms. Jackie went home to be with the Lord.

Robin and Lance Croom, as well as many other volunteers, stepped in and assisted with cooking from time to time. Special thanks go to Pat Johnson and Fredricka Flynt for assisting with today's meal.

Wendy believes that serving and being in the presence of the homeless community has kept her humble. She says "No one should ever think that they are better than anyone else. We don't know how people got into the situation of homelessness, and we never know what our future holds. I praise God every day because that could've been me and my kids. I struggled for years to support them after a divorce. Praise be to God we made it."

"Throughout the years I have had a lot of different people commit. I am thankful for those who continue to help and support this outreach. They look forward to coming down and helping to plan the menus, cook and serve the food, and being available to assist in any way.

It has brought us closer together as a church family and friendships have developed. We receive many thanks after the meal, and sometimes they can get sack lunches for dinner and they are very thankful.

Recently many new families have started coming to help us serve the homeless. One volunteer was extremely impressed at how excellent everything tasted and looked.

He and his family are now committed to serving every fourth Saturday with New Creation Church.

Because of the connection with our team - Bob, Rhett, Valerie, Doris, JoAnna, Deloris, Pat and myself - his family has started going back to church in their community! You never know how you may touch someone's life in a good way or in a bad way. We are happy this turned out to be a good way!"

We are truly grateful to be a part of serving the community and for the blessing to partner with God's Extended Hand.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Wendy Johnson at [Wendyjo65@gmail.com](mailto:Wendyjo65@gmail.com).



## Community Outreach: CRASH, Inc.



**Robert and Marguerite West**

Early most Sunday mornings, Robert ‘Bob’ West is at CRASH, Inc., making sure interested participants from their residential drug rehabilitation program have a ride to New Creation’s 8:00 am service. And on Friday nights Bob is there again to pick them up for our Men of God Under Construction meetings.

During the week, Bob serves as President of the CRASH, Inc. (Community Resources And Self Help) Board of Directors, a position he has held for the past 16 years.

As Board President Bob has two goals:

◇ To keep the organization running as smoothly as possible to achieve our recovery goals, and to manage the staff providing them with all of the tools needed to do their jobs.

◇ To interact with as many clients as possible to share the good news that CHRIST is the answer.

This dedicated service reflects Bob’s special and personal connection to CRASH. As a former graduate of the program himself, Bob joyfully thanks the residential program at CRASH, Inc. for saving his life!

Bob relates how, as a very successful young athlete, he was drafted into the NFL. But, as a rookie with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1972, he was introduced to drugs. At that time, Bob took his first drink and was introduced to cocaine.

He reflects on feeling unworthy, “I had this enormous desire to fit in be-

cause I was filled with no self-worth, I felt like I did not fit in anywhere, and had no hope.” It was at that time that he turned his back on God and fell into drug addiction - for the next 24 years.

But in 1996, after hitting the lowest point in his life, GOD led Bob to CRASH, Inc. Thanks to this spiritually based program Bob had a life-changing experience. He learned how to deal with all the issues that were destroying him, and how to stay clean and sober. CRASH, Inc. saved his life and he will be forever grateful!

**CRASH Mission Statement:**  
*“To provide drug related recovery services, prepare individuals with the tools needed to re-enter society and in the process make our communities a better place to live.”*

Now Bob, along with his wife Marguerite ‘Rhett’, is dedicated to sharing his Christian faith with all who are interested and with promoting the CRASH,

Inc. mission ‘...doing GOD’s will, living life to the fullest, and doing everything he can to inspire, encourage and enhance the lives of others.’

In support of the CRASH program, Bob would like all NCC partners to know that the stigma of “DRUG ADDICT” does not mean they (we) are bad people. CRASH, Inc. does not treat just the addiction, but also provides an introduction to the spiritual side of life. The best thing we can do is show them the love that CHRIST showed us.

If you know anyone that could benefit by this uplifting program, please seek out Bob West or, visit the CRASH, Inc. website at <http://www.crashinc.org>.



**Bob having fun with a CRASH Member**

**Pastor Gary providing positive affirmations to CRASH members**



**Bob addressing CRASH Members at Meet & Greet**

**Pastor Gary and First Lady (front row, center) with NCC and CRASH members**





**Pastor 'Patty B'**

## *Community Outreach: Angel Tree Project Journey Highlights*

to the Angel Tree Project. NCC has partnered with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program for 19 years, helping to bring families closer together, and providing blessings to many children.

Pastor Patty relates:

"Our involvement began with New Creation being assigned to Calvary Baptist Church to serve together as sister churches. Calvary Baptist Church was located in the city of Oceanside, CA. Our sister church would contact all the families and their congregation would purchase the gifts. New Creation church volunteers would go pick up the gifts and make the deliveries to all the San Diego area families.

One day Vonda Brown, Church Comptroller at the time, asked why we were not doing it all here at New Creation Church? We stepped out on faith without a budget and begin to work directly with the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Program to start the Angel Tree outreach here.

New Creation Church Angel Tree volunteers now contact all the families personally to get the information for each child, and they now come to New Creation Church to pick up their gifts. In the past that has included attending a concert, and this year the children were visited by Santa during pick up. We have accomplished more

than growth through our experiences. We have learned how to trust Him, and knowing He will make a way out of no way!

Every Sunday in the months of November and December the Angel Tree ministry comes alive. You can see NCC partners lining up to pick up names of children they will provide Christmas gifts to. Each child receives two gifts, a wish gift and a clothing item. We recommend gift givers spend no more than \$40 per child, and limit donations to a maximum of two children.

This year there were 105 families and 257 children blessed with gifts. The other unique thing we do at New Creation Church is adopt two to four families through our Angel Tree Project. We have faithful and committed Servants that bless families with groceries for the entire household.

The highest number of children we have blessed through the Angel Tree Outreach is 360, and we do incorporate our children here at New Creation because we take care of home! In 2018 we had more partners who wanted to give to a child than we had children to match them with.

We thank our New Creation Church family for supporting Angel Tree over the years. We could not have been such a blessing in the lives of the many families without you. God's continuous Blessings

to each of you! It's all about spreading God's word and the love of God. *1John 4:8 God is Love.*

If you are interested in joining the team, you can contact 'Patty B' or an Angel Tree team member through the church office at (619)584-5460.

*I just wanted to thank you Pastor Patty B for all the blessings you have bestowed upon my family. We are truly grateful for the gifts you have given my children. You have made their Christmas Holiday. God Bless you.*



Pastor Patty B. Allen is the Pastor and Director of the Children's Ministry and Angel Tree Coordinator. She has been a member of New Creation Church since March 1993 when the Church Family moved to 3155 Altadena Avenue. Prior to joining the ministerial team, Pastor Patty B was the church office manager and secretary to Pastor Gary for 13 years.

Since then she has served in numerous Church ministries. Pastor Patty B was appointed to the New Creation Church Prison Ministry "Reaching Beyond the Doors and Walls". She completed the MIT (Minister in Training) Class, under Pastor Gary, and was licensed as an Evangelist.

This training allowed her to serve behind prison walls and she served faithfully with Thelma Harper and Wendy Buchannon, including writing correspondence and sending care packages to the inmates.

As a result of Pastor Patty B's participation in the Jackie Robinson Y Mentoring Program for Incarcerated Inmates children, New Creation Church was introduced

## Children's Outreach Program



God's Extended Hand

**KARE** stands for Kids are Reaching Everyone and is the Children and Youth Ministries Outreach Program at New Creation Church. Angee Miller serves as the coordinator for the Children's Ministry outreach program and Angela Murphy serves as the coordinator for the Youth outreach program.

**KARE** was created over 15 years ago to get the kids involved in giving back to the community, and sharing God's Love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ locally and around the world.

The Children's Ministry through **KARE** has participated in outreach events such as:

- Sending Bibles to kids in another country (in their native language)
- Collected blankets and knit hats for the homeless
- Collected socks for Rady Children's Hospital
- Collected blankets, toiletries and stuffed animals for San Diego Ronald McDonald House. Collaborated with the Youth in assisting with the move to their current location.
- Collected toiletries for the homeless
- Sent blankets to kids in Mexico

- Wrote postcards with art and word of encouragement for Senior Homes
  - Collected books for Oak Park Library
  - Collected school supplies and shoes for kid at Polanski Center
  - Collected canned goods for food pantry and Holiday baskets
  - Sent school supplies to Africa and Venezuela
  - Community clean ups
- And much more...

The children ages 4 through 12 are lending support locally as well as globally, spreading God's Love along the way.

Here are just a few other organizations that **KARE** has participated in or supported:

- San Diego Polinsky Children's Center
- MS 5K Walk-a-Thon
- Operation Kid to Kid (global)
- World Vision (global)
- San Diego Family Justice Center

The Children's Ministry has recently incorporated a new project "**KARE** Sundays". Every 2nd Sunday is designated as **KARE** Sunday in Children's Church.

On those Sundays during the first 15 minutes of Children's Church service Angee talks with the kids

about any outreach projects, **KARE** Challenges for the month or she'll show a **KARE** video.

For the month of October the kids had a "Warm for the Winter" Drive, collecting winter hats, scarves and gloves, and distributed them to the homeless at God's Extended Hand. Over 200 items were collected. We thank everyone that supported the efforts of our children.

If you are interested in serving or donating to the children or youth **KARE** outreach contact Angee Miller (children) Angela Murphy (youth) by contacting the church office at (619)584-5460.

**KARE**



NCC Kids Are Reaching Everyone



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Compassion Helps & Heals...

## Outreach Abroad: Ghana, Africa

New Creation Church continues to expand our missions outreach across the world. Last year, we supported as a body of believers the Promise Land Ranch School in Tema, Ghana.

Two of our members, Mark Thomas, New Creation Facilities Manager, and Pastor Barry Harris, Executive Assistant to the Pastor, were blessed to travel with a local organization, Promise Land Ranch, on a missions trip to Tema, Ghana. Promise Land Ranch is an Escondido-based non-profit that operates a school in Tema for preschool through eighth grade students. The city of Tema is the official "Sister City" of San Diego.

With God as the foundation of everything taught at the school, children in need receive a free Christian education, healthcare, meals and clean water. The students have a love for learning and are taught three different languages: Akan, French and English. They learn the importance of being responsible for their actions (personal accountability),

to be active in their home and community (good citizenship), and most of all, respect for their elders.

Mark recalls when he first arrived in Tema he began taking pictures and was depressed by the living conditions, the lack of sanitation, dirt roads and shacks.

He was saddened for the people and the conditions they endured. But when he began meeting the people he could feel their positive spirit. He was quickly reminded by The Holy Spirit "Not to compare *his* lifestyle to the people of Ghana. The people are completely happy, genuinely satisfied with what they have. It was inspiring to see how they greet you with a genuine smile, firm handshakes, and firm hugs. When talking to you they look you directly in your eyes and the children show the respect they are taught for their elders."

Through this experience Mark came away "humbled, humbled, humbled!" "He noted that you can get to the point where you have everything you need, and still want more. But seeing a per-

son who has nothing, and is twice as happy as you are, is truly humbling. You see they have just enough for themselves and they still offer food to you first before they eat."

Back at home and inspired by Promise Land's focus on God and stewardship over donations, Mark decided to be a part of the organization. He now sits on the Board of Promise Land, and is pleased to know 100% of every donation goes to those in need. The founders, John and Tara Essien, operate with compassion and take no pay for their work. In addition, Promise Land received the 2018 Transparency Award, in recognition for making their business records accessible to their donors.

Having witnessed Promise Land Ranch firsthand, Mark encourages everyone to see how they may lend support. View the website at [www.plrghanaafrica.com](http://www.plrghanaafrica.com) to see the good being done in Tema!



**Top:** Pastor Harris and a young student **Bottom:** Mark Thomas with Promise Land Ranch male students

**Top:** Students say thank you. **Bottom:** Young men on the roadside

**Top:** Cave Inscription **Bottom:** Street Vendor

Mother of John Essien (Founder)

## *New Creation Church of San Diego*

### **A GREAT COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND THE GREAT COMMISSION WILL GROW A GREAT CHURCH!**

#### **CHURCH MISSION**

To attract and win MEMBERS, develop them to CHRISTLIKE MATURITY and empower them for a meaningful MINISTRY in the church and a life MISSION in the world in order to MAGNIFY GOD.

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#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- We believe that the Bible is the Divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. – II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Galatians 1:11-12
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. – Deuteronomy 6:4; James 2:19
- We believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Deity, His sinless humanity, the eternal all-sufficiency of His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father's right hand, His personal future return to this earth in power and Glory. – Matthew 1:23; John 1:1; Hebrews 4:15; Colossians 2:14-17; I Corinthians 15:3-7, 44; Acts 1:9
- We believe in the Ministry of the Holy Spirit who convicts, regenerates, baptizes, indwells, enlightens and empowers believers for Godly living and imparts spiritual gifts for the edification of the body of Christ. – Titus 3:5; Romans 8:9; John 16:8-10; I John 2:20
- We believe that the church is the Spiritual Body of which Christ is the head, both functionally and eternally. We observe the ordinances of the Christian baptism by immersion for believers, and the Lord's Supper. – Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-31