

More Good News From The Gardens



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Fall always provides an unwelcome test of faith for our staff at **The Way Out Ministries**. Each year we are just coming out of our financial summer slump and round the corner into a new school year. There are books to buy, rooms to renovate, sports equipment to purchase and teachers to pay. There are always things that we want to finish before the school year begins, but our income just won't permit it. One of the big needs for this school year was to refinish our lunch deck. Much of the decking needed replacing, and the sun scorched wood desperately needed sanding and refinishing.

Brian and Connie Werner of Christ Community Church in Buena Park, California decided to accept our deck challenge and make it a mission's project for their church. Their aim was to begin the deck just after our summer programs and finish just before school began in the first week of September. This window of opportunity gave them two weeks to haul off the heavy, cement lunch tables and benches, replace damaged planks, pressure wash and sand the deck, and finally apply two coats of paint and sealer.



On several occasions, Brian and Connie worked alone after their workdays to accomplish their goal. On weekend others joined them from their church and *The Gathering (The Way Out Ministries' mission church)* to finish the job. The deck was first used at Turner High's orientation day where 39 students enjoyed a welcome barbeque.

Friends like Brian and Connie and Christ Community Church bring blessings that we could never afford as a mission organization. What a privilege to enjoy such a beautiful deck. It was originally built for us by volunteers and maintained by the same. People who love Jesus and choose to express that love to others in deed and truth.



Thank you for giving your gift to The Way Out Ministries too. It is the action of God's people together that keeps our doors open to minister Christ in the city. He is the hope for the streets and "good news" for Hawaiian Gardens.

Photos: Top— Brian and Connie (Center) join with volunteers from Christ Community Church, Middle— Students on orientation day at Turner Christian High School. Bottom— Students enjoy the newly finished deck.