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Beloved mom and grandma, Betty Jean Bruce [February 25, 1928-November 4, 2008] (center) surrounded by her children (left to right) Barry, Bonnie and Dan.

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**“There’s No Place Like Home!”**

*We apologize for the lateness of this newsletter which is due largely to the sudden loss of Pastor Barry’s dear mother. Below are his reflections.*

Arriving home after a heart-wrenching week in Northern California, I was beyond tired. I loved and missed my family who had come together for my mom’s funeral, but I was relieved to be home. As Dorothy said in the Wizard Of Oz, “There’s no place like home.” In that instance I realized, “This is what mom must have thought.” Her life had been blessed in so many ways, but she was tired and longed for home.

My dear mom went home to be with the Lord on November 4th. She will be remembered by her children as a mother who fought against the odds to raise her family alone. Mom spent her life for the benefit of her children, and each of us now spend our lives doing likewise for others in our professions. My mom’s legacy of love lives on in her children and twelve grand-kids.

Among the many verses, mom loved to quote Proverbs 22:6 which says, “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old will not depart from it.” This verse is lived out at The Way Out Ministries too as we seek to influence children, youth, and adults to live for Christ. Thank you for your partnership as we live to be a “light” for others in the inner-city. (Matt. 5:14-16) May each of us burn brightly until we too are called home to walk those wonderful streets of gold.

*Barry*



Seventy plus teens gather every week at the after school club program, Zion.

**After School For Teens**

On Thursday nights, teenagers come by car, on bikes and walking from all over the city to The Way Out Ministries. They come to worship God, hear life lessons from the Bible and to fellowship together in a safe and friendly environment. They are boys and girls, black, white and brown, and they attend several different schools. In many other common scenarios throughout Hawaiian Gardens, this would be a sure recipe for disaster (*i.e. gang fighting*); however, at Club Zion seventy plus teens are enjoying God and each other every week!



Ryan Bruce leads youth in praise and worship at Club Zion.

**For your convenience in making contributions call 562.429.2397**



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Saturday, December 13



Youth leader, Ryan Bruce, and his team of high school and adult volunteers get the club going each week by setting up fun games and activities, preparing refreshments and sound checking the worship band. Some adult volunteers pick up groups of kids on the far edges of town while others oversee youth who greet their guests from the community, serve free concessions and welcome curious visitors. The student center is transformed for this weekly event and filled with colorful lights and sounds that delight young people; but when it's time for worship and Bible, there is no doubt that church is taking place.

When club comes to an end, it is difficult to clear out the student center. No one wants to go home. Oftentimes spiritual conversations ignite around the room, and many youth have made life-changing decisions to follow Christ.

## Help Send 20 Teens To Winter Camp

We would like to send 20 of our hard working teens to a multi-church winter camp. These students will be raising most of their money through car washes, but we are looking for sponsors to help out at \$50.00 per kid. If

you can help please send your donation with the card provided in this mailing. A letter from your sponsored teen will be sent to you upon their return. *Camp is January 16-19.*

## Christmas Cheer



*Two mothers select gifts for their families at last year's Christmas Store.*

Each year, The Way Out Ministries helps many families enjoy a blessed Christmas through our Christmas Store. Your donation of any new/unwrapped \$5-\$10 gift will bring Christmas cheer to a needy child or teen. Just bring your gift to The Way Out Ministries anytime before December 19. Donations of canned or dried foods are also welcomed. Thank you for letting God use you to reach out in Jesus' name.

*Merry Christmas*

## From Resurrection To Resurrection

Long time friend and supporter Len Cerney has gone home to be with the Lord. He leaves behind his dear wife, Madelyn. This godly couple volunteered to oversee our very first outreach to Hawaiian Gardens (*Resurrection Celebration 1982*) when Terryl and I were just kids. Len's contagious energy and Madelyn's encouraging words propelled us in our vision for The Way Out Ministries. We will miss Len and look forward to one day seeing him again in that greater Resurrection Celebration in glory. *Revelation 21:1-4*



*Len & Madelyn Cerney*

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**Pictured on envelope cover:**  
*Nothing scary here! Kid's Corner  
Club on Halloween.*