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Thank You For The Love!

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

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It was a very happy New year at The Way Out Ministries because our partners really came through and brought us into 2011 debt free! We enter our 28th year with this unbroken record, but we face economic challenges that we have never experienced before. We have lost 30% of our church giving base due to hard times. Congregations are struggling everywhere, and church missions budgets are being cut back. We also see an alarming decline of 40% in giving from individuals. We encourage you to continue in your generosity towards this work. If you must cut back we understand but please don't cut us out of your giving plan entirely. Together we can reach out in this new year with ministry that makes a difference in the lives of people living in the inner-city.

Julio Rodriguez is another example of God at work. He was living an empty existence all wrapped up in drugs until his life almost ended in an automobile accident in December 2009.



Julio Rodriguez is Baptized by Pastor Barry and youth minister Ryan Bruce.

On his long road to recovery his “friends” ignored him, and so he began searching for meaning in life. He visited our youth group, ZION, and found hope in Jesus and new friendships with Christian people. Julio was also baptized this past year and is now back on track in school. He looks forward to graduating in June!

These are the stories that we see everyday at The Way Out Ministries. Stories provided by God as He works through his people to bless others. We look forward to partnering with you in 2011.

Barry

Youth Giving Back

So much love and generosity has been given to the youth that participate in the programs of The Way Out Ministries, and many of them



The newly wedded Alex and Martha Hernandez are pelted with rice as they leave their reception.

People like Martha and Alex Hernandez who I had the privilege of wedding in marriage in this new year. They were living together when they first came into our church. Alex was an unbeliever, and Martha was a floundering Christian who had come through some horrible experiences in a former relationship. Together, they grew to become strong believers, were baptized and are now setting a wonderful example to their children and others of what God can do in a life yielded to Him.

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really understand that and want to give back to others in the same way. Our youth leader, Ryan Bruce, has given opportunities to his kids to bless others and is pleased with their response. Each week youth collect an offering which pays for the adoption of a little girl from



Zion youth give back!

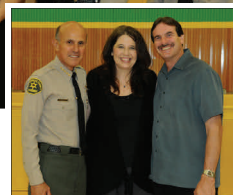
Rwanda through Compassion International. At Christmastime, Ryan challenged his kids to give up getting a Christmas present in order to give her something she really needed. As a result of this challenge, the youth group paid for their child's monthly sponsorship and raised an extra \$150.00 to purchase immunizations for her and chickens and a goat for her family. *A goat is a valuable asset for rural families as they provide milk and meat to eat or sell, and extra income when kids are born.* "It says a lot when a young person forgoes a gift for himself to give to another", said Ryan Bruce.

Update on Law Enforcement

Many have inquired about the relationship that The Way Out Ministries has with local law enforcement since Barry took office as a city councilman of Hawaiian Gardens in December of 2009. Relationships were strained then because The Way Out Ministries became a center for filing complaints against deputies in the Lakewood Sheriff's Department. The ministry also began a civil rights group that successfully protested against city and the Sheriff's Department regarding the treatment of people. As a result of those protests, Sheriff Baca had many meetings at The Way Out Ministries to personally hear complaints of the residents.



Above: Sheriff Leroy Baca with Terry Bruce, Lt. Rod Armand and Commander Tom Lang at Region III graduation.



Inset: The Sheriff with Barry and Terry Bruce.

Last year, Barry and Terry Bruce graduated from a Region III Law Enforcement Academy and continue to work closely with high level officers. Many positive results have come from our many meetings with law enforcement including implementation procedures on gang injunctions for all of L.A. County, and removals for some from the injunction. Hawaiian Gardens and the County are better because people stood up and made some noise. New friendships were also made.

Can You Help Us?

Financial Needs

- **Video Projector for Youth Group**
\$600.00
- **New Computer for Sound Room**
\$770.00
- **Accreditation Examination Fees**
For Turner High WASC accreditation process.
\$2,000.00
- **Subwoofers (speakers) for church**
\$1,500.00
- **Sub Amplifier for Church**
\$700.00
- **2 Vocal Mics @ \$100.00 each**

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Pictured on envelope cover:
Turner High students pack gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child