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## A "Way Out" Blessing!

**way-out** (wā'out') *adjective Slang:*  
Very unconventional, unusual, or strange.

When we incorporated and adopted the name The Way Out Ministries we intended for people to understand it as Jesus being "the way out" of the inner-city struggle. Over the years, however, we have discovered that many people can't shake the slang definition of the word. We have come to embrace that definition as well realizing that we are a very unconventional ministry and follow a very unconventional Lord. As a matter of fact, the Bible tells us to be unusual. To be

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"strangers in a strange land" is how the Apostle Paul phrased it (1 Peter 2:11-12). In many respects, we have behaved very strangely in the environment that God has placed us in. Caring for and loving individuals as family members when they are not blood relatives is the trademark that most astonishes the Latino culture in which we serve. Oscar Valenzuela calls it the "way out blessing!" Here is his story:



*The Valenzuela family: (left to right) Oscar, Sylvia, Richie & Evalynn (front-center).*

As a boy, I was one of the first members of The Way Out Ministries' Survivor Club, but I became disconnected after the terrible accident that happened in 1985 which almost ended that work. (Survivors' first mountain trip nearly ended the club and the ministry when a driver, who perished in the accident, crashed into the Bruce's van, injuring four children and three adults.) I had grown up, married and had two children by the time I revisited the ministry. At this time, Pastor Barry invited me to attend The Way Out Ministries' church, The Gathering, which I did. My family and I visited a few times, but it was Pastor Barry and Terryl Bruce who visited me at the hospital that opened my heart to the Lord. I suffered a heatstroke on a job that threatened my life. After that experience, my heart became hungry for the word of God, and I

asked Him into my life and brought along my family as well.

We have been very fortunate to have the "way out blessing" in our lives. My son, Richie, attends Turner High School on a generous scholarship and has grown academically and in his walk with the Lord. The Way Out Ministries has helped our family by giving us a hand when times were financially tough, and I was searching for a new job. My wife and I received counsel when we experienced rough times in our marriage and as a result, guidance from the word of God has built us into a stronger family.

I read the Bible with my eight year old daughter Evalynn so that she will become a strong reader and disciple. Just the other day while we were reading together she asked me, "Dad, should I be a pastor when I grow up?" It was very exciting to hear her say such a thing, but only God knows. What we do know is that our Good Shepherd, Jesus, has changed our lives and has used The Way Out Ministries to show us His amazing love (Psalms 23:1-6).

## Super Summer Camps!



*Hiking in the woods is a great part of summer camp!*

Staff is looking forward to a new camp program this summer that will increase our ministry opportunities. Rather than the usual full week of summer camp at a costly facility we are

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## Super Summer Camps

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Your gift of \$50.00 (Quarter), \$100.00 (partial) or \$200.00 (full) Can make their summer dream come true and lead them closer to Christ. Please send your gift with the enclosed card today!



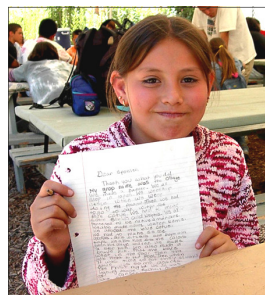

introducing a series of shorter *Super Summer Camps*: **Survivor & Victor Cabin Camp** in the San Bernardino mountains will feature 3 days and two nights for kids ages 9-11. **Zion Beach Camp** in Ventura will feature a camp for teens, and our first ever **Family Camp** will be held at Dogwood Campground in the San Bernardino Mountains as well. Family camp will feature a program that brings godly interaction between parents and their children. We will be offering our annual week-long **Summer Fun Urban**



*Summer Fun Urban Camp is a great way for kids from the neighborhood to experience Jesus!*

**Camp** at The Way Out Ministries for ages 4-11.

As usual, we do need camp sponsors. Without sponsorships none of these camps would be



*As a sponsor of a Super Summer Camper, you will receive a letter from him/her about their experience.*

possible. Your camp sponsorship in the amount of \$50.00 (*Quarter*), \$100.00 (*Partial*) or \$200.00 (*Full*) is greatly appreciated and will give a lasting, life-changing spiritual experience to your sponsored child (*ren*). All sponsors will receive a camper letter (*or letters*) in return for their generous gift. Checks may be made payable to The Way Out Ministries and designated *Super Summer Camps*. Gifts may also be made through Pay Pal by going to our web site at [thewayout.org](http://thewayout.org) or by calling our office and using your credit card. 562.429.2397

### All Aboard!

*Turner High students will be taking a train to the Grand Canyon!*



Thanks to a generous partner in ministry, our students from Turner High will be taking a trip to

Arizona to see The Grand Canyon via a steam train, visit Native American ruins and scenic Sedona. The students and their teachers will be lodged in the home of our generous friend. Low income students such as ours could not afford such an experience without such love and generosity. What a privilege to have such wonderful friends who love the Lord and give in His name.

### Can You Help Us?

#### Financial Needs

- **Mold removal from flooding**  
\$5,000.00
- **Bathroom Renovation**  
\$500.00 per bathroom (*need 6*)
- **New Computers for study lab**  
\$600.00 per unit. (*need 9 units*)  
*Brass donation plaque fixed to each computer.*
- **Me First!® Educational Game**  
\$375.00 (*Interactive electronic*)
- **100 Stacking Chairs**  
\$2,430.00

**Kodak**

**Pictured on envelope cover:**  
*Summer Camp fun with friends and counselors. The best!*