

AGORA Ministries is located in the inner-city of San Antonio, Texas. Our neighbors live in one of the lowest income zip codes in the United States. With a drop out rate of over 50%, many of our teenage students struggle with simply reading. They have family lives that position them to repeat the cycle of family violence, drug and alcohol use, gang affiliation, and lack of education.

AGORA exists to break the cycle!

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Connection Newsletter

Winter 2010/2011

“Jesus IS still Lord” !!!

This time of year has been one of those times when life just seems to be either really going good or really bad. The previous statement is the big reason why I am continually reminding those around me and MYSELF that “Jesus is still Lord! Jesus paid the supreme sacrifice on Calvary that each one of us may find salvation, find peace, receive healing and live a victorious life.



We exist to reach the Westside of San Antonio!

As we look at what the Lord has allowed us to accomplish for Him this year, it is with a humble spirit that we say with pride, we serve an awesome God, who is allowing us, to reach the Westside of San Antonio with the message of HOPE. October was one of our calmest months in quite a while. We needed the quiet time to help us prepare for the remainder of 2010

This years HOPE Celebration, our annual fundraiser, was held on November 4. The attendance more than doubled the previous fundraiser and the blessings are still being reaped. Thank you to each and everyone of you who participated in this years event. God is still doing “GOOD STUFF”

Our Thanksgiving HOPE Dinner outreach was another opportunity to take HOPE to the streets. Volunteers from several churches and organizations helped us offer HOPE to 150 families in our community.

December was a great month for “Takin HOPE to the Streets” .We were able to bless our AGORA families with a great Christmas on Sunday, December 19. We also touched the community with a taste of HOPE that Saturday. Be praying with us that the seeds that we planted can bring a harvest of HOPE in 2011.

We are deeply indebted to and thankful for each one of you that prays and supports us. It is with a thankful heart towards you that we say have a blessed New Year!

Till next time.....Carpe Diem!!

2010 HOPE CELEBRATION

This year's fund raiser was titled "HOPE CELEBRATION" As a ministry, we feel like we are not only raising money to function throughout the year, but the money that is raised, really goes to making sure we are able to give HOPE to our area. We are in the heart of an area where the people sometimes feel as if there is no hope for their situation and circumstances. We are here to share with them the HOPE that is in Christ.

The event was a success. With the help of our awesome board members and several different churches, organizations and businesses. The night turned out beautifully. The weather was a bit on the chilly side, but our supporters still showed up and gave sacrificially for a great cause. There was over 100 in attendance, including the ladies and teens from our weekly events. We are looking forward to a great year, and being able to share the HOPE with more of our community.



Guadalupe Plaza was beautifully decorated for our event.



*Doug Conrey, Chuck Farmer, Chef Rick and Diana Weems.
Great supporters of the ministry*



Just a few of the many volunteers that helped make the night a great success!

Thanksgiving HOPE!

With the help of several churches and organizations we were able to hand out 150 HOPE dinners at Thanksgiving. Included in the box was everything needed for a traditional thanksgiving meal, a turkey, sweet potatoes, stuffing and an apple pie. We were able to bless almost every family that comes to get food from our HOPE Pantry, which happens on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Families from these churches and organizations met at our building, loaded up and went door to door, delivering the boxes and praying with the families.



Golden Girls Christmas!

The ladies of AGORA have really formed a very special group. They have taken charge of our bi-monthly food pantry, and also meet on the other Wednesdays for potluck and bible study. Our ladies Christmas party was great fun. We exchanged gifts, had good food and fellowship. We love the ladies of AGORA!



A few of our ladies and volunteers gathering in the kitchen, snacking and chatting.



The ladies around the table, talking about their favorite Christmas.



The Revolution youth group has had a busy past few months. We've been averaging about 18 students each week. We started & finished a series of Bible teachings on promises & we are now talking about respect. We were blessed to be able to take several students to their first youth convention in November. The students worked outside of Agora to raise some money towards their registration. The kids gave up their Thanksgiving weekend away from family to attend the Gulf Latin American District GLAD youth convention where we worshiped & praised along with 6000+ students from all around TX & LA. The services were amazing & the students were really blessed. It was an awesome experience that we will remember for a long time & we hope to be able to attend again next year

For our Christmas party, we were blessed by Gateway Church who came & prepared a Christmas dinner & cookies for us. We then had about 17 students that stayed late after our regular weekly meeting to wrap donated gifts that were to be distributed at the Alazan Apache courts the Saturday before Christmas. John told the students to come back @ 10:30 in the morning. Well, at 9am we opened the building & that's right about when they all started getting there. They wrapped more gifts & loaded up the trailer and we all went to the courts & starting knocking on doors. Here's what was said by one of the kids in the group I was in, Carlos Insall. "It feels good seeing the look on the kids faces when we hand them a present, they get all excited." It was a real blessing to see the look on the faces of the Revolution students as they went door to door. Everyone was happy, smiling & having a good time. These kids were being used by God to bless other kids and God gets all the glory!





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AGORA's Weekly Events!

Office Hours:
Tue / Wed / Thurs
10 AM - 4 PM

Hope Pantry

1st and 3rd Wednesday
1:00 pm

AGORA's Golden Girls

2nd & 4th Wednesday
12:00 noon

Revolution Youth

Friday
6:30 pm

praise/Prayer

- **Edgar has been cancer free since August 9.**
- **A successful HOPE Celebration.**
- **Delivered over 150 HOPE Thanksgiving dinners.**
- **Building relationships with 20 families in the neighborhood that will eventually lead to the opening of a local church.**
- **Brittany and Adrian delivered a healthy baby girl!**
- **For finances that have come in to be able to do the work of the ministry.**
- **God's person to Pastor the Church Plant.**
- **Full time volunteers for our KIDZ Ministry.**
- **The development of a church planting team.**
- **Fruit from the seeds that have already been planted.**
- **Westside Egg Hunt**
- **Volunteers and supplies for BLOC Parties.**
- **Edgar's continued health.**

2011 UP COMING EVENTS!

Easter Egg Hunt - April 16

Street Camp - July 11 thru 16

Back Pack BASH - August 20

HOPE Celebration - October 13

HOPE Dinners - November 19

Christmas Outreach- December 17

AGORA Family Christmas- December 18

BLOC Party/Workday- January 29

BLOC Party/Workday- April 30

BLOC Party/Workday- July 30

BLOC Party/Workday- September 10

BLOC Party/Workday- October 29

BLOC Parties or "Bringing the Light of Christ" is an opportunity for AGORA Ministries to touch lives in our neighborhood. By cutting the grass, raking the leaves or whatever might need to be done. We also use this day as a chance for us to work on building projects, or do maintenance on our existing building.

Any and all of our events can always use volunteers! If you or your group would like to volunteer for anything please give our office

(210) 270- 7421 a call for more information!

Takin' HOPE to the Streets!