

One Eighty Ministries

Don't turn to the right, don't turn to the left, do a u-turn to God.

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U-Turns: Ministry News



College-Aged Ministry Underway

The new College-Aged Ministry meets every Wednesday night at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship from 6pm—7:30pm. The class is designed for persons age 18—25 seeking to get involved and find direction for their lives.

Please call DeAnne at 812-774-0989 for more information.

LA Dream Center Mission Trip

The One Eighty Team is heading for Los Angeles in Summer, 2011. Projected costs are over \$12,000. Five of our team have reported their costs are covered! Praise God! Please consider helping raise funds or making a donation to help the rest of the team cover their costs.

This trip is critical for the training of our team. Please call Brian at 812-774-0949 for information on how to help.



Brian & DeAnne Splittorff are in charge of this ministry to families in need of clothing, shelter, sanitation and hygiene items. They assist by not just giving a hand out but giving a hand up through education. They teach practical application techniques to first change and then improve the lives of those they minister to.

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The Community Service Exchange By Brian Splittorff

We are conducting an experiment in the College-Age Ministry class and I think it's revolutionary: The Community Service Exchange, where members trade services rather than pay fees. The idea is simple. One member, "Tony," can mow yards, for example, and another member, "Bob," can wash dishes. Bob needs his yard mowed because his mower is not working. Tony will mow his yard and, as "payment," Bob will wash Tony's dishes. An even exchange has taken place involving no money.

Now "Sarah" can clean houses and needs her yard mowed. Bob needs his house cleaned, but, again, does not have a mower. Bob gets Tony to mow Sarah's yard, Sarah cleans Bob's house, and Bob washes Tony's dishes again.

Imagine an entire community (church, neighborhood, town, whatever) participating in this community service exchange. In this recession where people may or may not have income (or enough income), there is an alternative economy where you are never "broke." Your only limitation is how many services you can offer and how much in demand your service is.

For the purpose of this experiment, we have a new currency, the "Time Dollar," or service credit. A time dollar is earned for every hour of service performed and is spent on every hour of service purchased.

Let's apply the time dollar system to the two examples above..

- 1.) Bob "hires" Tony to mow his yard and gives a time dollar to Tony. Tony spends his time dollar by "hiring" Bob to wash his dishes.
- 2.) Bob "hires" Tony to mow Sarah's yard and gives Tony a time dollar. Sarah owes Bob a time dollar so she cleans his house to pay him back. Tony needs his dishes washed again so he "hires" Bob to do it to complete the transaction.

The beauty of the system is that Tony would not need to "spend" his time dollars. He could save them to spend later in a lump sum or donate it to someone in need. Whatever he wants because they're his!

We will keep everyone informed as this experiment progresses. I am pretty excited about the possibilities!

In love and Christ,
Brian