



# Redeemer Community Partnership Building Better Neighborhoods

South Central Los Angeles

Fall 2009



## Kids soar to new heights at math & science summer camp!

If you visited our neighborhood this summer, you might have heard students singing about how an airplane flies, shouting as they launched paper rockets onto second-story rooftops, and laughing during free time at the park. It was a full and noisy summer at Adventures Ahead, as we led our second annual full-day summer science camp with 40 elementary school students, 6 college intern teachers, and many volunteers.

As we focused on the science of flight, even first-graders learned about physics concepts, like thrust, lift, and drag, that can be challenging for adults. In doing so, they began to break the chains of low achievement that bind so many children in our community. Education is the single most important factor in breaking the cycle of generational poverty. In this sense, every science experiment we lead and every song we sing is about God's justice.

This year we had a special opportunity to work for justice when the Los Angeles public schools decided to eliminate all summer school due to budget cuts.

Families were left with few affordable options for summer activities. Our program played an important role in filling this gap. As this need made Adventures Ahead more visible and more popular, we were able to narrow our recruiting to the streets closest to the tutoring center. This is something we have dreamed of doing for years, because working with students who live close to the center allows us to build long-term relationships with families that extend well beyond the years of our program.

Amos 5 speaks about the tides of change that will come when our worship is accompanied by practical action. **“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”** (Amos 5:24) As years pass younger siblings and cousins are beginning to participate as older children graduate from the program. And as we put down these deep roots, there is a sense of momentum, breakthrough, and joy. Continue to pray with us as God brings more and more of his river of justice to this place.

Your prayers are what make transformation possible! We long to have more people pray regularly for our work, and we are so grateful when you do. Visit our new blog for regular updates about our neighborhood and ways that you can pray!



[buildingbetterneighborhoods.blogspot.com](http://buildingbetterneighborhoods.blogspot.com)

# Light the Night

Harvest Carnival 2009

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
2900 block of Raymond Ave., 90007  
In shifts between 2pm and 10pm



Experience Christian community transformation first-hand as you partner with Redeemer Community Partnership and Church of the Redeemer to build simple games, staff game booths and jumpers, serve meals, help set-up or clean-up, and pray.

You will get to interact with kids and their parents and share in what has become one of the most joyful nights in our community. Last year 30 adults signed-up for in-home Bible studies during the festival. 15 teenagers signed-up for our REEL Joy short film outreach. 23 moms expressed interest in a mom's group. And more than 400 children and their families enjoyed a fun and safe place to gather.

Come be part of the transformation and bring your friends, Bible study, church, or service organization. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it! (John 1:5).

**To volunteer or for more information contact:  
Richard Parks at [richard@redeemercp.org](mailto:richard@redeemercp.org).**



## Thank You!

- \* Thank you to Peggy Moore for your years of service with payroll. You have championed the cause of building a better neighborhood for South LA children and their families and have given us back whole weeks of work in the neighborhood.
- \* Thank you to our summer interns, Emily, Eric, Grace, Teresa, Esther, & Riley! You were an amazing gift to us this summer and we are so grateful for all your hard work, positive attitudes, constant prayers, and loving service!
- \* Thank you to Church of the Redeemer for supporting us in so many ways...recruiting, decorating, volunteering, hosting our end of summer celebration, and preparing nearly 50 sack lunches every day!



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