

A COMMITMENT TO THE URBAN POOR

Turnaround Ministries work is primarily designed from the incarnational life of Christ as recorded in the Gospels. We live as extensions of His life in word and deed, seeking out the lost and forgotten, bringing hope and opportunity.

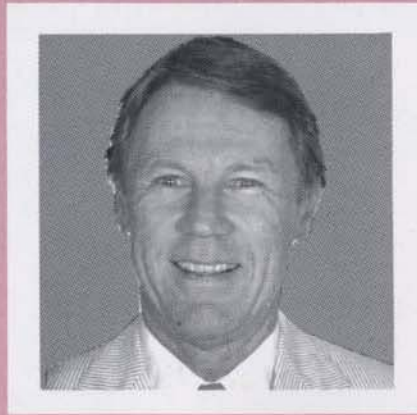
To be genuine in taking on the concerns of the deprived and sharing in their sufferings, we believe it is necessary that most full time staff live in close proximity to the people we are helping. (lower economic areas of large metropolitan cities). We live and work in the city as servants and learners with an agenda to bring change and opportunity.

These single parents look to us as family for support and purpose in life. If we are to meet their needs we must look to you to be our family to support us in our purpose. Help us bring encouragement and hope to what may seem like a hopeless situation. Join us as family and we will make a difference.

"For the poor will never cease from the land; Therefore, I command you saying, 'you shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor, and your needy, in your land'"

Deuteronomy 15:11

If you believe in our purpose and priorities, we are asking you to make a commitment to us. Please fill out and mail the reply card below to Turnaround Ministries, P.O. Box 18A520 Los Angeles Ca. 90018 (213) 735-1113



In February of 1986, Jim Hooker, founder of Turnaround Ministries, sold his home in Malibu, California, "freeing" himself from the hold of this beautiful coastline city. This move was a "faith step" to be available for God's leading into full-time ministry service.

Just one year later, a dramatic and deep revelation of God's love for the poor and oppressed became a life-changing event. This watershed experience brought a commitment to the urban poor.

"I knew that I could never turn my back on the poor again. I was given this special privilege to understand the reality of God's love for the poor, for those who are living with little hope of change. As a Christian, that privilege requires the responsibility to foster hope and change."

Today Jim lives in the heart of the city of Los Angeles directing Turnaround Ministries' mission to the urban poor.

FINANCIAL HELP

- I can make an initial offering of \$ _____
- I can give \$ _____ per month.
- I will give when I can.
- Other (please call to discuss)

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (night) _____

We are most grateful for your concern for the urban poor.

COMMUNICATION HELP

- I will help to introduce you to others that might support your work. Individuals for mailing or groups to speak to.

SOCIAL HELP

- Please send me a Volunteer's assistance form to review the various opportunities to be of help. (A few are listed below)
- Painting & Decorating Apts.
- Helping at Daycare Schools
- Secretarial, Office and Mailing
- Computer/Word Processing
- Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical
- Doctor, Dentist, Lawyer
- Artist/Drawings/Layout
- Interest in full/part time service

SPIRITUAL HELP

- I will commit to pray for your ministry on a regular basis.

People
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Purpose

Turnaround Ministries - Bringing Freedom to the Enslaved

Large American cities are complex and impersonal. The basic institutions of any large city are economic, political, educational, recreational, religion and family. They all play a vital role to meet basic human needs.

The urban poor are unable to utilize any of these support systems due to their alienation from society. They are controlled by insecurity, being totally dependent upon government programs.

Their behavior is expressed according to their survival strategy and instincts.

Lost men, women and children made in the image of God reaching out for hope and acceptance.

Turnaround Ministries is a Christ-centered non-profit (urban missions) organization established to bring wholeness to broken and oppressed people, living in socially and economically deprived conditions of large metropolitan cities.

Our purpose is derived from a central Judeo-Christian Biblical priority: *"To love your God with all your heart, soul and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself."*

One of the most complex and depressing urban social problems in America and a priority of Turnaround Ministries is the single parent head-of-household and their children who are dependent upon various governmental welfare programs for their survival.

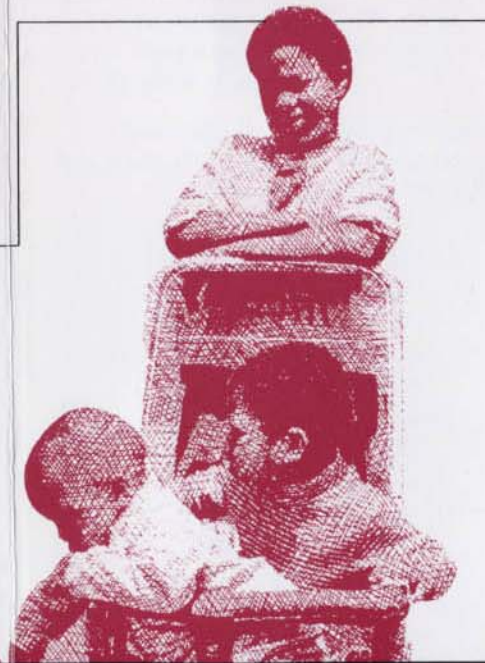
Our objective is to help the single parent, entrapped by a welfare dependency and mind-set, make the difficult transition to become a self-reliant and responsible human being and parent.



HOLISTIC MISSION: A Biblical Approach

Turnaround Ministries' objectives are to help each person become a whole person. In this Biblical approach we will help them to identify, heal and build all areas of impoverishment: social, educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual so that the highest level of freedom is realized for each person enabling them to use their innate potential and gifts. Poverty is more than economics.

This holistic ministry philosophy is derived from both the old and new testaments with a special emphasis on the biblical mandate of the Great Commission.



Developmental

To help acquire basic educational skills, to help develop specific skills for vocational interest (long or short term).

Practical

Provide transportation, day-care, clothing, local jobs, help in job applications and interviews.

Personal

To develop community & be a family they never had, encouraging and holding accountable; to show God's love in deeds.

Spiritual

Build a Biblical foundation relevant to everyday living. Help develop personal relationship with God and fellow man/

*(For additional details on the above, see "Turnaround Ministries Transformational Plan for Permanent Change: a process towards self-reliance and personal responsibility".)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18,19

How many generations of welfare enslavement can be broken this generation?