

Light Lines

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These are exciting times for Urban Light as we are seeing God reward us for faithfulness to our calling. The ministries are thriving. As you'll read in Scott Reese's report, The Sunshine Clubs have wrapped up for the school year. It was a record year with increased numbers of clubs and participants and improved outcomes. Way to go Scott, club leaders and volunteers! He is now gearing up for a new summertime ministry targeting neighborhood kids right here in our building. It's all possible because of your gifts and support from Nehemiah and Turner Foundations.

Dozens of fathers and teen boys will be graduating from Nurturing Fathers for Life and Wise Guys classes on Saturday morning, June 20, 2009. The blessed event will take place at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. See Eric Smith's article for details. I hope you will consider coming. Miami Valley Partnership for fathers is definitely making an impact in our region! The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood grant expires at the end of the month and we are expecting the new grant application any day now.

I personally have the privilege of mentoring/disciplining a young 17 year-old father. He has multiple challenges, ranging from underemployment to family issues. Thankfully, he has made a commitment to nurturing and sup-

porting his child, despite the rocky nature of his relationship with the baby's mother.

Overall, Urban Light is doing well programmatically. Financially, things are slowly improving. Although we still have debt associated with past economic challenges related to our mission, we are chipping away at it.

There is finally interest being shown in our building at 424 S. Fountain. I don't need to tell you how much selling that will help. God has sent us some wonderful folks who are doing a great job. Paula J. Layne who is a CPA, joined the ULMI board in March. In the May board meeting, she was elected Treasurer. Working together with our new accountants at Keelsra Bookkeeping Services, things are really shaping up. God is at work in Urban Light Ministries! Keep praying.

Despite how the general economy looks, God is doing wonderful things through Urban Light. We are so close to a major breakthrough. I can feel it. Let's keep it going! If you are able, would you please consider a special gift to help us at this critical time?

Thanks and may God bless you for your faithful support.

Eli Williams

Ministry President/CEO

¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." - Luke 1:17 (NIV)





The "Sonshine" In The Summertime

Summertime is upon us!!! This is the season where kids are out of school and focusing on relaxing and having fun. The Sonshine Clubs outreach will be actively offering fun and exciting ministry to the children of Springfield this summer as well. Beginning on June 16th, The Sonshine Clubs, in partnership with Inside Out Youth Ministry, will be holding a two day per week Sonshine Club program in the Inside Out Community Center through August 6th. Every Tuesday and Thursday during these weeks, kids will have the opportunity to experience fun games and activities, upbeat music, encouraging Bible teaching to strengthen faith and shape character, videos, chances to earn treats and prizes and times of prayer and personal ministry. Summertime will be a great time in the Lord and we look forward to seeing these young lives touched and changed by the love of Jesus. For more information on this summer program or to register a child, please contact Scott Bresee at 937-328-0122; or email at sbresee@urbanlight.org.

Great things are happening with The Sonshine Clubs and I thank God for even greater things He will do in the lives of our children in Springfield and Clark County! To Him be the glory!!! Glad to be in the Son,

Summer 2009 Application	
APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Name:	
Address:	
City, Zip	
Date Of Birth	Last Grade Attended
Medical Conditions:	
Allergies:	
Any other information we should be aware of:	
Mother's Name:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Place of Employment	
Father's Name:	
Address:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Name:	
Address:	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	
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Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:	



Supporting, Celebrating, Empowering And Equipping Fathers, Youth And Children

Seeking 6.5 Million Dads

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Father's Day. Urban Light Ministries is joining with a growing coalition of organizations, including the National Center for Fathering, to "change the future for America's children by calling fathers and father figures to be the engaged and involved fathers their children need."

The ultimate goal is to have 6.5 million dads (10% of all dads) in America make the commitment, "to meet the needs of their children by **Loving** their children, **Coaching** their children, and **Modeling** for their children. Dads striving to be responsible, involved fathers also **Encourage** the unfathered children they know and **Enlist** other dads," to make the Father's Day commitment before June 21.

We hope you will consider joining in this important initiative by promoting it in your social and work circles, as well as by going to www.urbanlight.org and clicking on the MVPF

Children attended the first Dadz Time Breakfast at Perrin Woods Elementary. Well over 100 fathers and their children have also created good memories by attending our monthly outings to the Air Force Museum, Carriage Hill Farms, and other fun, free, and educational events.

Over these last several months, the MVPF fatherhood initiative has expanded to 11 locations in 7 cities in 5 counties. We are in community centers, jails, prisons, high schools, and middle schools. We are impacting teen dads, community dads, incarcerated dads, and Middle School youth at risk of becoming premature dads through a unique blend of classroom instruction and one-on-one coaching.

How we measure the success of the initiative, though, is in whether or not we are improving the outcomes for children in the Miami Valley. And with the average father reporting having direct impact on two children, we feel we are making the kind of difference that will bring glory to God, without whom all our efforts would not have born fruit.

Peace,

Eric Smith, MVPF program Director

Since Nurturing Fathers classes and Wise Guys groups began in December, 2008 we have greatly exceeded all expectations. To date, we have served, supported, equipped, and empowered **311** fathers and Middle School youth. Of those, **96** have already graduated from intensive parenting or premature fatherhood prevention programs. These programs represent investments of up to 39 hours of class time alone, with even more time spent on home assignments, coaching sessions, father-child outings, and more. With several classes still in progress, the number of graduates will significantly increase.

Our father-child activities have also been a great success. **310** fathers and their



Father-Child Game Night at ARK South

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-OR-

Online at www.urbanlight.org

Needs List

Volunteers and food to help with Sunday meals (churches, students, businesses, or other individuals)

Food to assist with fatherhood meals. Help needed for hot breakfasts and evening meals at our various fatherhood classes.