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**He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest field.” - Luke 10:2**

We praise God that He has regularly provided the laborers that we have needed year after year. For instance, in the past 23 years that the Agape Center has run it's after-school ministry, God has provided just enough staff and volunteers to effectively disciple the young people in the program. We have noticed a trend however, that very few of these volunteers have been men, and very few have been people of color. Being based in a predominately African-American community has fueled our desire to see a more ethnically diverse ministry team. And we earnestly desire to see more men working with us so that the young boys in the ministry have godly male role models that they can bond with.

Over the past several months, our team has been actively seeking God for wisdom on ways that we can attract more men and people of color to join our staff team and volunteer team. In fact, we have decided to make this



Will (2nd from left) with some of the basketball coaches and players.

one of our “Wildly Important Goals” that we will focus much of our attention, energy, and resources toward seeing accomplished.

We praise God for the ways that we already see Him at work. Although there are currently only two men on our full-time staff team (Brad and Marc), God has raised up two men to serve as part-time staff. Will and Wade are both college students and have agreed to raise support to join us so that they can work 10-20 hours a week on our team!

giving leadership to our teen basketball team for the past few years. He recently got married, and his wife, Kara, is also joining us as a volunteer this year as she serves with the SAY Yes! ministry.

Wade is a young man we have written about in the past. When he was in high school, he began attending programs at the Agape Center and came to have faith in Christ. He has served on two “Summer in the City” projects (one in Chicago and the other in India). He has also served as a volunteer leader in SAY Yes! and Day Camp for the past few years. He is currently a junior in college with hopes of joining staff full-time after he graduates. He is one of the “regulars” in Marc's men's Bible Study.



Wade will be working as part-time staff this year in SAY Yes!

We are also praising God for **Toni**, who has raised her support to serve as an intern for a year. She first heard about our ministry last year when she attended our “Summer in the City” project. She graduated in May from New Mexico State University and spent the summer diligently raising her financial support. She is excited to be here to learn more about urban ministry and to listen for where God may lead her in the future. (Another potential intern, Brittnee, is currently raising support. Please pray that God will provide for her so that she can join our team for the year.)



Toni is excited to be in Chicago!

Prayer Requests

- ♦ **Praise God for Will, Wade, Toni, and Brittnee.** They are each answers to prayer! We appreciate your prayers for our team as we trust God to raise up more people of color and more men to come alongside of us as laborers in the harvest field.
- ♦ We thank the Lord for the men in **Marc's Bible Study**. They continued to meet throughout the summer even though Marc couldn't join them. They are really growing strong and looking for opportunities for outreach.
- ♦ We praise God for the **HLIC Staff Conference in July** in Minneapolis where we were encouraged to hear pastors share with us and to spend time with our staff family from across the country.
- ♦ We are thankful for some **needed time off in August** as we were able to spend time camping near the North Shore of Lake Superior.
- ♦ We were greatly encouraged for our **Agape Staff Retreat** a few weeks ago to help get our new ministry year off to a great start.
- ♦ **Pray for the City of Chicago!**
 - ◊ Pray for **peace and safety**. The violence has been rampant this summer and many, many people have lost their lives.
 - ◊ Pray for the **Chicago Public Schools**—we are in desperate need of strategies that will offer an excellent education to the 404,000 students that attend the 681 schools in our system. Pray for justice and excellence for the students the students and the teachers.



**YOU CAN HELP
US OUT!!**

1. Sponsor Boxes of Love Financially

\$36.71 will cover the costs of all food and gospel material, plus evangelism training for our city-church partners who will deliver each Box of Love. Visit www.hlicchicago.org to sponsor Boxes of Love with a credit/debit card gift or you can mail a check payable to **Here's Life Inner City** to: 342 W 111th St., Chicago, IL 60628.

2. Participate in “Family2Family”

If you live in the Chicagoland area you can personally purchase the contents for Boxes of Love for families in need and bring them to the Agape Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This is a great way for families, small groups, and churches to get involved with Boxes of Love in a personal, hands-on way! We are trusting Jesus to raise up 500 **Family2Family** Boxes of Love this year. Please visit www.hlicchicago.org for instructions and a shopping list.

** There's a good chance that we'll have chili at our house after the Family2Family time—let us know if you want to come over after you have dropped off your Boxes.

3. Volunteer for Boxes of Love

You can volunteer for Boxes of Love on the following dates:
Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, November 16, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
For more info and to register visit: www.hlicchicago.org

In the Grace of Christ,

Marc & Sandy