



March 2024

Jesus Loves HG

Volunteers shared the love of Jesus by offering free services to the city of Hawaiian Gardens for one day at our annual Jesus Loves HG event. Individuals and families from our mission church, The Gathering, took to the streets to pick up pounds of trash and litter, while others went to a local laundry mat and prayed for peoples' needs while paying for loads of laundry. One lady, overwhelmed by the free offer, called home and had additional blankets brought by family members to wash! Another group of volunteers welcomed drivers with "Honk if you love Jesus" signs and washed dozens of cars!

The gospel was also shared by individuals through tracts and flyers inviting the neighborhood to programs, services, and resources available at The Way Out Ministries and through our English and Spanish-speaking churches. It was such a privilege to present Jesus in "deed and truth!" *1 John 3:18*



Trash pickup, laundry washing, car washing, and prayer were all a part of our annual Jesus Loves HG outreach to the city of Hawaiian Gardens. The streets were alive with honks as we served the city.



Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at kgilmore@rca.org to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.

40 Years of Ministry

May 7, 1984, The Way Out was incorporated with \$100.00 in the bank, and our headquarters was listed as a rented house on Arline Street in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. I hadn't even been ordained as a pastor yet (*that would happen in October 1987*). Our ministry center then was a converted garage, and our only weekly programs were Survivors and Victors Clubs (*ages 8-12*) and Kid's Corner (*ages 4-7*). The teen and adult programs would come later— so would our partnership with the Reformed Church in America, our first storefront rental, and our first computer! Some of you may remember our earliest newsletters written with a typewriter and printed in black ink on some awful colored paper! Nonetheless, the hearts of the founders, board members, partners, and volunteers were so excited about bringing Jesus to the city. Much has changed— and oh my how we have grown, but Jesus is and always has been the central message of The Way Out Ministries. Now that same message of hope is being proclaimed in other local cities and now in Texas and as far as the Philippines! So many people have come to know Christ! Lives have been changed, families have been saved, and churches and ministries have been born! **We hope you will join us as we celebrate our birthday with a grand fiesta on Saturday, May 4th @ 5 PM and our Sunday Celebration Services on May 5 @ 9 AM and 11 AM.**



Our first boy's club initiates Pastor Barry and Drew.

We also invite you to schedule a facility tour for you and/ or your group sometime this year. You can make plans with Aundrea @ 562. 429.2397 or with Rachel @ rachel@thewayout.org We also encourage you to send a special "birthday card" this year to add to our public display. Please include a special gift—as you can afford, and add your testimony of how God has used The Way Out Ministries to make an impact in your life. Thank you for your blessing in this 40th year of ministry!

Mission Possible

The Way Out Ministries Philippines is currently booking team members for our first official mission trip to Occidental Mindoro, San Jose.



Rachel Perez left her heart in San Jose!

The ten-day trip will host 20-25 short-term missionaries who will work with our Filipino staff and volunteers to do 5 evangelistic/ mercy outreaches. Pastors Barry and Ryan Bruce along with Outreach Coordinator Rachel Perez will lead the team, which will serve October 8-17, 2024. The cost of joining the Mission Possible team is \$3,000. per person—all food, lodging, and travel costs are included (*some restrictions apply*). If you are interested in joining the team or you would like to make a special contribution to the work of this team, then please call Rachel Perez at our Texas office at 562.321.0844. Please be praying for us on this exciting adventure in mission!

Camp Sponsorships

In a world that celebrates sin, children must *"taste and see that the Lord is good."* Please join us in offering them the sweetness of Jesus by becoming a camp sponsor today at thewayout.org and click on "Partner" and "Be A Camp Sponsor".

The camp has eternal returns. In addition to coming to know Christ, campers get to do things they might never have the opportunity to do like zip-lining, hiking, singing around a campfire, and most importantly learning to love and to be loved! Thank you for considering camp sponsorship!

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