



On the Street

Skid Row in Los Angeles



The eastern quarter of downtown LA has the largest concentration of homeless people in the United States. On Jan 10, 2004, I had the opportunity to minister on the streets of Skid Row in Central LA with students of Teen Challenge Ministry Institute of Riverside California and Bill Simonetti, a 1989 graduate of our Rehrersburg choir.

This ministry of **Southern California Teen Challenge** is called **Beans and Rice and Jesus Christ**. They address the practical, personal and spiritual needs of homeless families and children in central LA. A hot meal, as well as used clothing and coats or sweaters, are distributed to hundreds of street people each Saturday night at 10 PM.



These photos were shot with night vision photography in an effort to not disrupt the powerful ministry that was taking place on the streets that night.

Thousands scavenge for an existence living in cardboard boxes, on sidewalks in tents, in grocery carts, back seats of cars and in flophouses in an effort to survive in this 50 blocks known as Skid Row,

LA has 41,000 homeless people, and the number is rising. Los Angeles, with half the population of New York, has more people on the streets than New York has in its shelters.

After we sang and testified, I ministered the Word. When I asked if any wanted to commit their lives to Christ, over 50 made first-time commitments to the Lord and dozens of others came forward requesting prayer, help and information about Southern California Teen Challenge. **The harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few.**



Upcoming Schedule

March 17- March 24	<i>Dominican Republic & Haiti</i>
April 19- April 23	<i>Global Teen Challenge Strategic Prayer Retreat</i>
April 27- May 5	<i>Tel Aviv Israel</i>
May 7	<i>Pete's Graduation Valley Forge Christian College</i>
May 19 - June 3	<i>Launch new team from Pago Pago American Samoa Teen Challenge</i>
June 6- June 12	<i>Strategic Planning-World Wide Summit for Global Teen Challenge</i>
July 23- August 30	<i>Hit Squad- Edinburgh, Falkirk Scotland Great Britain</i>
Sept 25	<i>Pete Gillott & Jessica's Hutzel's Wedding</i>
Sept 28- Oct 23	<i>Capetown South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique</i>
Oct 27-30	<i>Leading Worship-National Conference of the Association of Christian Social Workers</i>

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In partnership with Jimmy Jack Ministries and Long Island Teen Challenge as we will be in the Dominican Republic and Haiti between **March 17 and March 24.**

in Santiago and noted Hispanic Gospel artist Jocelyn along with Ron Kenoly will provide music with our teams as Pastor Jimmy ministers the Word.

Pray for us as will be traveling and ministering on the streets in Santiago, Dominican Republic. We will be coordinating with the Teen Challenge Center from Santo Domingo and prayerfully launching a new Center in Santiago. Jimmy Jack Ministries has arranged for the largest football stadium

The **Liberation Crusade** promises to impact the entire island and we are believing God to shake the nation. At the same time we want to provide support to neighboring partners for the Teen Challenge in Haiti. Please pray for anointing and protection for our team. Check www.bgillott.com for pix.