

City Gospel Mission Youth Prayer/Praise Update

November/December 2011

Dear Prayer Partners,

We value your ongoing support of this ministry. Below, you'll find prayer items from the City Gospel Mission Youth staff. YOUR PRAYER INVOLVEMENT IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THIS MINISTRY!

Praises! Answers to prayer:

- Praise God for Whiz Kids this fall; over 60 Whiz Kids sites, over 70 schools involved, over 80 churches impacting over 1,500 at-risk youth!
- Praise God for our new staff member, Daniel Minera; he is the Director of Hispanic Outreach. He will be serving churches to effectively reach Hispanic youth and their families across Greater Cincinnati.
- Praise God for all of our business partners.
- Praise God for a successful Site Coordinator transition with two Whiz Kids sites.
- Praise God that three Whiz Kids sites have agreed to participate in our development strategy.
- Praise God for the 70 students from Cincinnati Christian University that are tutors.
- Praise God for Prasco; first local business that is anchoring a Whiz Kids site.
- Praise God for the key volunteers that are involved in Holiday Partnerships.
- Praise God that Rees E Price School is able to re-start Whiz Kids.
- Praise God for all the Generation Next college students that are adjusting well to their first semester back to school at Cincinnati Christian University and Cedarville University.
- Praise God for all the faithful volunteers that give of their time each week in the ministry's programs.
- Praise God for Candy Marballi; she stepped up to lead Western Row School Whiz Kids site that was on the verge of closing a week ago.
- Praise God for all the volunteers that have stepped up to become mentors.

Prayer Requests

November 1-7

- Pray for God to provide donors to meet the needs for food baskets for Thanksgiving and gifts for The Christmas Store.
- Pray for Quinton and his family as they sort through the next steps from their apartment complex fire.
- Pray for safety, peace and joy to surround all who deliver/receive Thanksgiving Baskets (Nov. 20), shop/work at The Christmas Boutique (Dec. 13), or The Christmas Store (Dec. 14-17).
- Pray for a church partner for Whiz Kids' Rees E Price school.

November 8-14

- Pray for the success of the 15 Whiz Kids sites that will be participating in our development plan. Pray that we clearly communicate the plan with leaders, churches, and volunteers. Pray that each person will decide how they will be involved with the plan. Pray that the Lord will bless everyone as they work the plan.
- Pray for the Whiz Kids University training event on November 19th; that it is well-organized, attended, and a huge success.
- Pray that God will be glorified through all of the Holiday Partnerships (Thanksgiving Baskets, The Christmas Boutique, and The Christmas Store).
- Pray for more volunteers for the Western Row site; only two tutors returning from last year.

November 15-21

- Pray that several of our youth staff will be selected to participate in the Devos Urban Leadership Training that is coming to Cincinnati.
- Pray for two tutors, Joe and Lilly, who have cancer; pray for healing.
- Pray that all families who receive a Thanksgiving basket see God's love through His people.
- Pray for a successful outreach to the families of the youth in Whiz Kids.

November 22-28

- Pray that Derek will continue to make good choices and excel in school.
- Pray for Lillian's (Whiz Kids tutor) health problems and the possibility of being evicted.
- Pray that God will inspire donors to give new clothing and toys that will delight the children and parents of The Christmas Store.
- Continue to pray for the family and friends of Wallace Scott; he passed away in July and the community is still having a hard time with his passing.

November 29-December 5

- Pray for Ryan and his decision to pursue the police academy and become a police officer.
- Pray for Brandon and all of our Generation Next college students that are attending Cincinnati Christian University and Cedarville University.
- Pray for Don to stay focused for the entire hour of reading in Whiz Kids.
- Pray for Redick; his brother is in jail and he is having a very hard time dealing with it.

December 6-12

- Pray for our 78 Holiday Partnership churches; pray for relationships to be built and that the love of Christ helps those we serve become healthy, mature disciples.
- Pray for the Whiz Kids whose families have moved away from their sites and can no longer participate in Whiz Kids; pray the students continue to get the help they need.
- Pray for generational habits that are holding our youth back spiritually.
- Pray for good health for all our volunteers, donors, youth, and staff.

December 13-19

- Pray for the continued growth of Whiz Kids; tutors and other volunteers are needed in several sites.
- Pray that Sarah and Randall find jobs; they are planning for college and for their futures.
- Pray for the children we serve and their families to have a wonderful Christmas.
- Pray that Andy's tutor will consider becoming a mentor.

December 20-26

- Pray that everyone feels the love of Christ during Christmas and for everyone to know the true meaning of Christmas.
- Pray for Daniel Minera and the start of our Hispanic Outreach initiative.
- Pray that the Lord will direct Ludvin's path.
- Pray for JP and his health; pray the Lord will give the doctors wisdom. Due to his health problems, JP is unable to attend Tuesday Bible Study regularly.

December 27-31

- Pray for more opportunities to recruit volunteers for Whiz Kids.
- Pray for Owen and his mother; pray that she makes decisions that are in Owen's best interest.
- Pray for the youth in our programs; pray that they surrender to Jesus and His ways and not just be biblically literate.
- Pray for Jordan, Marcus, Aaron, and Kenan to make Christ-like decisions.

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"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." James 5:16