



L to R: Brittany Jackson, Travis Jones, Ben Turner, Christina Allen, Tim & Christy Mitchell, Francine Previtte

# Parker Street Ministries

Dear friends & supporters:

As I look back on 2008, I think “Wow, God is good.” Who would have thought that God would take a 19-year-old kid from Stuttgart, Arkansas and give him the chance of a lifetime to lead a ministry in this forgotten neighborhood?

I’m amazed at where this ministry is today. For the past 11 years I have had the absolute privilege to grow in a real relationship with God while falling in love with the Parker Street neighborhood. I have laughed and cried, been totally terrified and ready to give up. But through it all I’ve had supporters like you to see past the faults and hard times, and continue to love me and my staff. Because of the support we have received from you, we are here today. God has used you in our lives as we seek to pour into the lives of our neighbors here in the Parker Street neighborhood.

Please continue to pray for us. We are very excited to see how God will glorify Himself in our neighborhood in 2009. I want to make this clear: **your prayers truly matter**. Please pray for us because if God is not in all we do, we are wasting our time and your money.

Thank you for all you do for us and our neighborhood. I pray that God will bless you and your family.

Seeking His Glory,

*Tim Mitchell, Executive Director*

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## Save the Date!

### Taking Victory To The Streets

...with Danny Wuerffel

Our "Taking Victory to the Streets" friend-raiser event returns this year for the second time, taking place **Thursday April 23, 2009.**

"Taking Victory to the Streets" is a collaborative effort between Parker Street Ministries and Desire Street Ministries in Baton Rouge. The evening includes speakers Danny Wuerffel and Tim Mitchell, a live auction and sit-down banquet. We will share more information in the next few weeks, including how to sponsor the event. **Please mark your calendar** so that you can join us for this very special evening.



## Holiday Update...

The Christmas Store takes place the two weekends before Christmas. This is an opportunity for residents in the Parker Street neighborhood to purchase gifts for their children at a fraction of the retail price. All of the toys and gifts are donated by individuals, churches and civic organizations within the Lakeland community.

A total of **130 volunteers** donated their time to run the Christmas Store, which sold a total of **1,120 gifts** to **68 neighborhood families**, all of whom fulfilled the requirements for the mandatory pre-registration. Gifts offered included infant & toddler toys, dolls, sports equipment, electronics and much more. **Thanks to the 2008 Christmas store, 187 Parker Street children experienced the joy of opening gifts on Christmas morning.**

Thank you to **everyone** who donated gifts, money, time and energy to make this year's Christmas Store possible. 10 years and counting...we cannot do what we do without your support!



## Also...

Publix Charities once again granted Parker Street Ministries the money to purchase 100 turkey dinners for residents in our neighborhood for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would like to extend a **BIG thank you** to everyone who woke up early to participate in delivering these holiday meals!

## Prayer Requests!

- Continued financial support
- That volunteer hearts would be drawn to PSM
- Ben Turner as he continues to raise support for future church-planting efforts
- The children on Parker Street who are consistently affected by their circumstances
- Getting Parker Street families into permanent, affordable housing
- Our staff – doing hard work in the midst of chaos makes it easy to lose sight of loving each other well

## Check it out!

Keep your eyes out for Parker Street Ministries' brand new Web site. We hope to have it up and running by February 2009. In the meantime, visit our current site and check out our brand new online giving page.