



WOW jam

WINNING OUR WORLD

Bringing Hope to People in Need

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Dear Friends,

I know a place that is just 8 minutes from Beverly Hills, the wealthiest neighborhood in the world, yet 55% of the families with single moms there live on less than \$9,000 a year and 27% of families report running out of money for food on an average of 5 days a month. The disparities are stark and alarming.

I know a place only 16 miles square yet houses 885,000 people where a person has a 1 in 250 chance of being murdered compared to the average American who has a 1 in 18,000 chance of being murdered.

I know a place where 87% of the children will witness a murder before the age of 5 causing over half the children to develop post-traumatic stress disorder so bad that it has been compared to soldiers coming back from Iraq and Pakistan.

I know a place where more people have died violently than all the people killed in the ongoing violence in Ireland over the past 40 years. While only 10% of the population of Los Angeles lives in this place, there are more prisoners released there than any other place in LA.

I know a place that God loves so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for them that they might have forgiveness for their sins and everlasting life.

I know a place where for the past 15 years 4,000 to 5,000 people of all colors, ages and backgrounds will gather peaceably with no problems in the neediest place in Los Angeles and be given hot meals, haircuts, snow cones, makeovers, face-painting, career counseling, family photos, groceries, bike repair and much more, all for free!

I know a place where thousands have experienced the love of Jesus and have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior and have been healed and set free from drugs, have gotten their children and families back together and have grown up to go on to college and even bible school!!



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I know this place, I love this place, I am going to this place on June 25th with hundreds of local workers to love and serve the thousands that will be waiting there for us and the WOW JAM.

What is this special place?.....SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES!!! I am inviting you to come with me and be a part of the transformation of people's lives for eternity!

I received this e-mail from a young girl shortly after our WOW JAM last year:

"hi stephen my name is jasmine and i am 13 i wanted to thank you for all you have done for south park because every time you come there are less and less more violence before u started to do wow jam my mom said that it was alot of violence in south central and it was hard for people to walk thorough the park with out getting shot or killed so i wanted to say thank you for all u have done cause if it was not for u i could not be able to go to the park so thank you very much."

June 18-27 is one of the biggest weeks for WOW International as over 10,000 people will attend the WOW JAMS and baptism that week. At a cost of just \$10 a person we will provide, free to each person: hot meals, haircuts, bike repair, makeovers, snow cones, plants, family photos, groceries, career counseling, books, games, bounce house, bibles and much more....but the *best* is the gospel and an invitation to accept Jesus.

Our budget is \$100,000, or just \$10 a person, but I really need your help and here is why: A few churches have just informed me that because of the economy, they will not be able to help financially with the WOW JAMS this year in LA. So I have come to you, dear friends, to ask for your help in this great endeavor. We need \$55,000 more so we can reach those 10,000 people with the love of Jesus. The WOW JAMS are just 6 weeks away and we are purchasing all the supplies now. All of you have always been there for us and I know every month I am asking for more.....but we keep on reaching thousands of people every time.

The bible says, "*you have not for you ask not*"...so I am asking. Will you go with me? If you can't go physically will you go with me in prayer and in giving?

Your investment of :

\$10,000 will allow us to minister to 1,000 people with food, haircuts, groceries, photos, bibles and most importantly, the Gospel and an opportunity to accept Jesus and get baptized in water!

\$1,000 will reach 100 people....

\$100 will reach 10...

\$10 will reach one person...

You will also be investing in the 37 interns coming in from around the country, including Hawaii, to spend 10 days with us learning about evangelism and serving at the WOW JAMS. They will go home impacted, empowered and equipped to WIN THEIR WORLD!

"I was hungry and you fed me.....When were you hungry Lord? When you did it to the least of these, you did it to me." Matthew 25:34-40

God bless you,



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