

NCHM UPDATE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENIN'

Hello and happy summer! My prayer is that all of you are well and that God is teaching you new and wonderful things amidst the fun and busyness of this season.

We wanted to let you know that the ministry God has entrusted to us is going really well—we continue to be amazed by His faithfulness and movement in the lives of the young moms we work with. We have been thrilled to see spiritual growth not only in the lives of NCH residents, but in the lives of several of the young moms who attend our Parenting Classes and our new Bible Study for Young Couples.

We are also greatly looking forward to setting up and opening our

second residential home this fall. The Lighthouse will be a place where young moms can live after “graduating” from New Creation Home. Young moms will be able to work full-time, learn money management and life skills and receive weekly discipleship and spiritual accountability.

Please continue to pray for all that God is doing here, and that He would provide needed resources (especially financial resources and volunteers)! We are excited to see His continued work, and His faithfulness amidst our “new non-profit” transition. We apologize that our schedule and responsibilities have kept us from

being as communicative as is ideal and thank you all for your patience with us. We promise to try to keep you all as updated as possible in the future. May God bless you for your continued partnership in this ministry!

In Him,

Pam Nordstrom,
Executive Director, NCHM



An NCH resident gymnast

YOSEMITE TRIP 2002

By *Melissa White,*
NCH Resident

On the weekend of June 7, 2002, all the New Creation Home residents went on a spiritual retreat to Yosemite.

When my son Jamison and I moved into NCH last April, everything about God was new to me. Never had I attended church, or Bible study, and I didn't know a single thing about Christianity. Living at NCH, going to Abundant Life church, attending our Thursday night Bible studies, and in my weekly meetings with Lisa, I've become more familiar with God. But I believe what really got me interested in learning more about who He really is was our trip to Yosemite.

We had our first devotion time when we woke up on Saturday morning. We sang songs, and talked about letting our past go, and giving it to Jesus to handle. As I thought about it, it really made me wonder what are the other things He is able to do for us.

Aside from our devotion times, the group went on a beautiful hike up Vernal Falls - it was a long hike straight up the mountain. Along the way we all got soaking wet from the waterfall spraying on us, but when we reached the top, it was all worth it.

After hiking we went river rafting. Along the way, Lisa decided that their boat needed more air, so we pulled over to the side of the river.

It was then when the boat I was in hit a stick and down it went! Of course, I was the lucky one who got to fall into the melted snow water!



New Creation Home residents at Yosemite

On Saturday night we had another devotion time talking about why God wants us to stay sexually pure. Although I already have a child, I do believe I will end up waiting till I'm married before I ever get seriously involved again.

On Sunday morning we had a special treat—we went to a gorgeous hotel in Yosemite for brunch. It was an all-you-can-eat buffet, and man, did we eat!

Besides falling into the cold water, I believe the best part of the trip was going river rafting, actually I should say it was the most memorable!

A GRADUATE CELEBRATION

By Yadira Navarro, NCH Resident

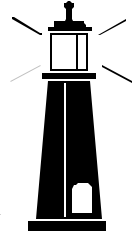
My name is Yadira and I'm 19 years old. I am the mother of two children: Samantha who is 3 years old and Miguel who is 9 months old. When I first moved into New Creation Home in September of 2000, my daughter was only 4 months old. I learned a lot about Christianity then, was able to continue with school, and got really good help in how to raise my child. But after about a year, I decided to move out. Things didn't go well after I moved out, and luckily, I was able to move back to NCH after about 4 months. There, I found the help I needed, and the most important and exciting thing that happened is that I became a Christian. All the NCHM staff and volunteers have been really good to me and my children and are really good examples for me. They are always helping me in school and in my spiritual life. This summer I am interning at a beauty salon and at a local doctor's office. Next fall I hope to be going to cosmetology school full time. Thank you to all of the NCHM staff and volunteers and to you for supporting me and for helping us all.



Yadira with her children, Samantha and Miguel

Check out our new website at www.newcreationhome.org!

THE LIGHTHOUSE WORK DAY



Come join us on Saturday, September 7th from 9am-4pm to prepare our new residential home for its grand opening this fall! If you can help us with painting, cleaning, sewing, home-repairs and/or yard work, please contact Pam for more information and directions (see below).

Please contribute to or come to our multi-family garage sale! Saturday, August 24th, 9am-3pm. 3833 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto To contribute items or help out, please email Pam at pamelan@inreach.com or call her at (650) 324-0732.

PARENTING CLASS

By Merced Sanchez, NCHM Participant

My name is Meche, I am 21 years old, and I am a wife and a mother to 3 wonderful boys who are ages 2,3 and 4. I was one of the first young moms to attend NCHM Parenting Classes when they started. I used to always bug Pam about wanting to learn more things about parenting. At the time I only had my first son who was 8 months old. I was always frustrated with him, never knew what to feed him and had never heard of putting him on a schedule. In Parenting Class, I learned about having a routine for him and that routines would help him to feel safe and secure. It gave me sanity and when I had my other two sons, I was able to establish routines with them quickly.

I've been able to accomplish many of my goals with the help of the staff at NCHM; they have always been there and have supported me through good times and very bad times.

This quarter's Parenting Classes were about setting educational, career and life

goals. I now know that I will soon go back to school; this quarter's speakers really helped me to learn more about the resources available to me and gave me confidence in pursuing my dreams.



Parenting Class, June 2002



SAVE THE DATE !

Please join us for our upcoming Benefit Concert and Silent Auction on **Saturday, September 21st, 7-9:30 pm** at **Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto.**

Come bid on some wonderful items, outings and services, eat homemade desserts, and join us in worshipping our God who is always worthy to be praised! We will be led by a popular worship band that includes members of many local churches. Admission to the concert is free, so be sure to arrive on time to get a good seat.

This will be an evening you won't want to miss; we hope to see you there!