

Who's the Father Inviting to your House?

Three times, while sitting in an abortion clinic, the young girl heard a voice say, "Don't kill your baby." The third time she asked, "What should I do?" and the voice replied, "Go to Atlanta, Georgia." Desperate to be out of the abusive family environment that had resulted in her pregnancy, the young lady did as the voice had instructed, packed her stuff, took her small savings and purchased a bus ticket to Atlanta.

Arriving in Atlanta, she had no idea where to go so she simply sat in the bus station for two days until a kind security guard took her to a shelter for homeless women. Walking the streets of Atlanta one cold winter day, she met a woman who had been ministered to at the City of Refuge. Her new friend took her to service at City of Refuge where she met Pastor Bruce and Rhonda. Not long afterward, she moved into their home where the five Deel daughters and another young single mother living there welcomed her with open arms and hearts.

The young lady shared that she desired to have her baby boy adopted by a family, a Christian family, who would give him the best chance to succeed in life. It just so happened that a family related to the City of Refuge had been praying for a son. They had heard from the Father more than 2 years ago that a son was to be theirs and they were to name him Jeremiah. After 14 hours of labor, Jeremiah Matthew was born the last Sunday morning of March. That afternoon, the baby's adoptive family wept as they held the son promised to them by Yahweh.

The young mother resides still in the Deel family household. Plans are being made for her future, a future filled with hope and blessing, a future destined for greatness in the Kingdom of God.

When the voice spoke to her in the abortion clinic and told her to go to Atlanta, God was inviting her to the City of Refuge and a family where she would be accepted and welcomed. God knew He had prepared a family and a church to care for and nurture the tender daughter created by His hand. He knew the folks He was inviting her to would say yes, so He did not hesitate to send her their way. God knew they would be blessed more than her by the ministry of hospitality.

The question to consider this month is this...*"Is God inviting anybody to your house or does He know that it would be a waste of time?"*

— **Pastor Bruce**

School of Urban Mission: Fall Semester

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of the Word, but want more than an academic experience? Do you feel a call to a deeper relationship with God, one that will inspire you both spiritually and academically? Join us in the School of Urban Mission for collegiate courses that challenge the heart as well as the mind while giving practical steps for living out God’s Word.

Classes for the Fall semester 2004 will begin on Tuesday, August 24. Applications are available in the School office or by contacting Tony Johns at 404/874-2241, ext. 7. Cost per course is \$450 (tuition, books and fees), and each course is worth 3-semester hours credit through Lee University (Cleveland, TN). Courses are fully accredited and taught on-site by a qualified faculty. The following courses will be offered this Fall:

- Old Testament Survey**
Tuesday, 9:00am – 12:00noon
- Introduction to Urban Ministry**
Wednesday, 9:00am – 12:00noon
- Introduction to Missions**
Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00noon
- Christian Ministry Practicum**
Wednesday, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Application and fee deadline is August 1, 2004.

City of Refuge Contact Information

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Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone 404.874.2241 Fax 404.733.6686

Website: WWW.CITYOFREFUGE.CO

Summer Camp 2004

Three weeks of overnight summer camp and two weeks of day camp are planned for first through sixth grade kids of the city. Activities such as swimming, fishing, games and bible lessons are planned for them at a camp outside of Atlanta.

We are seeking sponsorships of \$50.00 per child that will assist with the cost of transportation, staffing, meals, toiletries, etc. If interested, please send to City of Refuge, 380 14th Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

Youth Group Summer Trip

We are planning a trip for about twenty teens to an out-of-state camp. You can make it possible for a teen of the city to participate in the trip by being a sponsor for \$150. This will cover transportation and camp fees. We thank you in advance for your sponsorship for this trip.

*Special thanks to Roswell Church of
God for assuming responsibility for
feeding the homeless on Monday*

Calendar of Events

April

28 Fellowship Dinner 7 PM

May

1 & 22 Kids Church 8 AM

7 School of Urban Mission Graduation

13 Last Day of Kids Club

21,22 Men's Retreat

Weekly Events

Sun. Breakfast on Bankhead 9:30 AM/Service 10:30 AM

Mon. Feeding Program by Roswell 5PM

Mon.-Thurs. After school Program 3:30 PM

Tues. Teen Service 7 PM

Wed. Mission Mid-Week Service 7 PM

Tues./Thurs. Safe Haven 11 AM-2 PM, Feeding Program 5 PM

Wed./Fri. Bridge Ministry 6 PM

Sat. Kids Church 8 AM, Ring of Fire 12 PM