

# G.A.P. MEETING

July 13, 2008

1. **2008 “Mission statement”**. Here is a rough draft of what we (I) have come up with (please let me know what you think):

*“Our group is dedicated to helping ‘at-risk’ youth in the Sacramento region escape the violence, crime, and desperation found in their relationships and neighborhoods. We provide Awareness to the community, Interaction with other youth organizations, and experienced Mentoring for kids of all ages.”*

2. We are *cautiously* ready to **proceed with speaking** to schools, youth groups and organizations who want us. Our missing pieces seemed to be a list of resources that we are comfortable with to plug kids into depending on their needs, willingness and interests. I believe that we have enough programs & partnerships that can give us alternatives; especially with the connection to the PAL in EG and the Non-Profit Center.

3. As part of the **Sac. County Probation Dept.** and in partnership with Youth Connections Unlimited (Dave Taft), we have been asked to be part of a new mentoring program for kids coming out of Boys Ranch after they complete an anger management class.

Then we would group-mentor them back into a good community and home life over a 1 year period. This would give us a great credential for future partnerships and a seemingly ideal experience for what we want to be about in our Mission.

4. “Taught from those who learned the hard way-discover how to make the right choices.”

5. EG Police Activities League (PAL)

## What we need to do next:

1. **Training** from the YFC San Joaquin County folks who already doing what we are wanting to do. Also, training in the Anger Mgmt. class that I mentioned above.
2. A **4-steps statement** or commitment that the kids we serve will abide to.
3. A **resolve to be a part of GAP** from everyone who feels called. Many doors have opened, God has been faithful...now we need to do the same.
4. Start work on **Grants** to raise money for this ministry.
5. Decide who, when, how, and what in our **speaking engagements**.
6. Solidarity and togetherness in our group, including wives and others we want to bring aboard: more prayer, relationship building, and **unity**.

## New Ideas and things for future meetings:

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