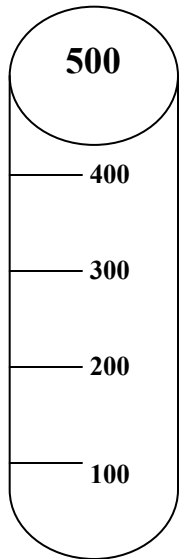




Joshua 6:20

# The Wall Youth Foundation

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Hello All,

Over the past twenty years I have been involved in youth ministry in various ways. I began working as a volunteer at church and progressed to serving as a youth intern, which led to 15 years with Youth For Christ, running Campus Life Programs for Jr. High and High School students. I opened a teen center in Rio Linda and soon moved to the North Area Teen Center. In those twenty years I have had many challenges and many joys, I have seen kids lives change from a life of hopelessness to a life of hope. I have seen families change for the better as the ministry began to reach into the homes of the kids whose lives we have touched over the years. My passion to reach kids, to help them realize their full potential and see their lives changed by faith in Christ, has become even stronger over time.

The Lord has placed on my heart a calling I just can't run from. Three years ago I was asked to do something I felt I was incapable of doing so I passed it on to someone else, but it just came back on my plate a year later. Again I felt very unqualified for this task but the Lord spoke to me and said this was my task to accomplish. So through much prayer and guidance a team of people came together to develop a plan to open more teen centers in many communities; many people became excited about the plan but again I set it aside out of fear of failing. One year later this vision came back and I was again asked to lead. I began praying and God showed me what I had to do. Over the past five years while working at the North Area Teen Center I have received hundreds of calls from people wanting a center like ours in their community. I still believe teen centers are an effective way of saving our youth from bad choices and equipping them for the real world they are about to step into. I believe the Lord is asking me, to launch a program to open more teen centers and reach more communities with the message of Christ.

With the closing of the North Area Teen Center I will be leaving Youth for Christ and starting a new ministry called The Wall Youth Foundation. This name is based on the idea of breaking down the walls kids have built for self-protection. Through relationship building I have been able to break down many walls even with the hardest kids. Joshua 6:20 speaks of obedience to God and walls will come crashing down. This is vision God has given me. I have already started the ball rolling and received approval of incorporation by the State of California and have also started the paper work for non-profit status. I have obtained a business license for Sacramento County and have developed a board of directors to help in this venture. There are a few who ask me what I think I am doing starting a new business at this time of economic crisis. My response is this; in Matt, 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**" I believe God has laid this path before me and over all these years has been preparing me for this adventure and I am ready and not afraid.



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Yet as I begin this new phase of the journey I still need much support to continue the ministry. Many of you have been a part of this ministry for 15 years and some have joined along the way. Many of you joined as part of the North Area Teen Center support team. You have all been vital to this ministry and I would love to continue with you as part of our team of supporters. If this vision touches your heart and you want to see kids be given hope for their future and eternity, please consider filling out the enclosed response card.

In the twenty years I have been in ministry I have heard one statement that has stuck with me. "we are one generation away from people not knowing God." I have spoken with many pastors and some have responded to this statement by saying, "Jim, I believe that generation has already passed." If this is true then I can understand why God has given me such an urgent vision to reach His kids; I hope you will join me.

In Christ,

Jim Vargas