

CityBeat

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NYSUM
NEW YORK SCHOOL OF URBAN MINISTRY

Summer Evangelism Explosion

The NYSUM Experience is radically IMPACTING the next generation

The intense heat didn't deter hundreds of "Fired Up" young people from coming to NYSUM this summer and sharing Jesus on the streets of NYC. Recently, we received a mission team from Bethel Assembly of God Church in Martinsburg, WV. As Pastor Jane says, "We LOVE coming to NYSUM and seeing our young people being transformed through the NYSUM Experience."

As a result, we have two young people who were radically changed by God during their NYSUM mission trip in 2021. **Rylee Smith** is attending Bible School at the Assemblies of God CTS in Brussels, Belgium, and **Barrett Colerick** is attending SEU in Florida. The ministry week they experienced was a catalyst in their lives and hearts, which deeply stirred them to serve God in full-time ministry.



Rylee



Barrett

SUMMER IMPACT: MAY-AUGUST 2023

Your prayers and generosity have helped us IMPACT NYC over the last 4 months.

830 people were trained and deployed as short-term missionaries to help city pastors and churches reclaim their communities.

96 times, we deployed our mobile food truck to feed and reach families in need.

With our mobile food truck, we served **10,000** hot dogs, **1,300** sliders, **850** gallons of cold ice tea, **866** PB&J, and **1,350** cheese quesadillas.

Over 1,368 homeless people received personal hygiene kits.

We have partnered with **over 45** churches in all five boroughs to help reclaim their community.



Hundreds of "Fired up" youth and adults have been radically changed this summer as they learned "hands-on" compassion ministry while cooking and serving hot meals with God's love from our Mobile Food Truck to destitute men, women, and children.

President's Column



Have you ever faced a famine or a dry season in your life? I have. In Genesis 26: 1-33, there was a famine in the land in the days of Isaac, just like in the days of his father Abraham. But God said to Isaac, "Do not go down to Egypt, live in the land where I tell you to live."

In other words, God was saying, don't respond to your crisis in a worldly fashion. You may be discouraged but don't leave the ministry, don't leave your marriage; trust God and I'll take your famine and turn it into a land and a life of fruitfulness.

So Isaac and his servants "RE-DUG" the wells of his father Abraham that the Philistines stopped up with "earth." When they "dug again," they found "wells of springing water" (Gen. 26:19). The ploy of the enemy is always to stop the flow of God's anointing and blessing, by us allowing the enemy to fill our "spiritual wells" with hurt, bitterness and unresolved issues. We end up short changed and our "spiritual wells" become clogged with anything but Jesus.

Maybe you're suffering from PTSD due to the pandemic, or some hurt, tragedy or broken relationship. The GOOD NEWS is God promised that if we would dig again, pray again, believe in Him again, God will turn "our famines into a well-watered flourishing garden." Be encouraged; nothing is impossible when we become desperate for God!

Training "Sidewalk Shepherds"

For the past 39 years, NYSUM has been training and equipping pastors and leaders who serve on the "front lines" of NYC. These are the "unsung heroes" who are on the battlefield every day, risking it all to bring hope and healing to the community. In the past 18 months, we've trained over 300 inner-city pastors in "practical," not theoretical, urban church growth and development with these key speakers:



Jim Cymbala



Marlinda Ireland



David Ireland



Michael & Maria Durso

Pastor Jim Cymbala, Senior Pastor, The Brooklyn Tabernacle, and Brooklyn, NY, who taught the personal life of the Pastor.

Pastor Marlinda Ireland, Co-Founder and Pastor at Christ Church, NJ, who taught how to be an effective urban leader in an unchanging world.

Pastor David Ireland, Co-Founder and pastor of Christ Church, NJ, taught the characteristic of being a holy and blameless shepherd.

Pastor Michael & Maria Durso, Founding Pastors, Saints Church, Queens, NY, who taught how to grow your church intentionally.

We look forward to offering more "practical urban training" in the fall of 2023 and this spring of 2024, so TOGETHER we can help Pastors and Leaders reach their highest potential!

CAMPUS UPGRADES

We're upgrading 70 Dorm Rooms with new windows, flooring, lighting, vanities, and ceramic tile. Each room costs approximately \$6,724. If you would like to make a donation or send a gift in the name of a loved one, please go to nysum/donate.org, and/or you can also bring a work team this fall 2023 or winter 2024 to help us with our campus upgrades at: info@nysum.org to sign up today.

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for Fall & Winter 2023 & 2024! (718) 204-6471**



NYSUM's Annual Children's & Youth Workers Seminar

On Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, NYSUM is hosting our Annual **Children's and Youth Workers Seminar** for NYC Leaders. In order to reach Gen Z, Gen X, and every generation in between, we need to "arm" these leaders who serve on the "FRONT LINES" with effective tools to reach the "Next Generation" before they become lost sheep. If you're interested in joining us, contact us at 718-204-6471 or email us at developmentassociate2@nysum.org.

First New Elevator Dedication Coming Soon!

Thanks to our GENEROUS DONORS, we're very close to dedicating our First New Elevator! Stay tuned for the Dedication Date!