

MEMO

To: Youth Outreach Network
From: Scott Lenning, Mission Director *JSS*
Date: 3/14/02
Re: Mark Whittaker

Dear Youth Outreach Network Leadership,

As Director of the Metroplex Mission with Billy Graham, I would like to approach you to seek permission for Mark Whittaker to assume a leadership role preparing area students for involvement in the Metroplex Mission. The actual mission will take place October 17-20, 2002 at Texas Stadium. Saturday night's service of that week is entitled "Concert for the Next Generation". The concert will feature dc Talk and Kirk Franklin followed by Billy Graham.

In order to help are students prepare for this ministry event, the Mission Executive Committee under the leadership of Co-Chairs Boone Powell and Jim Nichols have asked if Mark can help give leadership to a committee of local Youth Leaders.

Mark will work with the recruitment of area Youth Leaders involvement in the Mission in partnership with the Mission Office. While the Mission office will help carry the bulk of the administrative work, a good deal of Mark's time will be required to drive this project to the network of area Youth leaders. We are thankful for your approval of Mark's involvement.

Marks leadership will be a great asset to the Metroplex Mission with Billy Graham. Also as one of the Youth Leaders he will become a member of the Mission General Committee.

If you have any questions, please call me at the Mission Office. Until then, I will wait on your reply.



November 5, 2002

Mr. Mark Whittaker
Youth Outreach Network
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Dear Mark,

It has been eleven days since we concluded the services for the Metroplex Mission with Billy Graham. I am back at Texas Stadium this morning in the room where the Mission was officially announced on January 24th, reflecting on how special it has been to be a part of something that the Lord used to impact so many individuals. While looking at the new banner hung in the Stadium honoring Emmitt Smith as the new all-time leading rusher in the NFL, I cannot help but think how much more significant the Mission was eternally in the lives of so many people. What took place over the last nine months in preparing for this Mission was truly a "God-thing". Thank you for all you did to partner with us to make it possible.

For your information, statistically we were thankful to see a total attendance of 255,000 people over the five services. As you know, both Saturday and Sunday nights set facility attendance records of 82,000 and 83,500 respectively. Most importantly, 11,097 individuals made commitments to Christ and, it is my prayer, are even now beginning to mature in their new or renewed walk with Christ. Mr. Graham has said for years that it is 5-7 years before it can be known if a Mission is truly successful. Let's pray together that in the years to come, the unity and impact of the Metroplex Mission will continue to be felt across North Texas.

Mark, thank you for your work as Co-Chair of the Mission Youth Committee. It was a joy for me to work with you, Stephen and Johnny to involve youth leaders from across the Metroplex in this Mission process. You have so much already going on with Youth Outreach Network that I was amazed at how you were able to adjust your work and communications to inform and involve Student Leaders in the Mission. Saturday night was a highlight of the Mission for me, but I know that the work you did in advance helped lay the foundation. I will always be grateful for our early lunch at Dickey's where we began a great year of work. Enclosed is a copy of the youth testimony video, which you helped develop into such a successful project. Thanks again for your friendship and partnership.

Early this year, I claimed the verse Genesis 24:42: "...if you are planning to make my Mission a success, please guide me in a special way." This has definitely been a year in which God answered this prayer by collectively guiding us in a special way to make this Mission a success. Thank you again for all you did to make it possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott".

Scott Lenning
Mission Director

P.S. In a few weeks we will receive beautiful commemorative photos of the Mission at Texas Stadium. As soon as they arrive in the office I will send you a copy.

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