

Anchor Life Ministry Plan/ Spiritual and Practical Plan

Problem Statement: Small churches have limited resources (money, space, leaders) and often only a few youth-aged (approx. 12-20 years old) members. These factors prevent youth from benefitting from a growing and vibrant youth ministry. This hampers spiritual growth and outreach possibilities for this demographic, and doesn't allow for a youth specific safe spiritual (and social) haven.

Solution: Our group is unique in the fact that it will knot together small (possibly not yet existent) youth groups to each other, thus creating a larger youth experience while keeping a focus on its small groups. Youth will experience ministry opportunities, Biblical teaching, and fun events that will encourage outreach invites.

Objective: To assist small churches and their youth by offering a community built on fundamental biblical truths. This *supplemental* community will offer opportunities for physical and spiritual exercise which will lead to group camaraderie, community pride, opportunities for youth to lead and minister, and above all else, to share the Gospel.

Mission Statement: Anchor Youth to Christ and to each other by uniting small youth groups into a larger youth community. Strengthen youth and give them opportunities to serve and provide guiding navigation for the lost youth of San Antonio. All for the glory of God – our Mainstay and Foothold.

Location: We will meet at Abundant Life Church, until our facilities on the land are available.

Description of Ministry

Our group will have structured and unstructured activities that encourage creativity, spiritual growth, and physical health.

- We will meet once a week (possibly bi-monthly) for a youth night event. This event will include worship time, youth message/teaching, small group discussion, and fun.
 - **Worship Time:** We hope to enlist our youth to both lead and plan worship time, thus creating ministry and leadership opportunities.
 - **Youth Message/Teaching:** We will teach a biblical worldview with practical applications for everyday life. We will give opportunities for youth to preach and teach (with supervision by group leader).
 - **Small Group Discussion:** After the lesson, groups will break down into church groups and discuss lessons. This will be supervised by individual church volunteer(s).
 - **Fun:** Will consist of organized games and free time.

Requirements: Small churches of any denomination will transport their group of teens to one 'meet-up' location. This will require one to two volunteers to transport, supervise, and mentor their teens. No experience is necessary. Volunteers will be trained in supervision and mentoring. This training will be flexible to allow for the experience and schedule of each volunteer, but will include individual meetings and ready access to leadership. It will also consist of volunteer only gatherings and swapping of ideas between mentors.

Pricing: We trust in the Lord to provide for what He has planned. We hope that the small churches involved will be able to pitch in financially whatever He lays on their hearts. Lack of finances will not inhibit church participation. **Optional:** Servicing the land and its facilities would be acceptable in lieu of financial contributions, although neither is required.

Parent and Church Supervision: We will run a website with regular updates about teaching topics and a parent center with ideas about how to bring it all home. We encourage parents and church leaders to attend occasional meetings. We will collect pastor and parent email addresses for monthly emails including schedule updates and teaching topics.

Why us: Abundant Life Church has been called to be a ministering agent in our city. We are called to Save the Lost, Disciple the Saved, Love One Another. Our land is meant to be a blessing to our local community and to The Church.

Our Youth Leaders: Mark and Tracy Monju have been serving the Lord in various capacities since they were married 16 years ago. They have been called by the Lord to work with youth and have been prepared for many years to head up this ministry. They have worked with youth groups both as leaders and as volunteers. They have taught God's word to both youth and adults for four years consistently. Tracy completed her Bible Certificate at International Bible College in San Antonio at the top of her class as president of her class. She then completed her Bachelor of Arts in Ministry at Luther Rice University in the top percentage of her class. Mark Monju is an active duty Air Force Sergeant with four years of experience as a drill sergeant. He received his Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education. Both are passionate about youth and enjoy creative out of the box thinking. They have been called to work as a team to affect the lives of youth by pointing them to Christ.