WOULD YOU KNOW MY NAME?

by Ruth Vuong, Director of Student Services

Bird, Lobo, Blinky, Gato, Buddha, Kicker.

Their names crawl on every neighborhood surface—the curb where you park your car, crumbling walls in vacant lots, the wide flat sides of apartment buildings, and the margins of freeway exit signs. The initials of their self-made communities are there, too—EXP (Echo Parque), TRG (Tiny Rascals), CYS (Crazys), OLB (Oriental Lazy Boyz), ELS (El Sereno). We see their insistent marks on our neighborhoods daily, even if we scarcely bother to notice anymore. Some of us get angry about it. “Graffiti” always shows up in the long list of what’s wrong with today’s kids. We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars removing the names, but we rarely spend either money or time to find the faces behind the names and to hear their stories. If we did, we might discover both a kinship and a complicity with the children we’ve come to fear. That’s how it was for me and Kicker.

When I first met him, he wasn’t Kicker yet. He was a bright, friendly nine year old, who by American standards shouldered an unusual amount of adult responsibility. He helped his parents (who did not speak English) relate to the outside world. The family was dependent on him for all its business and any of its emergencies. He also was caregiver and co-homemaker for six younger brothers and sisters. With what energies were left over, he went to school and tried to learn enough to make his way in a new world, radically different from the one of his birth or his experiences at home. There were many times I watched him doing his homework without adult help in a hot, busy apartment, with the northbound Hollywood freeway rattling relentlessly in the window. Though his mother made heroic efforts to keep the apartment clean, in that crowded, ancient building it wasn’t unusual for roaches to march boldly across his open schoolbook in broad daylight, or for mice to scamper out from under the refrigerator whenever he slammed the door shut after pouring a glass of milk. He managed all of this successfully, day in and day out, for the first six years I knew him. And he did it with remarkable cheerfulness. Perhaps too remarkable.

He always sat front and center in the neighborhood children’s church where we first met. The teachers loved him because he was a miniature adult. He was attentive, eager to please, and always helpful with the younger children. We reinforced his adult posture—it was what we valued, and it certainly made things easier for us. Perhaps because he also played parking lot basketball and kung fu like all the other kids, his lithe energy and ready smile hid from us the adult-sized burden we were allowing him quietly to accumulate.

His family did not see his growing burden, either. They were fully absorbed in their efforts to survive. Survival had been a lifelong effort for the family. Their first son was born in 1975, the year their relatives began dying in the cycles of execution and starvation that were consuming their country. By the time it was over, all that was left of their large extended family was the baby, his mother, his injured father, and one
of his father’s cousins. Everyone else was either dead or missing. Before he could walk, his family had to run for its life. Before he could talk, he had to learn not to cry, because a child’s cry could betray his fleeing family’s whereabouts.

He took his first barefoot steps in a dusty refugee camp on the Thai border where his family was herded into a makeshift bamboo city with 350,000 others. Huddled on the inhospitable border, they spent their nights being shelled by their former countrymen and their days waiting for someone in a new country to want them. This is where the boy was joined by a brother, then a sister. Slowly his parents began replacing their lost family—babies filled the empty places left by dead parent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle and cousin.

Finally, a new country reached out to them and the family arrived in Los Angeles. This is where the boy became the head of his house, as the family moved from tenement to housing project to an aging duplex behind Young Nak Presbyterian Church on the outskirts of Chinatown. By the time they moved out of the projects and into the duplex, the boy was fifteen, on the edge of chronological manhood. He had shown promise, and was in a special program for preventing school drop-outs, which would culminate in a full scholarship if he graduated. He began his first semester of high school in a new neighborhood—one, but with high hopes.

But high school was different. He didn’t understand his classes. When he approached his teachers, they were too harried or indifferent to hear him out. He began sinking invisibly in this wide new sea and no one noticed. When he came home, he was afraid to tell his parents what was happening at school. They couldn’t help him anyway, and besides, they were depending on him. He began to resent their need of him as his own need grew beyond his control. Then, just before his fifteenth birthday, a neighbor only a year older than he was befriended him. What the boy liked was that his new friend didn’t seem to have needs like his. The friend was bright, but didn’t waste much time at school. He had more important things to do. Like “business” in Long Beach. He drove a car and wore a beeper. He took the boy out to restaurants to eat, introduced him to girls who thought he was cute, didn’t worry about staying out late, didn’t worry about anything, it seemed. Eventually, the new friend

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### One Day in the Life of American Children

(Source: Children’s Defense Fund, 1994)

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brought him into a whole new circle of friends called Asia Boyz. To be accepted, the boy accepted their beatings, homemade tattoos, and cigarette burns. He took the new name they gave him—Kicker. He passed their initiation; he felt successful once again.

This was evident the first time he was shot at. His frantic parents asked me to pick him up at the police station. We talked on the way home and into the night. Nothing I could say, not even the details of Bird’s funeral earlier in the week, could sober his sense of success in surviving a shootout. It was like Churchill’s remark during the Boer War, “There is nothing so exhilarating as being shot at without effect.” That goes double for bored teenaged guys in L.A.

But what was happening inside Kicker went much deeper than thrill; its root was despair. He had been forced to be an adult all his life, yet when he was about to enter what society called adulthood, he realized there was no place for him. So, he felt the gang was his best option. As he told me, since he failed to succeed at being good, the only thing left to him was to be successfully bad. To counter his mother and I tried to salvage the situation at school. Only when the year was almost out and our persistence yielded an appointment with the principal did she discover that he had been placed in the wrong track at school, and in courses for which he had not had prerequisites. Kicker no longer cared.

School was history. The street was now. The future was empty.

The only thing that got a glimmer of his attention during that wild unraveling time was the prospect of a summer job. We drove around looking. All the entry-level jobs in the neighborhood were filled, often by adults. The church had a painting and remodeling job in progress, but they told him they were sorry, they couldn’t use a new worker, they had deadlines to meet.

So an office team at Fuller made modest space for him, paying him cash out of their own pockets. He loved being part of the team. He loved being accepted by adults. Though it wasn’t much, he liked the cash at the end of the week. But it was hard going back to a stuffy apartment at night with nothing to do but watch T.V. and tend to the endless tedium of child care. When summer was over and the job with it, Kicker went back to the gang instead of school.

From then on, Kicker’s contact with us came in calls from police stations. We visited him in Juvenile Hall, made long trips up the mountain to his boot camp, and finally, waited while he served out the rest of his teen years in California Youth Authority. At least he was alive, we thought. He was released in August and enrolled in community college in September, trying to begin again. It was a short beginning. On a cold Saturday night in December, during an argument at Breaktime Billiards in El Monte, someone’s gun flashed and a bullet slammed into Kicker’s brain.

Kicker left me with a strong sense of kinship which he communicated in countless smiles, an unfailing welcome even when I was furious with him, and the awesome, undervalued gift of a young man’s honest confidences. We shared so much when our distant worlds met in L.A.—Cambodian noodles and McDonald’s hamburgers, wonderful laughter and wordless pain.

He also left me three pictures. The first is vibrant—he is smiling out from it, full of vitality in a tangle of kids. The last picture appeared on the front page of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune. It is dull and horrible. He is not recognizable in it because he is reduced to the bluish blur that is all a surveillance video camera can capture of life. He scrambles on a pool hall floor in his last split second of living. His arm reaches up as if in a final grab for the life that was never quite within his grasp. In between the two pictures is a drawing he made. In it, Jesus stands with open arms. Kicker wrote “God Is so Good” at the top. “God Is So Good” was one of the first songs he learned in English, and one of the first I learned in Khmer. We learned it first in each other’s languages because it was so simple. Then in all its simplicity, it became our central affirmation—the deepest ground of our kinship.

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The same good God to whom we can now only trust his life is the one who entrusted Kicker, and so many like him, to us. It is this that gives me that strong sense of complicity in Kicker’s death, and those of so many other youth who are dying before their time. We in the Christian community touched him, but we did not hold him. When he was troubled, we put more energy into fighting against him and his friends than fighting for them. It is true that he made his choices, and he has paid a brutal price for them. But I wonder if he would have made the same choices if held steadily in a Christian community’s embrace.

“We have these children in trust,” Marian Wright Edelman reminds us. Yet, from 1973 to 1992, just a little longer than Kicker’s life, the number of American children living in poverty increased by 46.8% to include 36.9 million children, despite a period of sustained economic growth in this country during the 1980s. Kicker was born into a holocaust adults made, lived in substandard housing which profited adults, went to schools adults voters and politicians decided were not worth investing in at the same time millions were spent on the construction of the prisons that would soon be home to him and his friends in America’s own indirect
“Inclusive Language”
ASC’s Women’s Concerns and the Office of Field Education are co-sponsoring a panel discussion on “Inclusive Language,” Wednesday, May 4, 1994 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Payton 101. Dr. Marianne Meye-Thompson, Jorge Taylor and others will discuss different aspects of the inclusive language policy at Fuller. Bring your questions, concerns, and friends! Child care will be provided. Ministry Enrichment Seminar credit will be given for this panel discussion.

“The Ministry of Reconciliation: The Role of the Church in Recognizing and Healing Abuse in the Family”
Rev. Dr. Ronn Elmore will address how church and para-church ministries can recognize and respond to child, spousal, and elder abuse in the home. He will address the Biblical responsibility of the church, present case studies of such incidences, and examine a model of how an area church responds to such issues. Dr. Elmore will present this seminar on Thursday, May 5th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Payton 101. For more information, contact the Office of Field Education (818) 584-5377.

“Missions Through the Local Church: A Missions Pastor’s Perspective”
On Tuesday, May 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Doctor of Ministry Classroom, Rev. Bryce Little will present specific ways to mobilize members of a congregation in local and worldwide mission experiences. These mission methods are relevant for small and large size congregations. The seminar will include mission study materials, small group ideas for mission and prayer, and global networking models. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.

“Issues in the Theology and Practice of the Funeral Service”
Dr. Greg Roth, Executive Pastor of Glendale Presbyterian Church, will be presenting a Ministry Enrichment Seminar on “Issues in the Theology and Practice of the Funeral Service,” on Thursday, May 12, 1994, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Payton 101. The seminar will explore a practical theology of funeral services; the role of the pastor; the role of tears and laughter; and the process of assisting the family as they go through the process of grieving. This seminar will also provide an opportunity to look at one specific funeral service in our culture today. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, (818) 584-5377.

Career Services Resume Writing Workshop
Rev. Bruce Ervin, former assistant director of Ministry Development, will be conducting two workshops on Saturdays, April 30th 10:00-11:30 am & Monday, May 9th 7:30-9:00 pm. The workshops will be offered at the Faculty Commons. This is for anyone needing to write a resume for ministry or non-ministry related positions. No registration or fee required. Please join us for this informative and practical session. 818/584-5576.

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Homosexuality Forum Follow-up

The All Seminary Council is sponsoring a panel presentation of the data from the homosexuality questionnaire which will be held on Tuesday, May 10th from 11:30 to 12:30 in Travis Auditorium. The data will be presented and opportunity will be provided for discussion. This is being scheduled as a follow-up to the Forum on homosexuality which was held during Winter Quarter.

Travis Auditorium was filled to capacity for the ASC sponsored event. The forum consisted of presentations by Daniel Stohler of Evangelicals Concerned, Gregory Dickson a current Fuller SOP student and Dr. Joseph Nicolosi a local psychologist. Following the presentations was a time for responses from the audience. While the feedback from students about the program was generally positive some constructive feedback was also received. This included concern that no women were on the panel, lesbian issues were not effectively discussed and no theology professors were included. While these were not intentional oversights but a matter of the pragmatics of scheduling these shortcomings will hopefully be addressed in future programs.

At the end of the program a follow-up to this initial forum was promised. In order to tailor this follow-up program to student needs we have been waiting to tally the results of the questionnaire which was distributed at the time of the forum. Due to the large number of returned questionnaires (approximately 350) it has taken some time to complete that project. The ASC wants to extend a hearty Thank You to the members of the Psychology Graduate Union who assisted in the compilation of this data. A special thanks goes to Dave Theberge who did most of the work developing the questionnaire and organizing the data compilation.

As the data has come in it has become clear that the next step would be to present the data from the questionnaire to the campus. The data appears to provide a good sample of the seminary community. The percentages of returned questionnaires by school were: SOT - 55%; SOP - 21%; and SWM - 20%; 4% - no response. These percentages approximate the percentages of all students enrolled in each school. The percentage of questionnaires turned in by men was 66% and women 33% which also approximates the percentage of men and women students. In addition it is interesting to note that interest in the subject remains strong. Question 30 of the questionnaire: "Homosexuality is an important topic that needs more attention in the seminary" revealed that over 75% of respondents agreed to that statement. This confirms what we had thought due to student comments from the ASC Board of Declarations last Fall which provided the impetus for the forum.

For a thorough review of the rest of the data be sure to come to the presentation on Tuesday, May 10th.
**ATTENTION ALL ASSEMBLY OF GOD STUDENTS**

Friday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m., you are welcome to partake in an A.G. Potluck “fellowship” in the catalyst. To help cover the costs, along with your dish, please bring $1.00 per family. Child care provided. For further information contact Jimmy Vigil (213) 584-8538. Sponsored by the A.G. denominational group.

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**SOUTHabant Registration Also Rises!**

Don’t break out the beach blankets too quickly, ’cause 8th Week Registration for summer is coming soon! All SOT students should make appointments immediately to see their academic advisor during these weeks (According to their last names):

**Week 6**

A - L

**Week 7**

M - Z

Call 584-5425, or stop by Stephen Hall to make your appointments.

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**Chapel News**

**Wednesday, May 4, First Congregational Church 10:00-10:50 A.M.**

This Wednesday at our Chapel service we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The Hispanic Ministry Office will be presenting Latin American music and have a guest speaker. Come join the celebration.

**Thursday, May 5, Travis Auditorium - 11:35 - 12:15 P.M.**

The Thursday Chapel speaker will be someone who will speak with a world mission emphasis. There will be a time of worship and prayer also. Take to time out of your busy schedule to join this worship time.

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**MEETINGS DENOMINATIONAL**

The following denominations will be meeting on Monday mornings through the Spring Quarter, except for holidays, during final week, and unless otherwise noted, at 10:00 a.m.

- American Baptist Psych Bldg. 116
- Assemblies of God Psych Bldg. 311
- Chinese & Asian Prayer Group Glasser Hall 206
- Christian & Missionary Alliance Library 203
- Episcopal/Anglican Preaching Arts Cnf Rm.
- Foursquare Payton Hall 302
- Friends Stephen Hall 207
- Korean Fellowship Payton Hall 303
- Messianic Jews Glasser Hall
- Nazarene Psych. Bldg. 325
- Non-Denominational (*Meet Tuesdays) Psych. Bldg. 116
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Travis Auditorium
- Reformed Church in Am./CRC Psych Bldg. 120
- Seventh Day Adventist Library 205
- United Methodist Church Psych Bldg. 130

Note: If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, please come by the Church Relations Office to make arrangements.

**Morning Prayers**

Daily Orthodox morning prayers, Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55am in the Chapel above the Library, led by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Gantt. Everyone is welcome.

**Asian Students**

Asian students prayer time, Monday, 10:00 am, weekly, Room 206, Glasser Hall.
IS GOD SPEAKING TO US?

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was intrigued by Dr. Doug Gregg’s comment that prayer reveals the heart of God. As the newly appointed Director of Christian Community, he is attending the various prayer groups on campus to assess what God is saying at Fuller. Could it be that God is speaking to us as a community and doing so through those who are praying?

Together with well over one hundred faculty, staff, and students I attended the luncheon on the Mall (part of the Day of Prayer) where leaders from ten prayer groups shared on God’s activity in our midst. The following are some random observations of that community time. The range of speakers was interesting; faculty, staff and students, women and men, and the three schools were all represented as we would expect; but also a cross section of the nations, Russia, Korea, India, and Ghana with the addition of a spokesperson from the physically challenged students. Names and times of the prayer meetings were also varied. On campus you can attend prayer meetings starting at 5 pm in the Catalyst right through the day till 10 pm in the chapel above the library, Monday to Saturday and be called everything from the Fuller Board of Intercessors to the Custodians Prayer Group. It seems that neither the prestige of names and times nor the differences of gender, calling and culture matter when it comes to prayer.

There was a strong emphasis from the speakers on being intentional about seeking community at Fuller. In our busy lives we need to sacrifice time to have communication with God and not to be so caught up in the pursuit of knowledge that we forget the giver of knowledge. Dr. Jeff Bjorck spoke with passion of the Psychology faculty prayer group that has been meeting continuously for fifteen years where he has found spiritual renewal, support and comfort. He encouraged the luncheoners to “remember our answers (to prayer) rather than stepping over them like dirty laundry.” Kathy Vander Werff from “Cabin on the Mount,” spoke of her father’s catch phrase “we are created to be related” that has helped her in prayer. “Prayer is what life is all about,” she said, “relating to God and to each other.” The motif of prayer being ordinary living through the joys and struggles we have with each other, was taken up by Ruth Vuong (Director of Student Services). Ruth led the gathering in a prayer that God would “make us become a prayer among one another in our home, city and in the troubled world in which we find ourselves.”

The School of World Mission chaplain, William Addai, shifted our prayer gaze into this troubled world of cultural wars. He encouraged us to see Fuller as a place where different cultures may understand each other. “We have a community to tap into (in order) to understand and pray for our world,” he stressed. William continued by admonishing the Fuller community not only to pray for a vision for the world but also to pray to understand one another.

Psychology student Gail Nagel, certainly opened our understanding on the diversity of our campus. She sees diversity as a distinctive from God and not to be considered a danger. “God is calling us to be a place of healing,” she said, “calling us to be a community that embraces weakness as well as strength.”

What is God saying to us? Perhaps the Lord is saying that differences need not be divisive and that Fuller can be a place of welcome, a shelter for whoever God brings here; and that what takes place in our hearts and lives while we are at Fuller may then be taken to God’s troubled world. For this to be a reality as Gail says, “we need to depend on God’s strength in the midst of our weakness.”

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

OUTDOOR CONCERT

Grab your lunch, sit outside, and listen to great music! “The Basics,” a hot new band from the Bay Area will be performing in the Garth on Tuesday, May 3, at 11:30. You won’t want to miss this wonderful event.

ASC ELECTIONS

They’re coming up, May 17-20. Get ready for “Campaign week” May 9-13. Participate in the various election events to enable you to make informed voting decisions.

THE LANGUAGE DANCE

An Inclusive Language Forum sponsored by the ASC will be held Wednesday, May 4, 7-9 pm at Payton 101. The list of speakers will include Dr. Marianne Meye Thompson, Dr. Jorge Taylor, Dr. Mittes McDonald DeChamplain, and Dr. Mel Robech. The speakers will discuss the various aspects regarding the importance of inclusive language. Refreshments and child care provided.

CINCO DE MAYO

The Hispanic Church Studies department together with the Multicultural Concerns Committee and the All Seminary Council is hosting three days of celebration called Urban Ministry: Problem or Promise; Wednesday’s Chapel will feature Dr. David Traverzo from New York. He is currently professor at Baruch College in the Black and Hispanic Studies Department and is heavily involved in Urban Ministry. The Chapel will be followed by a workshop with Dr. Traverzo called, Doing Urban Ministry in the Context of Captivity.

Thursday’s Chapel will feature our own Dr. Isaac J. Canales, (Keynote Speaker at Urbana in ‘90 & ’93). He presently directs the Hispanic Church Studies Dept. at Fuller and is Senior Pastor in an urban bilingual church. This chapel will also be followed by a workshop entitled, “Working hand in hand with your city.”

We will close this time of focus and celebration with our annual:

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

This favorite Fuller fiesta is back! The festivities begin Friday, May 6, 5:30-8:00 pm in the Garth. Come out for food, arts and crafts and special music by ethnic groups from around the world. If you would like to contribute to the festival with music or dancing, call Ana at the ASC office - 584-5452.

PEACE AND JUSTICE CONCERNS

Perhaps you want to the Museum of Tolerance with us and want to know how you can be a promoter of peace in our world. One great way is to come to the Peace and Justice Concerns Committee meeting Wed. May 4, 12-1 pm on the third floor Catalyst. This will be an important meeting where we will appoint the P & J Chair for next year.
To: Students, Faculty, Administrators, Staff
From: The Worship Life Committee
Date: April 20, 1994
Re: Community Worship

PLEASE, GIVE US FEEDBACK ABOUT COMMUNITY WORSHIP

The Worship Life Committee (Dean of the Chapel, Director of OCC, Director of Denominational Relations, SWM Chaplain, and student representatives from SOT, SWM, and SOP) is evaluating the worship life of Fuller Seminary - frequency, style, duration - and making plans for next year. We believe that worship is vital and central to our life as a community and our primary means of honoring and celebrating God.

Currently we have two weekly seminary worship experiences, Wednesday at 10:00 am and Thursday at 11:35 am. Next year there will be a common break time every day at 10:00 am, for one hour on M-W-F and for 45 minutes on T-Th.

Dr. Woodberry, Dean of SWM, recently summarized recent chapel developments as follows:

"The worship tradition at Fuller has been that an all-seminary worship service was held on Wednesday during the 10 to 11 am. time slot. This chapel was a formal worship service planned by the faculty chaplain with student input. Some students at SWM wanted a freer service that included praise songs and some opportunity to share prayer concerns. This service soon grew from a classroom into Travis Auditorium and the SWM students (with a chaplain) assumed more responsibility. The Fuller community then had a choice between a formal faculty-led service on Wednesday or an informal, student-led service on Thursday which grew to add mission-oriented speakers. Certain factors have impacted the participation at these two chapels this year which have led to an increase in Wednesday chapel participation and a decrease in Thursday chapel participation."

Where do we go from here?

Should we continue with two chapel services or return to one on Wednesdays? What style, structure, or philosophy should prevail? Please answer the following questions, adding any additional comments you may have on the back, so that we can plan community worship for next year. Thanks.

Please return to Box CHAP by Wednesday, April 28

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I have attended ______ Wed. chapels this year; ______ Thurs. chapels this year.
I am ______ student, ______ staff, ______ faculty, in ______ SOP, ______ SOT, ______ SWM
FINANCIAL AID

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAGUNA HILLS

All Methodist students interested in this scholarship should pick up an application at the Office of Financial Aid. Scholarships are awarded annually. Submit completed applications to UMC Laguna Hills by May 31, 1994.

FUKUSHIMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

These competitive scholarships assist Masters level students preparing for Christian ministries. Applications must be requested by mail. Deadline: May 31, 1994. For more info, inquire at Financial Aid.

EXIT INTERVIEW FOR STUDENT BORROWERS

Loan program regulations now require Exit Interviews for all borrowers. If you have student loans and plan to graduate, transfer, or drop below half-time in Spring '94, you should attend a group Exit Interview at one of the times listed below.

The interviews will last approximately 40 minutes. They will include helpful information regarding borrower rights & repayment options. Bring your loan file with you to the session, as well as the address and phone number of your nearest relative and your future employer (if known).

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OFFICE HOURS

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form of ethnic cleansing. Adults spent more to keep Kicker in Youth Authority for one year than they paid in annual salary to his teacher, a fact that did not escape his notice.

Not too long ago, the L.A. Times reported that officers in the 77th precinct took their time when called to incidents involving gangs, using the code "N.H.I."—no humans involved. The officers aren't the only ones taking an N.H.I. approach to these youth whose gangs are a symptom of our failure as an adult society. Last year, Gov. Wilson vetoed approved legislation crafted by Chuck Colson's Justice Fellowship which would have provided a number of criminal justice reforms including early intervention through victim-offender reconciliation programs, community-based punishment for non-violent offenders as an alternative to incarceration where violence is learned as an essential means of survival, and inmate employment as a way to build skills for the future and provide restitution to the victims. Instead, the governor pushed through poorly drafted "three strikes" legislation which will cost the state $20 billion in prison construction alone. That money will come from higher taxes as well as cuts in employment, education, health, and welfare. As Father Greg Boyle points out, addressing our gang problem by building more prisons is like addressing the problem of AIDS by building more cemeteries. It only underscores our failure—a failure made more complete by the appalling silence of the church.

Kicker's parents had to borrow the money to bury him. After the funeral, we walked slowly toward an old beige Nissan borrowed from a high school friend, its engine idling. The radio was broken in such a way that it played whenever the engine was running, and so when we opened the car door for the ride home, Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven" floated out toward us:

Would you take my hand,
If I saw you in Heaven?
Would you help me stand,
If I saw you in Heaven?
Would you know my name,
If I saw you in Heaven?
Would it be the same,
If I saw you in Heaven?

Bird, Lobo, Blinky, Gato, Buddha, Kicker... we see their names. But do they know ours? Have we taken their hands, helped them stand? Would it be the same, if we saw them in Heaven?

If you would like further information about how you can make a difference, contact:

Catholic Chaplain's Office
Children's Defense Fund
Central Juvenile Hall
25 E Street, N.W.
1605 Eastlake Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20001
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(213)226-8530
(800) CDF-1200

Justice Fellowship
Victim Offender Reconciliation
P.O. Box 188649
Program (VORP)
Sacramento, CA 95818
422 W. Almond St.
(916)441-1823
(714) 633-6551

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Help!!! - Professional / Dad with two bright, energetic sons (6 & 9) needs part-time "big brother," 10-15 hrs./week, evenings/week-end; schedule/pay negotiable. Call Paul 818-405-0286.

Rose City Cleaners - 115 N. Lake Ave. Pasadena CA 91101; 818-577-1438, 20% off for dry cleaning only.

Looking for Pentecostal fellowship? We invite you to join us for prayer and Bible study every Wednesday from 5:45-6:45: Back room of the Catalyst!


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Getting engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 76 years' experience. Call 213-622-4510. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry). Appointment needed for Saturdays. Closed Mondays.

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Couple's Garden is coming again -- May 14. This is the last of these special evenings for this school year. It is not too late to sign-up for a great evening with your spouse and a solid investment in your marriage relationship. Dr. Gary Brainerd will be speaking and directing our time together.

Over two hundred and fifty folks have taken advantage of Couple's Garden this year. Why? I think it is their placing of their marriage a high priority in their lives together and as the top priority for these six evenings over the school year.

Challenging information from Gary Brainerd, good munchies, and then a night out at the eatery of your choice with the person of your choice. For more information or to register contact the Office of Christian Community or call 584-5322.