Flood's mission is to establish meaningful relationships with those in crisis to empower them to overcome their disadvantaged circumstances and encounter the love of Jesus. Flood reduces homelessness and transforms lives.

Just a few of our housing participants that were given HOME with Flood t-shirts at the Southeast Ministry Center Dedication and Celebration.
Kyle Murry, a beloved son and brother, passed away unexpectedly on July 20th, 2013. Born on May 15, 1968, Kyle grew up in Denair, California on his parent's local peach farm with his two younger sisters, Kelly and Aimee. He first came to Flood to find permanent affordable housing while living at Griffin's Gate transitional housing. He was able to move into his own apartment at Green Gardens on January 31, 2013. Green Gardens offers independent living for formerly homeless, disabled individuals. Often described as a "man who never met a stranger," Kyle was generous to a fault. He had a kind word for everyone he encountered. He desperately wanted to reach out to others, just as he had been reached out to in the darkest times. Kyle helped establish a Diabetes Support Group at Green Gardens. He recently shared his
testimony to children at the Bridge Bible Church in hopes that they would better understand the challenges of being homeless. He encouraged others to reach out for help as he had done. Kyle had high hopes for the future, as he planned to go back to school to become a counselor. Kyle will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Joey and Nicole recently purchased a brand new home and moved in! Joey and Nicole have three living children. When we met them, none of them were in their custody and they were not married. Drugs had taken control of their lives. When we met them in 2007, they seemed to never miss a Saturday Celebration and were committed to making big changes. Both were living in residential programs. Through their journey toward sobriety, reunification, healing, marriage, employment and now home ownership, they truly inspire. Joey is working in the oilfields and Nicole works with disabled children. It has been six years and we are so grateful to see them committed to parenting their children and providing a home. Executive Director, Kim Albers and husband David, stopped by on
moving day. Joey was quick to give God all the glory and his mother had driven in from out of town to help with the unpacking. She shared how much it meant to her to see her son be a good father and to keep a good job. Joey is quick to help others navigate the path to employment in the oil fields and is now planning to be a mentor for Garden Pathways. Congratulations Joey and Nicole!

**Read Flood's 2012 Annual Report**

Click **on the picture below** to read all the details of how Flood is reducing homelessness and transforming lives through meaningful relationships and encounters with the love of Jesus.

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**Survivor Bible Camp and Summer Splash**

Ask, Seek, Knock! Six weeks of outreach to the neighborhood surrounding Martin Luther King Park culminated in an awesome week of Survivor Bible Camp at the Southeast Ministry Center on July 24-26! A total of 130 kids attended, an all time high for the program, and nearly double the amount that attended in the previous year. About 60 volunteers from multiple churches and Flood staff teamed up to present Bible stories, exciting recreation, beautiful crafts, and awesome music and dance. A team of high school students from the Bridge Bible Church’s NEXUS group organized and led the camp. The event culminated with a Gospel message where 15 children made commitments to Christ.
Celebrating LIFE TRANSFORMATIONS!

Two years ago the Lord blessed Flood with an opportunity to lease the California Avenue Veterans' Memorial Building at Martin Luther King Park. Last Saturday, we celebrated with long time supporters and the neighboring community the blessing of the building (known to us as the Southeast Ministry Center) and its recently completed renovations. At the
Celebration, guests who have transitioned out of homelessness with Flood’s assistance were given HOME T-shirts, a red ribbon was cut, many were linked to needed resources immediately right at the hall, a fabulous meal was served (tri-tip for hundreds of hungry guests, what a treat!) and great live music kept the crowd of 700 celebrating. Thank you to Chip Woodard, DOD Construction, Rankin Electric, Frye Plumbing, Calvary Bible Church, the County of Kern, and others who privately supported this project. We are so grateful to the organizations who serve with us at the Southeast Ministry Center "under one roof" including: Garden Pathways, WESTEC, Plaza Iglesia Cristiana, National Brotherhood Association, Stop the Violence, Kern County Mental Health, Narcotics Anonymous and The Bridge Bible Church Men's and Women's ministries. Furthermore, we are also so thankful to be able to share this building with local veterans. We are full of joy for what God has done in the building so far, and are excited for the future as He continues to provide new means for us to better serve the community.
Chairman of the Board, Steve Truitt, cuts the red ribbon and welcomes all to tour the newly renovated California Avenue Veterans Building at Martin Luther King Park at Flood's Celebration on July 20, 2013.

Become a Mentor?


MENTORS NEEDED! Flood and Garden Pathways are looking for men and women to come alongside individuals in the criminal justice system exiting Lerdo Detention Facilities. We provide training, matching and on-going support for you to care, guide and encourage individuals facing life challenges. We have a critical need for men to mentor 18-24 year old young men receiving comprehensive services on the road to transformation and employment. For more information, contact Sean Battle at seanb@gardenpathways.org or 633-9133. One hour orientations are at 6:00-7:00 pm on August 8 (Hope Village, 2116 P St.) and August 15 (Southeast Ministry Center, 999 E. California Ave.)