Wendy - I have added you to my REACH-NYC Newsletter mailing list. Here is a past sample of one of our newsletters, sent out recently.

Thank you for your interest. - Tony Romeo, Pastor / REACH-NYC / The Chapel At Union Square

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From: Tony Romeo / REACH-NYC <romeo.anthonyj@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 9, 2011 at 10:28 PM
Subject: Baby Its Hot - NYC NEWS AND MORE
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Greetings from the most dynamic and wonderful city in the world. New York City!

No matter how many times I see the skyline of Manhattan, there is something that simply stirs my soul. New York City is that kind of place, where there is a beat in the air and a constant excitement everywhere you look. Even your nose is excited with the smells of the various ethic neighborhoods that make up this wonderful town.

It is a city filled with the languages and people that make up the entire world. It is an honor and a privilege to minister here. Many of my pastoral associates come from places like Africa, Europe, China, Russia, South America, India, Asia, Central America, Canada, The West Indies and even places as close as Brooklyn. They come as many have come to this great city before them to share in it’s promise of freedom and hope and to share, most importantly, the Gospel of Christ.

My father immigrated here from Italy back in 1922, arriving passed one of the special sights of New York City, The Statue of Liberty. I often wonder how my father felt as the salt water breezes moved over the deck of his steam ship that brought him to this incredible city. He was a 22 year-old young man when he first stepped foot on this Island.

It is still an impressive place for young professionals who come from small towns across the United States and from even large cities like Chicago. However, nothing compares to New York City.

When Paul Korac and I first started thinking about REACH-NYC, we immediately met people who came from various backgrounds to our very first simple gatherings. There was the young professional who walked in who had come from Russia. The next week, there was another young man who was visiting New York City from Germany.
There was the tearful evening, when a young woman walked into a gathering crying and sobbing and looking for someone to tell her story to. Berky Wong, one of our team members listened. She left with a box full of cookies and a heart warmed by the love shown to her by some of our team members. Every gathering we have is different than the next. The gatherings are all "live church" and there is no script that we follow. We simply open the doors and wait for the Lord to provide the next story and opportunity to share the Love of God. Young and old still arrive from The Bronx, Texas, Brooklyn and Queens. New friends that we are always happy to meet.

Pastor Paul Korac is having much success in starting small groups in the Borough of Queens, meeting other interested Christians in homes who grow together studying and seeking to help others in their respective neighborhoods. They do this regardless of faith tradition as Christ would have done. Pastor Korac (far right) is pictured below with members of his team at Ronald McDonald House of Long Island.

Thomas Conrey, Ph D a member of the team Pastor Korac is part of writes: "Yesterday, (June 5, 2011) Reach New York had the privilege of cooking for the families of Ronald McDonald House of Long Island. What an honor to bring God’s love to families of sick kids. There was one little boy there whose story was most remarkable. I have found that in each encounter in life there is a moment in which God gives us an epiphany. My daughter joined us for the cooking. She is a spiritual person but still has many questions. She came up to me and said "You know, you really have some very nice friends. Not everyone would give up part of a Sunday afternoon to cook for other people". I told her that this is what people of faith are all about. We both learned something from that moment. The energy in the room was palpable as our community served their community. We received heartfelt thanks as we left. There is no feeling in the world that can compare to agape love. God was right in reminding us that life is all about community and service."
Pastor Korac continues in describing the picture on left - "A little boy Abdin (Photo left) with his uncle Hasim. He has been badly injured in Iraq and has undergone multiple facial surgeries. Listening to a few sad but encouraging stories and sharing the love of God with prayers for God's blessings, was inspiring to all of us. Everyone was looking forward to our next opportunity to serve, and to reach the City with the love of God."

Pastor Korac and his small group communities continue to build relationships and in so doing, build bridges of love.

Once a month, REACH-NYC sponsors well attended vegetarian cooking seminars and healthy eating classes in the lobby of the Adventist Book Center in the heart of New York City. So far, there have been eight monthly seminars and they are conducted in a professional manner with some of the best chefs and medical personnel who give healthy concepts to all who attend. In a recent event held on May 15, 2011, Ruth Johnson, MD (Photo right, below) was the medical guest lecturer who shared useful concepts to aid in digestion and an overall healthy lifestyle.

At each vegetarian seminar, classes include delicious samples of food prepared right in front of a full house of people eager to learn new methods of eating and preparing wholesome foods. Guests are invited from the community and friends of those who attend REACH-NYC meetings around New York City and various church groups. One of our featured chefs, Giovanna Miller, (Bottom photo left) a Seventh-day Adventist is currently appearing on NBC's Non-Stop New York in a series of programs sponsored by Whole Foods, where she works as a Certified Natural Foods Chef and Educator.
Marlene Romeo a featured chef and New York City Christian Educator along with Christina McGeough, MPH, Certified Diabetes Educator, CDE will be holding the next vegetarian seminar that will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m. in the Adventist Book Center Lobby.

To make a reservation for the next exciting seminar that will focus on “Power Foods For You and Your Family” please register by sending an email to: reachnyc.contact@gmail.com or sending a note to: REACH-NYC, P.O. Box 651, North Salem, NY 10560.

It takes many people willing to serve others to make the efforts of REACH-NYC work. I especially count on James Stroud a member of our team who comes from Arkansas. I'm still trying to understand his Southern accent and he is still trying to figure out my New York City accent. Somehow we all are on the same page when it comes to sharing Christ.

Then there is my associate Chaplain Osvaldo Tanon, who works in a NY Hospital and is also a Captain in the United States Army Reserves. This weekend he is ministering to the men and women of the military who serve our country stationed in the NYC area.

There is also Berky Wong, a wonderful person who can always be counted on to be a help at each of our gatherings. Wait till you meet Jake Harvey and his wonderful wife Molly Conley who help at our vegetarian cooking classes. If you need to relax then join us at The Chapel At Union Square, 123 East 15th Street, NYC some Saturday morning and you will be lifted up by the pipe organ played by our professional musician, Eiichi.

There is a place for you in this ministry here in NYC or where you live. God is blessing in so many wonderful ways and building community. Reaching out to others seems to be making New York City feel more like a small town filled with people who are willing to give of themselves for the greater good.

It's all about building bridges to people of all faith traditions who call New York City their home. To learn more about REACH-NYC and to support this ministry, take a look at our website at: http://www.reach-nyc.com You can also donate to support these ongoing programs by scrolling down and making a donation online. We sincerely thank all of our REACH-NYC supporters who
make these programs possible.

I must share with you part of an email I received a few days ago that may help you understand why love is such an important part of the ministry we try to provide in this great city. A young woman sent this message - "I have thought a great deal about my visit to REACH-NYC last week. Never have I felt so welcome and comfortable in a church since childhood." I cannot begin to tell you how notes like this mean to each of us. It is a blessing from God that we are here to serve others.

May God continue to bless you where He has placed you in service to your community and bring peace into your life and those you love. If you want to get involved just let us know as we would be happy to have you here with us. It's lots of fun and a real blessing.

Best regards - Tony Romeo and the REACH-NYC team.

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Brooklyn Bridge, NYC

CAFE REACH
WILL BE CLOSED THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011

CAFE REACH will resume our regularly scheduled discussion and gathering next Friday, June 17 at 7 p.m. at Cafe Reach, 12 West 40 Street, NYC
The summer months represent a real challenge for us at CAFE REACH with many of our team members off to meetings, graduations and visits to family members all over the country.

Due to the unexpected travel, Cafe Reach will not be having a gathering this coming Friday, June 10.

We will however, be back next Friday, June 17 and resume the final installments of our exciting video series and discussion Hope For Creation, which has been enjoyed for several months now.

Please join us this Saturday morning, June 11 at 11:15 a.m. at The Chapel At Union Square 123 East 15th Street, NYC, as guest Frank Merendino, acoustic guitarist and dedicated follower of Jesus Christ shares the Gospel at The Chapel At Union Square

Invite a friend or two and be blessed as we join together.
This Saturday, June 11, 2011
The Chapel At Union Square
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Saturday Morning, June 11, 2011 / 11:15 A.M.
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Arrive at 11:15 a.m. and enjoy a relaxing meditation as our resident musician and organist, Eiichi, plays hymns in praise of God on the pipe organ.

11:30 a.m. Worship Experience / Music / Prayer
- A Conversation with the Word -
with Special Guest Speaker, Frank Merendino, Acoustic Guitarist, Music Instructor and dedicated follower of Jesus Christ.

You will love the message and the music.
Traveling here by car?
There is a parking garage on the south side of East 18th Street, in the middle of the block between Irving Place and Third Avenue, where you will be able to park your vehicle from the time you arrive until 7 p.m., for the reasonable fee of $11.00. (See attendant for details.)

There is also street parking with payment via metered parking machines located in the area.

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