

Ministry Name Military Community Youth Ministries/Club Beyond

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Overview of Ministry

For over 25 years, the mission and work of Military Community Youth Ministries (MCYM) has been to able share the Good News of Jesus Christ with military teens. Our method of relational evangelism provides teens with mentoring relationships and opens doors for our youth leaders to share the Gospel. The challenges that military families face today are great and are becoming increasingly more difficult. As we find ourselves in the sixth year of the war in Iraq and in the seventh year in Afghanistan, we must remind ourselves that military youth have been shouldering the burden of these conflicts for most of their lives. Many of these teens can not remember a time when these conflicts have not affected them. They have seen one or both of their parents gone repeatedly for over a year each time. They have friends whose parents have lost limbs or perished. The fear of this happening in their own family is real and constant. The demands of military service have stretched many families to the breaking point. These kids cope with their situations in different ways, putting them at risk for making poor choices. **They are truly the unseen casualties of war.** MCYM walks with these teens, providing consistency and modeling the love of Christ. Chaplains and parents share with us regularly how important the presence of MCYM is to the military community and military families.

Potential TBG Opportunities to Get Involved

MCYM's goal is to expand our ministry outreach to the 15-20 most strategic military sites within the next 3-5 years. Camp Pendleton is home to over 3,200 military teens and we are eager to partner with individuals who want to reach out to military teens. 1 - We invite you to help establish a "beachhead" ministry here in Southern California. A successful launch often depends on a network of local relationships, strategic information, and PRAYER. 2 – We also invite you to utilize and leverage our existing ministry network around the world with ministry ideas/initiatives to serve military families.