



## **PRAISE REPORT/PRAYER REQUEST**

### **Monday, October 31, 2016**

Last Friday night a young lady came to the Community Center with two young men. They had been there before, but this was the first time in several years. One of the young men, Tony, had just been released from prison after two years. He is the leader of a gang that started in California - The Harbor City Crips. Their bodies were covered with gang related tattoos. The female, Sonia, had a thick belt around her neck. Tony was looking for Tami, his ex-wife. Tami is one of our youth Christian leaders, and has dramatically changed her life since she ended her relationship with Tony. In fact, she was the person who reported Tony two years ago to the police, for her safety and for the safety of her two children. Tony was involved in gang related criminal activities, stealing cars and weapons and selling drugs. Tami had finally come to the decision to report Tony two years ago, and begin a new life. She had been put into a safe house by the Denver police so that her life would not be in danger. She has continued to grow in her Christian walk and being a leader at the Community Center is very important to her.

It was unexpected last Friday that this group would come to the center looking for Tami. Tina, Movement 5280 leader, informed the youth that Tami was not at the Center and that they needed to leave. It was obvious that they came wanting to fight. When asked to leave, Sonia was very angry and left the building swearing loudly and threatening that she was going to shoot up the place. They refused to leave the premises. Tina informed them that she had called the police. They continued to hang out across the street from the Center. One of the Center's youth quickly showed Tina a picture on Facebook that had been posted earlier that day showing the three of them with guns.

Tina, concerned about this group might return and shoot into the center through the large front windows moved all the youth to a safer location downstairs, where they prayed and ate dinner. Every one of the youth who attended last Friday handled this situation so well! There is no doubt the youths have great respect for the Community Center and its leaders. Once the police came they confronted the aggressors and gave them a "No Trespass Order" for the Center.

I ask that you pray for:

- Tami and her children, for their protection and faith during this difficult time.
- That God put a hedge of protection around The Community Center and all those who attend.
- That GOD gives us the opportunity, as we interact with these troubled youths, to introduce them to GOD and his all abiding love.

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