

God of this city

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The youth of my church came back fired up from a mission trip this summer. Shortly after they returned, I visited one of their youth fellowship gatherings. They played one of the songs they had experienced during the praise time on the mission trip, which involved running around with hands held high in celebration. One of the youth asked me if I was scared because of what the mission trip had “done” to them.

Are you kidding? Scared because the Spirit of our Lord has opened their lives up to new-found excitement, growth, and freedom? Could all of us be so scared!

One of their theme songs they adopted to put “legs” and work to their excitement is Chris Tomlin’s “God of This City”: “You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You Are!” And they really embrace the vision of the chorus: “For greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done here.” As a response to the greater things that are still to be done for God’s glory here, our youth have committed to doing at least 75 hours each of community service this summer, which has involved everything from nursing home visits to washing windows, picking up trash, and delivering cookies. And they are hungering to reach out even more to help those with a project or need they can respond to. Do you have or know of a project or need they might help with? Call 983-5269 and let us know how we might help you. And why not join us and look for opportunities to reach out as well? Could you imagine if we all logged in 75 hours of service to help each other and those around us? God would be glorified!

To quote the song again, “For there is no one like our God! There is no one like our God! Greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done – here!” I firmly believe this to be true! God has great plans in store for us as His people when we reach out and make a difference in the lives of those around us and give Him the praise.