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# LINC San Antonio eNews



## LINC announces partnership with CAN-DO Missions

LINC San Antonio is pleased to announce that we now have an official partnership with CAN-DO Missions. CAN-DO stands for “Christ Among Nations Disciple Outreach,” and believes that we “CAN-DO all things through Christ who gives us strength.”

Director Pat Fick of CAN-DO and Mission Project Coordinator Heather Harmann of LINC have been working together this summer to plan three separate weeks’ worth of inner-city mission trips for middle school, high school, and college students interested in coming to San Antonio to serve the urban and multi-cultural people of south Texas.

Beginning in September, students and youth groups from all across the country will be able to visit CAN-DO’s website and sign up to come to San Antonio for a one-week summer mission trip.

Short-term mission trips to San Antonio will give youth a chance to participate in active LINC ministries, enhancing and extending the work that LINC is already doing in the Alamo City.

LINC is excited to welcome young servants of God to join us, linking people to people and linking people to Christ.



## LINC welcomes Lydia Garvey, Urban Mission Developer

Lydia Wilcke Garvey, a graduate of Concordia University in Nebraska, grew up in farm country in northwest Iowa where she spent her summers helping her grandpa in the gardens and working at Camp Okoboji.

She spent the last six years as a DCE (children’s and family minister) in the Kansas City area, but her recent marriage to an Air Force captain brought her down to Texas Hill Country.



LINC San Antonio is excited to bring her into our network as our newest part-time urban mission developer. Lydia will be focusing her talents and efforts on launching youth ministries and on expanding our college ministry as well as on developing a new outreach to the armed forces personnel in San Antonio.

### LINC San Antonio Mission Trips

June 15-20, 2014

June 22-27, 2014

June 29-July 4, 2014

VISIT: [www.can-do.concordia.edu](http://www.can-do.concordia.edu)

## After-school music academy



A few neighborhood school kids walked by a church one day and saw, through the window, a man playing a guitar. Enthralled by this, they begged him to teach them to play. Now, LINC is excitedly offering these children and their friends and neighbors a free weekly music class. And of course, the kids aren't learning just about music. The instructor, a retired music educator, is developing a relationship with the children and sharing her faith as she does so. A simple idea with profound impact.

## Latch-key midweek

Fifty feet from the front door of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, elementary school children in an apartment complex find themselves bored and ignored after school. Their proximity and eagerness caught LINC's attention and a ministry began. Now more than a dozen unchurched kids gather at the church one evening a week for pizza, games, and Bible lessons. They can't seem to get enough of us, and we must admit that we are just as excited to be with them. We're eager to see what blooms from these newly planted seeds.



## Baptism at the Haven

In late July, LINC San Antonio's ministry team at Haven for Hope had the privilege of baptizing a new sister in Christ. The ministry team is actively discipling new Christians as well as reaching out to those who are curious to know more. We praise God for his mercies at Haven for Hope, and we invite anyone to join us in our mission and ministry there.



## Spiritual retreats

For nearly 10 months, a team of Lutherans from a handful of churches has been ministering to the homeless at Haven for Hope. Now, in addition to worship gatherings and prayer sessions, the LINC team is creating a series of full-day "spiritual retreats" to be held for the residents of the shelter. We look forward to sharing more details soon.



## A true VBS success

LINC recently heard from a VBS team in Rockport who decided to drive the church van to the homes near their church and invite kids to VBS. But the team didn't stop there. They hosted follow-up events for the unchurched children and are now picking up many of those same kids for church on Sundays. Now THAT is how to use VBS for long-term impact!

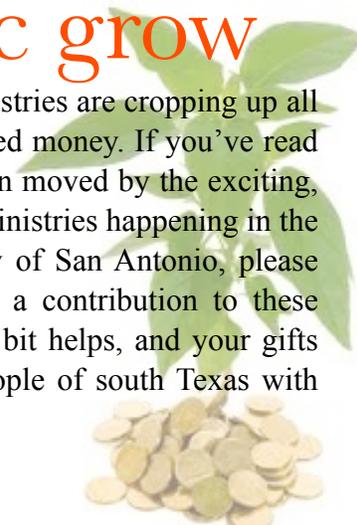
## denim drive

A Christian couple in LINC's network recently returned from Africa. While there, they met a man from a local village who told them it's the dream of the children there to each own their own pair of blue jeans. LINC is helping make those kids' denim dream come true. Join us! We're collecting new and gently used children's jeans until Christmas. When the couple returns to Africa in 2014, we hope to send back a village-worth of jeans in the hands of Christ's messengers from Texas.



## help linc grow

New LINC San Antonio ministries are cropping up all the time. But they require seed money. If you've read our newsletters and have been moved by the exciting, creative, and dynamic new ministries happening in the urban and multi-cultural city of San Antonio, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to these outreach efforts. Every little bit helps, and your gifts will be used to bless the people of south Texas with the love of Christ Jesus.



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