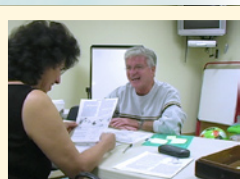


Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

—1 Corinthians 1:26-31

This we pray...

Thank you for the teachers and tutors in the adult literacy program at Hope Chapel San Pedro. We lift them up to you. Give them wisdom, discernment, patience, discipline, and creativity as they teach others to read. Thank you for the students that are currently enrolled in R.E.A.C.H. Give them the courage, strength, and time needed to master this skill so that they can devour your living and active Word. Thank you for those that are being prompted — right now — to come and learn how to read. Lord, we ask that they would hand over their burden to you and find immediate rest in the knowledge that all things are possible in and through you.



In September of 2006, a group of believers at Hope Chapel San Pedro created a literacy program called R.E.A.C.H. (Reaching Each Adult Creating Hope). This program teaches adults to read, thereby unlocking the shackles of shame that illiteracy can bring. Such a ministry also tackles the problem facing over a quarter of the adults in California who struggle with basic reading, writing and functional literacy skills. Currently, R.E.A.C.H. has 6 teachers and 10 enrolled students. Now partnering with the Los Angeles Public Library's Adult Literacy Services, the aim of R.E.A.C.H. is to expand to 50 tutors by the summer of 2007. As a community, we need to continually lift this ministry up in prayer so that individuals are free to read God's Word and have access to its transforming power.