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CSM SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MINISTRY EXPANDS

WHO: The Center for Student Missions (CSM) is a short-term mission organization with a year-round site in the San Francisco Bay Area. CSM has been dedicated to serving a variety of ministries and non-profits throughout the urban Bay Area by providing volunteers since 1999.

WHAT: New housing opportunities in Oakland have enabled CSM to increase the number of serving groups they can accept at their SF Bay Area site. They are also growing the number of ministry opportunities throughout the Bay Area to further deepen their reach into the surrounding communities.

"We are very excited about this new opportunity," says Noel Becchetti, CSM's President. "Our new relationships with housing partners in the East Bay will equip us to better engage the San Francisco Bay Area for what it is--an urban region where opportunities for ministry, and the involvement of our groups, exist throughout the area. While we will continue to minister full-blast in San Francisco, our serving groups will be able to experience what God is doing in the area in a greater way.

"CSM groups in San Francisco are already serving at ministry sites in Oakland, Richmond, and other parts of the Bay Area. This expansion enables us to continue what we have been doing for the past eight years even more effectively."

WHEN: Expansion begins immediately.

WHERE: San Francisco/Oakland, CA

CONTACT: Interviews can be scheduled by calling Andy or Heidi Fox (see above contacts). For more info: **www.csm.org**.

Background:

Thousands of teenagers and adults will serve with CSM in urban centers throughout North America this year. By partnering with local ministries they will have an opportunity to serve the homeless, the sick, the elderly and children through indigenous churches and organizations while becoming more educated about the issues that effect city-dwellers.

CSM is an independent Christian organization dedicated to providing an "effective urban ministry experience that transforms lives, influences local churches, and honors Christ." For more information, visit **www.csm.org**.

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