

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE EVANGELISM TRAINING?

group's research shows that most U.S. youth pastors highly value evangelism as a concept, but few are doing any ongoing training to help their teenagers actually do it. Well, let's get you hooked up. Check out the options below:

• **Dare2Share at www.dare2share.org**—Led by student evangelist Greg Stier, this Denver-based ministry has experienced explosive growth through its stadium events and online resources. With a boost from a recent partnership with Focus on the Family, Dare2Share has already trained more than 35,000 teenagers to reach their peers for Christ.

• **Luis Palau Association at www.palau.org**—One of the most effective and crowd-drawing international evangelists of our time, Luis Palau has expanded his focus on young people by partnering with actor Stephen Baldwin to bring the Livin It evangelistic tour around the world. Livin It uses world-class skateboarders and BMX riders as the hook to draw young people to evangelistic events.

• **Nicky Cruz at www.nickycruz.org**—For a time Nicky Cruz was one of the most recognizable names in the Christian world. After the former New York gang member was prominently featured in David Wilkerson's bestseller *The Cross and the Switchblade*, Cruz became one of the most in-demand speakers in the world. Now, four decades later, Cruz's evangelism ministry to urban teenagers is going strong.

• **Planet Wisdom at www.planetwisdom.com**—With popular conference speaker Mark Matlock as its leader, Planet Wisdom offers events, resources, and online articles and reviews that target youth and college students.

• **The Power Team at www.thepowerteam.com**—This 30-year-old ministry has enjoyed high-profile success for its unusual approach to evangelism—big, strong athletes who can lift and/or break an astonishing array of props. The organization has emerged from a recent leadership crisis to continue its school assembly and crusade ministry.

• **Real Encounter at www.realencounter.org**—This relatively new youth crusade organization uses freestyle motocross, x-trials, live music, drama, and evangelism training to gather large crowds of teenagers for an evangelistic message.

• **Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association at www.scottdawson.org**—Built around student evangelist Scott Dawson's stadium-size Strength to Stand events, this organization specializes in reaching unchurched kids and training church-ed teenagers to evangelize.

• **Soul Survivor USA at www.soulsurvivorusa.com**—Soul Survivor started as a youth church in the UK, spawning a worldwide worship movement fueled by, among others, its worship leader—a guy named Matt Redman. You can learn about its combination of authentic worship and creative relational outreach strategies at one of its national or regional events.

• **Teen Mania at www.teenmania.org**—Led by author, speaker, and evangelist Ron Luce, Teen Mania has had great success in reaching young people through its large menu of Acquire the Fire events and summer mission experiences. Teen Mania also excels at developing young leaders through its Honor Academy.

• **Youth For Christ at www.yfc.org**—The venerable and respected organization whose first full-time staffer was Billy Graham has six decades of doing the grunt work of youth evangelism under its belt. In addition to its campus Bible clubs, YFC holds two major stadium events for evangelism training, called DCLA.