

To Oregon with Love

This past week we spent a wonderful time with seven young people from Springfield, Oregon. They came here to be trained in Metro Ministries' Sidewalk Sunday School; the which, we have worked to become skilled at over the past several years. They stayed with us, ate with us, studied with us and served in the Center and on the CAT Trucks. They were put in situations they were unfamiliar with, and in some cases learned things the hard way. All in all, they learned a tremendous amount and have positioned themselves to do Sidewalk Sunday School in inner-city communities in Oregon.

Part of our vision is to empower people, churches and groups to establish Sidewalk Sunday Schools in their communities. While we have been called to the inner-city of Houston directly and will pursue that with all of our might, we will empower others to do the same in their communities. God has given us a vision to disciple and train one million children in the next ten years, by empowering others to do this valuable work and forming strategic partnerships to work along side our core group of staff and interns.

We have internship positions available here in the City of Houston, ranging in length from four months to one year. This is a dynamic opportunity to learn, train and be equipped in inner-city missions and principles that can be applied anywhere, anytime, in any community. If you desire an opportunity to come learn with us, we will provide you with room and board, a small expense allowance and a dynamic opportunity to be trained in a ministry that is fast-paced, exciting and fruit-bearing. If this is you we would like to speak with you. You can call or write us at the number or address on the back of this newsletter. **Our Oregon Team!**



The Children's Activity Center – Children's Activity Truck, part of Walking Faith Ministry, is a non-profit faith based organization dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus Christ to children and their families in Houston's crime and poverty ridden inner-city. We use a number of colorful fourteen foot storage trucks converted into a portable stages to bring weekly presentations of the gospel in skits, dramas, puppetry, and video right to the very doorstep of the children who so most desperately need it. Weekly visitations to the homes of attending children help us to share the life changing message of Jesus with the entire family and help the ministry to identify current needs both spiritual and physical that can be met in a timely fashion.

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FROM THE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CENTER

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Wonderful Wheelchairs

One of the most wonderful things about the Children's Activity Truck is the joy that is generated by happy children sharing in the love of Jesus Christ for the first time. This joy is very contagious and draws all kinds of people that are hurting, lonely, desperate and sick. Who in their right mind, if they were honest with themselves, doesn't want to be happy? The great man of God, Nehemiah, said "Don't be sad, because the joy of the Lord will make you strong." Nehemiah 8:10. Truly, the Son of God has come into the world to set the captives free and nothing illustrates this better than the lame walking and the blind seeing.

The inner-city is full of kids and elderly people; a lot of whom are confined to wheelchairs and motorized scooters provided by Medicaid. The sad thing is that Medicaid will pay for a \$5,000 wheelchair but the person in it can hardly get anything to eat and many times is evicted from housing and left homeless under a bridge. That's just the way it is in this world, but thank God for his love and joy that, through faith, overcomes the world.

I want to share three testimonies about one child and two adults who are confined to wheelchairs. By the grace of God each has been drawn to the Children's Activity Truck meeting at our Wilmington location on Saturday afternoons. These things are so inspiring to me that I meditate on them often; I'm sure they will be a blessing to you as well.

Dorothy is, a woman in her early fifties, who came to our site a few months ago. Rolling up in her wheelchair, she parked next to the kids and proclaimed "I'm here to praise the Lord." During the service I noticed that she began to cry. I knew that these were not tears of sadness but of joy. When we got to the song portion of our service, the Lord impressed upon my heart to sing a song most of you will know: "Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We're going to see the King." As the kids sang and the joy of the Lord filled the air, Dorothy's legs straightened out and she got up from the wheelchair and began to dance in a little circle. She hadn't done that since she had been shot in the back and paralyzed during a drug deal gone bad in her late teens. That afternoon she testified of God's love and goodness and admonished the children to follow the Lord; many kids listened and gave their hearts to God.

Secondly is a young twelve year-old girl named Michelle. She is slowly dying of a degenerative disease and has to be strapped to

her wheelchair to keep her from falling out. She only speaks with great difficulty. Two weeks ago during our prayer time one of our workers, Miss Jessica, was praying with her when suddenly she straightened up and with a clear voice said, "In heaven, all of us will be playing together in the streets. We are going to have fun." Michelle has never had one earthly play experience or the joy many kids have at play. But on this day, she could see something beyond this world: the joy of being able to walk and run with a new heavenly body; in a world without sickness and pain.

Finally there is Bonnie; an eighty year-old woman, who is confined to a scooter because of a bad heart condition and diabetes. She has come to our services and considers the Children's Activity Truck to be her home church. About a month ago we were worshipping God with the kids on the site when suddenly a hush fell over the crowd. One of our workers said to me, "Pastor Scott, hurry someone has been hit. A lady in a wheelchair just got ran over in the street." I tried my best to redirect the children's attention to what was going on in the meeting before running over to where the woman had been hit. It was Bonnie. Before I could get over to her, she got up from the street, with onlookers all around her, got back in the chair and turned around. Without a word she began making her way to the Children's Activity Truck. The rest of the afternoon she sat and worshipped with the kids, listened to the Word of God and gave thanks to the Lord. Can you imagine an eighty-year-old woman getting hit by a car getting up on her own accord without a scratch and coming to church? All I can say is, that is God!

God is so good. All this is happening because of Him and the people who allow themselves to be used by Him to reach out in love to those who are desperate and hurting. Each one of you who has prayed, given or interceded has a part in this. I am always reminded of you when I pray. I see you working hard in your jobs or taking care of your families and paying bills and I just thank God that you take time out and make sacrifices to keep these little yellow trucks going out into the inner-city streets. Thank you so much for giving to the Lord. I Love you all and pray for you always.

Pastor Scott

Thanks to generous contributions from faithful donors, The Children's Activity Center in April will be installing a 40'x40' basketball recreation court next to our main building. This will be a great blessing for hundreds if not thousands of inner-city kids whose play areas are non-existent or have been destroyed by vandals and thieves.

