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## CAC News

Our Toledo trip was a fantastic success. During our weeks stay in the "Glass City" myself, Vincent and Jessica Bouchard and Justin Hicks teamed up with The Redeeming Temple Church and a wonderful youth group from the Pleasant View Missionary Church in Greenville, Ohio. All of us together making up about 40 people in all conducted a week long children's crusade in the inner-city of Toledo reaching about 700 kids and the parents with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ten different locations. In the evenings we conducted training workshops for the Toledo group headed up by Pastor Betty Bracken of the Redeeming Temple Church. On the final Saturday the church conducted its first Children's Activity Center meeting with 85 kids we bused in from the neighborhoods. This fall the same group will begin The Children's Activity Truck Ministry in Toledo's housing projects. This will be just one of our dynamic ministry partnerships that will bring many souls to the Lord and eternal life. (All the photographs in this letter are from the Toledo trip. \*Note the kids in the white shirts are from Dayton and the other CAT shirt colors are the Houston and Toledo staff).

On Saturday August 23 the Children's Activity Center and the Children's Activity Truck Ministries will be giving away backpacks and school supplies to 1,500 kids in Houston's inner-city. This year the school supply event for Children's Activity Center kids will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Bissonnet and Buffalo Speedway in Houston. Because of weather situations and large crowds St. Andrews has opened their doors to use their facility for that day. It is also a wonderful way for the members of that supporting church to get to meet some of the kids and to have hands on contact with the work. We are truly thankful for their support throughout the years as much of this work we could not have done without them.

This summer our website has been overhauled by Argenio Garza, Vincent Bouchard and Justin Hicks. The site is fully up to date for the first time in years and has many new videos and slide show presentations of the work being done here at the Center. It also features a new ministry we started last year for youth called "Somethin' Good 'n the Hood." Additionally you can download our newsletters like the one you are reading now and music written and recorded at our Center. Hope you like it and share it with others. The address is [www.childrensactivitycenter.com](http://www.childrensactivitycenter.com).

The rest of the crew, Vickie Hernandez, Gary Hodge, Gilda Duncan and Andy New spent most of the summer ministering to kids in the projects giving away snow cones and food and praying for people. They are doing the work of the evangelist getting ready for the fall semester. They are doing a great work for the Lord!



### Intern Positions Available

If you would like to be trained in one of America's most challenging inner-city ministries then this is the opportunity for you. This is a dynamic way to get street level, street wise and use all the gifts God gave you and more to reach out to the lost, the hurting, the homeless and fatherless of America's fourth largest City. We have 5 and 12 month terms available. Housing is provided. If you would be interested in learning and growing with us please contact: Pastor Scott at 281-660-0257.

## No Matter What

It is important for us to remember that the work we are doing here in Houston and now around the country is the Lord's work. I have to constantly remind myself and others that what we do has nothing to do with any one person's gifts, talents or skills. It is the Spirit of God that moves the work forward to do God's will to reach the lost and dying kids of America's inner-cities.

In November 2001, Pastor Dave Ellis; founder of Walking Faith Ministry, wrote these words about the future of this ministry in a letter to our supporters while struggling with throat cancer. He wrote, *"I did not start this ministry! It was started by a group of five of us that put all into it and they all still remain faithful. This includes Pastor Scott as the next leader. Now there are many more here to help too, all trained and already doing most of what I used to do. The work will go on without me. Rest assured that everything we have done here is set up to continue winning lost inner-city kids for years to come. The CAC is not a person's property. It is the property for the poor kids and as of October first, we received ownership of the property free-Praise God! So it is secure for the future of the lost children no matter who comes and goes. The work here is growing not slowing."*

How right is the man of God and how faithful is he the Lord Jesus that called us to it. The Bible says, "Faithful is he that calleth you who will also do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24. **Whatever God begins he will finish no matter what.** So in this confidence we continue to go boldly into the inner-cities of Houston and America proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Shortly before Dave's death the following year in 2002, he told me to pray and search for ways to make the ministry a soul winning machine for kids. At the time I had no idea what to do but as time went by I began to make valuable discoveries with the help of God of how to do it. Never get discouraged when you aren't sure of how to do something God has called you to. He will reveal it as you remain faithful. He will give you piece by piece the things needful and you will find your calling and assignment as you go along in faith.

So in 2003, we as a ministry began to directly model Metro Ministries of New York. The Lord showed me that it would be better to model a successful ministry than to begin one anew but allowing him to make the modifications and changes needed to fit the particular situation we were in and the need of the people in our communities. Since that time with the help of a wonderful young man named Vincent Bouchard we have been able to launch ten ministries city-wide in Houston reaching well over 1,500 kids and adults on a weekly basis. This is truly amazing, given the fact that we started out with eleven kids not more than ten years ago.

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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Last year in 2007 the Lord began to speak to me about a way to reach a million kids with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in seven years time in America. This to me seems unreachable but with the Lord anything is possible! So here are some steps of obedience the Lord wants us to follow through on to reach this goal. First, we will begin adult cell groups within the Housing Projects we are currently ministering in with the kids. To date we have one which Miss Gilda mentors at the Kennedy Place Apartments. This work has already born wonderful fruit with many parents getting saved and in turn, winning others to Lord. As we develop many of these cell groups then there will be an opportunity to begin new churches. These churches will become soul winning and light bearing beacons in the inner-city. Secondly, we are actively recruiting new interns to be trained at our Center throughout the year. These individuals will be trained on our Children's Activity Trucks and will be sent back to their local communities to carry out this work or be given the option to remain with us to carry on the work here in Houston and throughout other partner cities in our nation. And thirdly, we will be training other groups and churches to begin the Children's Activity Center and Children's Activity Truck in their cities. Currently, we have partnerships in Toledo, Ohio, St. Louis, Missouri and Portland, Oregon. Our plan is to continue to do new missions trips in the summertime between our semesters like the one we did in Toledo to plant new ministries and at the same time continue to work with our established partnerships throughout the year to help them grow and gain confidence in their work for the Lord. Ultimately, these groups we train will train other groups themselves duplicating the same model of ministry that we have given them.

As you can see, the goal here is to multiply the efforts and the effectiveness of our ministry through dynamic teaching, training and partnership. Pastor Dave was right; it isn't about any one person or group. It is the Lord moving through multiple men and women who put Jesus first in their lives and serves him whole heartily. Imagine what God started with five people on a dirty street corner in Houston, Texas in a beat up mechanics' garage would literally spread all over the City of Houston and now America and one day around the world, also enlisting hundreds if not thousands of men and women into the Lord's service and winning the lost kids and people of the inner-cities of America up to the millions.

This is the vision and it is very exciting, but like anything else done that is worthwhile it comes with perseverance and daily faithfulness. We want to thank you the donors who have stuck with us throughout the years. Your faithful giving has born tremendous fruit and rich reward for you the giver. To those who have read this maybe for the first time, won't you join us to see the power of God move on the earth and make a faithful contribution leading to the eternal life of many? We will continue to do the work **no matter what** Lord willing. We love you all and God bless you.

**Pastor Scott**