

What Now?

That must be the question literally thousands of inner-city kids have to be asking themselves in one of the darkest hours our nation has seen in quite some time. Last week I was sitting with my 72 year old father in his home in Maumee, Ohio and he looked up and said, "Son, I in all of my life I have never seen it this bad; unemployment, shootings, killings, evil things nothing before like this." I would have to agree with him, the Bible says we live in perilous times (2 Timothy 1-5). These are times when most people will choose to give up and turn inward and try to save their own lives. (Matthew 24:12). Many will hoard money only to have it stolen from them by thieves or have it devalued to the point that it is worth nothing. (Matthew 6:19). Many will become enraged by violent activities and turn to vigilante justice or racism to try to calm their insecurities. (Matthew 24:7)

I must admit that when I heard recently what a young woman did to her six month old baby in one of the projects in our city I was tested to the point of utter anger as the police having a warrant for her arrest entered the front door of her apartment and attempted to take her into custody. When she saw that she was cornered by police she grabbed her baby girl like a football and ran out the back door trying to escape, but the police had officers stationed at the back. Instead of surrendering at that point she threw the baby at the police like a trash can and tried to outrun them. Needless to say the woman was captured but the baby girl sustained a major head trauma after hitting the sidewalk headfirst. How could this happen to a tiny baby? Anger and shock were my first response. Does it get any worse? Well, it certainly does according to the Bible. Can anything be done about it? I believe something can be done. **I've seen countless lives changed forever through the love of Jesus Christ including my own. But it will take sacrifice on the part of born again believers everywhere.** We must not think that government or President Obama can solve anything at all. They will try their best but in the end they will only be part of the problem. And no wonder the Word of God says that we believers are responsible for revival in our land not unbelievers but those who truly bear the name of Jesus Christ and have his Spirit living in them. *"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14). **You see folks, it's our responsibility, we are those called by his name.** It's once been said, "Evil flourishes when good men choose to do nothing." How true! If you love God it is time to repent and serve him with all your heart now as our land needs a healing like never before. I believe that that this is what it means to be a true believer, someone who is true both to God and country.

For instance in our city of Houston, the fourth largest city in the United

States, and one of the best economies in the country has recently stopped all of the Boys and Girls Clubs after school programs for lack of funding in our inner-city. I've seen this a least a hundred times where someone gets a good idea to help kids and their families starts out all excited and then realizes the cost both in the personal and financial and immediately quit when the going gets a little tough. There has been millions of dollars of government programs in the inner-city just like this one that have been washed down the drain. Where the government has failed the Body of Christ must succeed. Folks, the Boys and Girls Clubs aren't coming back and to my knowledge we are the only ones left along with one other local church for the kids after school.

What now? Well we have determined in our hearts that we will not quit these kids. We must demonstrate to these kids that Christianity works in the ghetto. That Jesus Christ is the true and living God and he can change their lives as they turn to him. I want to encourage you right now the reader to get involved. Your actions and prayer right now can and will literally save a kids life. Consider the times; consider the lives at stake and the fact without the Gospel kids everywhere will be subject to eternal separation from God. Consider what will happen if someone doesn't show up with the truth in their young lives at the right time and the right place and the vast number of kids that have never known the love of an adult. Who have never had anyone to encourage them and to support them?

Consider what your life would be like if from the very time you can remember someone was punching you, cursing you, and blowing pot smoke in your face and raping you. What would you be like today? Consider a world where the drug dealers are the leaders and that selling drugs is a good job opportunity. Consider what it would be like at three o'clock in the morning if your dad brings home a prostitute, rips you out of bed and forces you to watch him have sex with her. How would you feel? I know these things are real. We are the ones ministering to these kids. These are just a few things they go through. God only knows what else happens. In a way I don't want to know.

Most of all right now consider the savior Jesus Christ who came and died for these little ones and even the ones that abuse them and that the laborers and missionaries are the only way that these kids and adults will ever have a chance of hearing the good news and responding to it. If after all these considerations you believe that it isn't worth it to get involved either through prayer, financial and time contributions or sharing this with others then tear this newsletter up and through it away. If you are motivated, then get on your knees and thank God for him saving you and ask him how you can help. We need your help, these kids need it. We won't quit, but we can do more with your help. Do it now while you can. God bless you and love you always.

Pastor Scott



Back to School

In August, the kids will be returning to school and with every passing year and as the unemployment rate increases, the need for school supplies, uniforms and backpacks becomes more desperate. It is our understanding that if a child doesn't have these things it leads to the child not wanting to attend school to avoid teasing and feeling alienated or inadequate and ultimately unable to function in the classroom. This can then lead the parent or child into a cycle of anger, frustration, defeat and self condemnation.

Well, praise be to God that this year despite financial set backs God has graciously allowed us to fill the needs of at least 1000 inner-city kids in this area of back to school. Thanks to several donors who this year has gone over the top, we will be able to distribute backpacks at the CAC on Saturday morning along with all of our regularly scheduled Children's Activity Truck meetings.

Each backpack will contain a few school supplies along with a Gospel track. Every kid that attends the meetings will hear a powerful Gospel message. These special meetings usually draw kids that have never attended before and have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a big open door for more kids and adults to enter the Kingdom of God.



Please continue to keep us in prayer as we begin another fall semester. We still have room for a few more interns. If God is calling you to get involved and serve him call us at the number on the back of the news letter and inquire about available internships.

Pastor Scott



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 Vincent.



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