

CAC Summer News

The Summer Workshop was a huge success. Over thirty people were trained in Metro Ministry methods for Sidewalk Sunday School. Over 2000 flyers were handed out in four different neighborhoods resulting in hundreds of salvations and commitments to the Lord.

We have received 1500 backpacks to be distributed the first week of school this year. We are still in need of school supplies to pack inside them. If you can help with this project please contact us. Also, each backpack will contain a Bible and Gospel track.

On Sunday evening July 16th we took two vans of staff and friends to The Church on the Rock located in The Bridges, Texas near Beaumont to hear Pastor Bill Wilson founder of Metro Ministries in New York City preach. Pastor Bill's commitment the past 30 years has made it possible for us to do this wonderful work here in Houston. Metro reaches about 30,000 kids a week in New York and countless thousands around the world. Below is a picture of Bill Wilson with Margaret Jimenez & Gilda Young.



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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“That’s Worth Nothing”

That’s the reply I got last week from a woman with her children I invited to the Children’s Activity Center during one of our outreaches last week in the inner-city. The flyer I handed to her had an announcement of one free dollar bill for every person that rides the bus to church. We usually give away something worth a dollar like a snow cone or a candy bar but this week we decided on a free dollar bill. To my amazement and please excuse my ignorance this woman threw the paper on the ground and cursed, “What the ___ can I buy with that, **that’s worth nothing!**”

As I walked away from this encounter I began to think, “Hey from her perspective she’s right. What good is a dollar?” This is someone who has probably wasted her entire life on drugs and alcohol and has a sense of hopelessness and probably never been taught about giving and loving. In short a person who doesn’t see goodness in anything much less something small and seemingly insignificant to solving her current problems.

In some ways that’s the attitude we first encountered when we started this ministry ten years ago. I think we had a total of fifty dollars and wanted to go to the streets and reach the kids. The reaction was like why bother, what good will that do, can a difference really be made? I remember after one outreach we did in the Fifth Ward some years back a riot broke out during the preaching. Fire crackers were thrown on to the stage. Two women began fighting one woman losing her wig and blouse top. Our bread truck was attacked; the driver pushed from the seat and bread we wanted to give away was forcibly stolen and thrown all over the street. Rocks were thrown, windows broken and out of the mess a woman approached me looking me straight in the eyes and said, “Just who are you and why are you here?” Don’t you know all these kids are going to hell it’s not worth it just leave and don’t come back!” To this I replied, “See you next week.” That was three years ago and we are still there today. Praise God!

You see we minister to large groups of children but it all boils down to individual kids themselves. Our visitation workers go on a weekly basis and visit every kid that comes to the Children’s

Activity Center and the Children’s Activity Truck meetings, time is spent with kids after school when they get home. They are given a hug and called by name and the message is sent that somebody cares and really loves them, for some of the kids it the only goodness that they will ever be shown and God takes that goodness and uses it to change their lives forever. **When somebody cares enough to get into somebody else’s world and really means it, that’s the real thing.** As the Word of God points out in James 1:27, “The worship that God wants is this: caring for orphans or widows who need help and keeping yourself free from the world’s influence.”

Our staff really cares about the kids and their families. For us it’s not a job or profession or a way to make a living, it’s a calling, a passion, a direction from God that we go to these kids. The people that serve these kids weren’t recruited or have special degrees or qualified for this task in any worldly sense. They are just people who saw the need and showed up one by one and said, “Here I am use me.” All of them had to give something up in their personal lives to be used by God in this ministry. **The reality is nothing of any lasting value is done without sacrifice.** We would do all this for just one kid. You know, the busses and the work and all the preparation that goes along with it. **That’s God’s heart, the one lonely kid, the one who is left out. He values that life and loves that child. He sees life and power in what the world sees as worthless.** Yea, some of these kids in the inner-city may not grow up to be doctors and lawyers but they will grow up and learn to love God, themselves and others and that’s what God wants. That’s what we are after.

Is there value in just one dollar? Can one life make a difference? Yes, I think so if it’s in the right hands. God changed the world forever through one person, his Son Jesus Christ. I think it is safe to say that he can use you and me. Let’s start really living today and get involved and make a difference. Start giving. Everything comes from you through us and to them. There’s another kid out there waiting now for someone to show up. Help us get the job done.

Pastor Scott

