

Home at Last

Well folks, we did it thanks be to God! Both of our mission trips were complete blessings. We traveled 3500 miles in our CAT Truck all the way to Toledo, Ohio. While there we ministered to about 800 kids and their families and made new friends and contacts in the Toledo area with Pastors, businessmen and city officials as well as a few men with the Toledo Police department. We will return to that city before the year's end to plan next year's trip and to plan for a new Sidewalk Sunday school in Toledo.

Also, Miss Vickie and Army returned from a three week mission trip to the state of Oregon. They were successful in training new workers for Sidewalk Sunday School in the Portland Oregon area. Already the Oregon group has two new Sunday Schools and will purchasing a truck sometime in the next several months and expanding the number of sites. It is very exciting to see them grow.

There are tremendous opportunities ahead of us to evangelize the inner-cities of America. Through successful partnerships like the ones formed in Toledo and Oregon and soon in the city of Waco here in Texas we hope to reach a million kids in five years for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is going to take a lot of hard work and effort on the part of a lot of dedicated people to make it happen, but nothing is impossible with God. Mission America is just beginning.



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“Hey Preach Sing Us A Song”

This summer as a ministry we have been going to the projects and the streets of our communities serving snow cones. In the ten years that we have been living and working in the inner-city we have found the things that God uses most to bring people together and disarm hostile suspicious people are snow cones and puppets. I'm beginning to believe, with reason, that if people just sought to serve each other in the love of God without agendas and serve a few snow cones and do a puppet show or two it would go a long way to solving some of the worlds problem's. Last Saturday for us was no exception!

Through a friend of ours in ministry we heard about a neighborhood near one of our ministry sites that was in horrible condition. He felt that God had told him to go that neighborhood and serve the people. So, in faith we packed up the snow cones and drove to that location. Most of the time I feel very comfortable in the inner-city, but this situation was one of the worst I have encountered in the city of Houston. Immediately, you could see open drug use, teen sex and rebellion, disrespect for authority, half naked kids dressed in soiled clothes, dirty faces, anger, depression, desperation and abuse of the elderly. Not only could you see these things but you could feel them as well. It was all that was wrong with the inner-city concentrated into one place. For the first time since I've been serving, it was place I was really tempted to turn away from.

As we entered the complex we were greeted by blank stares some of unbelief, some with suspicion and mistrust and others of hatred. As we parked there were two women directly in front of us drinking and doing drugs along with a man dressed like a woman. Immediately, one of the women said, “Hey what the @##@ you doing here?” The answer I gave was, “We are here today to give you and everybody that lives here a free snow cone. Jesus loves you and he has plenty for everybody!” Instantly, as if a heavy fog had lifted, the depression of that street turned into joy. Kids ran from everywhere and lined up at the truck and the man dressed like a woman began laughing and praising God telling everyone he was done with sin and asked for Bibles and Gospel tracks. People began asking us where we were from and why we had not come before. You could see the transformation on every face it was just incredible.

Suddenly, out of nowhere someone started shouting from an alley behind a building, “Hey Preach sing us a song!” So, I went into the alley and found two crack addicts and a few teenagers hanging out. They seemed shocked that I would come over to them and

I said. “Okay, I'm here to sing I'm gonna sing.” And with that I sang, “God is a good God / O” yes he is / God is a good God / O” yes he is / He will lift you up / He will turn you around / He will set your feet on higher ground / He will lift you up / He will turn you around / He will set your feet on higher ground./ After singing this as long as I could by myself I looked up and there was about fifteen people in the alley singing with me and ten more coming from the parking lot. Imagine if you will, just 30 minutes before, this alley was full of people drinking and smoking crack and now was filled with praises for God. After the worship I preached the Gospel to the people and all they received him as their Lord and Savior. And as I was leaving the alley a ninety-one year old man named Elijah came out of his house weeping dragging his oxygen tank behind him asking for prayer. It was amazing, he had lived all those years in the condition he was in and we asked God to help him breath and be at peace with himself and others.

After we prayed for Elijah a man came up to me and introduced himself as Paul and told me that he was the apartment owner. He said that he and his wife had just purchased the property with the hope of leading the people to the Lord. He was so amazed that we would show up the day his wife and he had been praying for someone to come and help them. You see, God is faithful and he loves people with an incredible love much more than we can imagine. He is also ready and able to bring to us anyone who is available to show that love and to share his Word with. I think it is sad to think that many fellow Christian believers today are caught in the webs of doubt, fear and depression by the enemy, the same devil that tells them that they are inadequate and useless to God, maybe because of some past sin or their own feelings of insecurity. But I, along with this ministry am here to tell you today, that God will and can use you in powerful and dynamic ways to love people and win the lost to Christ. It is the most rewarding and joy filled experience to see God deliver people from darkness and to do it through broken vessels like ourselves. Why don't you just make up your mind today that you are not going to let your life pass by or let the devil oppress you any longer. Today is the day to pray and go and reach out to a neighbor, friend or a spouse in the love of Jesus Christ. You will be amazed with the results! Just remember that nothing can separate you from the love of God.

This fall we will be doing full time ministry in this location we found by God's direction. Please pray for us as we continue this valuable ministry. We need your love and support and of course a supply of the Spirit in Christ Jesus. By the way, the name of the apartments is the Rose Garden in Houston's Fifth Ward. Talk to you soon and God bless you as always.

