

## 2010 Year in Review

It's been a wonderful year to say the least considering how 2009 ended. In December last year we lost a number of key ministry members and also suffered a bus fire that destroyed one of our buses and badly damaged another. Had not it been for the immediate availability of a fire truck from Bellaire, which just happened to be in our neighborhood and saw the smoke, we would have also lost the house and our entire property. We ended 2009 unsure about how to move forward if at all.

Through prayer and the faithfulness of God 2010 has been one miracle after another. We ended 2009 with one bus that even ran; now we will finish 2010, with five busses that are running and in good working order. All the busses have been donated from a Christian couple living in the Minneapolis Minnesota area who heard of our work from another Pastor in Missouri. We believe God is showing us to expand our bussing which goes without saying.

During 2010 God provided four new staff members and three interns to join our group. He also provided them with fresh new living quarters that a local businessman helped pay for allowing us to begin six new ministry sites reaching out to as many as 1000 additional kids' parents and teens.

At least 2000 kids received backpacks and school supplies in August and heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we will finish this year out by providing 3,000 kids in the inner-city of Houston with Christmas gifts. These were also made possible through the loving donations of Christian businessmen in Houston.

And once again we bused our entire ministry of children and their parents to the Gospel Lakes Camp in New Waverly Texas directed by our good friends Benny and Judy Hasha. Because of the tremendous turn out from the CAC and Children's Activity Truck ministries the Hasha's are considering expanding the camp in 2011.

In December through a grant we received from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church we will be adding a third Children's Activity Truck to our work. This will allow us to expand our ministry sites from twelve to eighteen after December 11, 2010.

We ended 2009 with one bus, one service on Saturday with five staff members and no interns and six ministry sites. Now at the end of 2010 we have five busses, one service on Saturday, seven staff members, three interns and eighteen ministry sites plus the wonderful addition of over 20 part-time volunteers along with churches and other groups like Youth With a Mission that have answered God's call to help. **Folks I did not plan this and we could have never dreamed how God was going to work this out but he did. I have said this before this is what God wants to do. This is his ministry and his children.**

So, as we end this year let us take a moment to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has been so good to us. Maybe this is hard for some of you because 2010 has been a difficult year for you like it has been for so many. You might be asking yourself "Where are my breakthroughs and miracles?" Yea, I think I know what you mean; we have all been through it at least once, the dark road that doesn't seem to end. Well, be of good cheer Jesus says, "I have overcome the world." To those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ nothing can end on a negative note. God has the final word in your life. The darkest night will soon be over and the light will begin to shine never to fade again. Every tear will be wiped away and joy will radiate in his presence.

From God's word in Isaiah 9:3-7 **we find the truth about our God and his wonderful plan for us through his Son Jesus Christ on what we celebrate as Christmas** "God will make the nation grow, and you will make the people happy. They will rejoice in your presence as they do at harvest time. It will be like the joy when people take their share of the things won in war. That will happen because you will lift the heavy yoke off their shoulders and take away their heavy burden. You will take away the rod that the enemy used to punish your people, as when you did when you defeated Midian. Every boot that marched in battle and every uniform stained with blood will be destroyed and thrown into the fire. **This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son who will be responsible for leading his people. His name will be "Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, and Father who lives forever, Prince of Peace."** His power will continue to grow, and there will be peace without end. This will establish him as the king sitting on David's throne and ruling his kingdom. His rule of goodness and justice forever and ever. The strong love that the Lord All-Powerful has for his people will make this happen."

Consider this Christmas that a little Jewish girl named Mary in a small town called Bethlehem gave birth to a baby boy who was none other than God himself. That the boy grew to a man and was crucified on Calvary's cross for our sins and is the one who is risen again and is in heaven making intercession for his people right now. He is the one true God who is the author of life and is coming again soon to receive those called by his name. Take time to give thanks for he has saved us from our sins and certain death and given us abundant life!

Thank you so much for prayer and sacrificial giving this year. We wouldn't be doing rescue work without you. We will continue to pray for you and your families. From all the staff, kids and volunteers at the Children's Activity Center have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless.

**Pastor Scott**



**Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**

**James 5:16**



## Smiley Face

The Bible declares in Psalm 8:2 “through the praise of children and infants you have established a strong hold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”

Every once in a while a kid will say something to you that is a little funny then sinks in with some profound wisdom like the other day when I was watching this four year old named Ayron (picture below) while his dad was taking care of something.

Being a youth pastor naturally I started to entertain him to get his attention. So, I took a pen and opened my hand and began to draw a face on the palm of my hand and used my fingers as ears. I said, “Hey Erin look at this.” He looked at the face I drew on my hand and to my surprise said, “Pastor Scott are you writing on your hand because you don’t have a mama?”

It took a bit but then I realized what that meant and what God was saying through this young kid. Funny at first then the real meaning sank in. This boy had a mother who loved him and corrected him. I thought it was going to be funny but he was taught not to do it and rightly so. Then it occurred to me that now I really didn’t have a mama as she passed away last year. He was right both ways. And it caused me to reflect on my childhood when my mother took care of me and I thought how blessed I was to have a mom when I did. And then I thought of all the children out in the neighborhoods who really don’t have mothers because of drugs, violence and prison. Then I wept and asked God to help them and have mercy upon their young souls.



### 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 experience in using the gifts God has given you to reach 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 are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Pastor Scott in our office.

*“We believe that every child has the right to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to see that Gospel demonstrated in the life of at least one, sincere, born-again believer.”*

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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 portable stages to bring weekly presentations of the gospel in skits, dramas, puppetry, and video, right to the very doorstep of the children who most desperately need it. Weekly visitations to the homes of attending children helps us share the life changing message of Jesus with the entire family. Donations matter and are tax deductible. Donations can be made through our website via Pay Pal.

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