

## Robert's Bike

One of the basic causes for the destruction of American culture and family is plain old selfishness. We as Americans tend to think only of ourselves and our own comforts. Rare is the person who makes any real sacrifices for others. Part of our teaching for the children focuses on what the Bible says about giving. We instill in these children the importance of giving and how it can change their lives for the better.

One kid that listened was an eleven year old boy named Robert. Robert and his brother live with their grandmother. They never knew their mother; she wasn't really interested in knowing them. Their grandmother is a godly woman who lives on small means and manages to keep up with the boys needs, but has nothing left over.

Over the Christmas holidays, I received a phone call from Robert. During the phone conversation he told me, "Pastor Scott, God answered my prayer this year and I got a new bike for Christmas; but I've been thinking. I believe God is telling me to give it away. I want to donate it to the church to bless more kids that want to come."

When I heard this I cried. Part of me wanted to tell him to keep the bike because I knew how much he wanted it and that it was a miracle that he got it. But I realized this is a God thing, something that only happens when the Holy Spirit moves on the Word. Pray for more of this folks. If even half the kids get this, it could change the community, even the world, Lord willing.



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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## The Umbrella Church

One of the greatest things we stress in our ministry is faithfulness and availability. Inner-city kids and their families have no real example or role models that are consistent, faithful and honest. The inner-city is made up of children, single moms, roving lost and confused teens and grandmothers. Most of the men eighteen to forty-five are in jail, dead, strung out on drugs or completely unemployed. There is little male leadership and certainly few godly role models. Distrust and fear rule the streets and we have found that faithfulness and loving these kids consistently is the only real way to help them.

While churches and other Christian organizations do come into the inner-city from time to time, their efforts are often ineffective because they assume that an occasional outreach is going to make a big difference. Yes it is good thing, but it will not make a lasting impact; because if you are going to preach the gospel on the streets, you have to **do it by faithful continuance and so earn the “right to be heard.”** There is little respect for those who come and go; and for those who do stay, there is always a test from this community which has high resistance to outsiders.

We have been through riots, police actions, protests and rejections and have witnessed murders. And there were many times when we thought that we should give up. Some even questioned my sanity for continuing to go to some of these places. **However, I now realize any negative thought pattern that does not include hope is not of God.** So we persevere and our perseverance brings forth great fruit and many times miracles. What happened in our ministry last Saturday best underscores all of this. I will now share it with you.

Shortly after noon last Saturday a cold front passed through our area bringing with it severe weather and winds. We normally take our Children’s Activity Truck out at about 2:30 pm. And leaving we were caught in the middle of that storm. Common wisdom would have said, “Stay home; there will be no one on the streets. You will be wasting your time.” But several years back, we decided as a ministry that no matter what happened at the time of our weekly Sidewalk Sunday Schools for the kids, we would go. That’s what Jesus would have done for us.

When we arrived at the site, it was raining heavily. The streets were empty like a ghost town. We sat in the front of the truck looking out the window wondering what to do. And we then prayed this simple prayer, **“Lord we are here; send us somebody that needs help. Amen.”** Within thirty seconds there was a knock on the driver’s side window. There stood a soaking-wet, middle-aged, black woman. I rolled down the window and asked her how we could help.

She replied, “My uncle just died. I’m all alone now. Please pray for me.” I got out of the truck and stood with her in the rain and began to pray for her. As I was praying others came out and brought umbrellas. We all huddled together under the umbrellas and made sort of a little roof out of them, if you can imagine. We had about six people under them including the woman. So, here we were, all of us praying for the woman. She was crying and we were praising God. We all began to sing. We were having church under the umbrellas right out in the street in the middle of the storm. It was so wonderful to see God work in such unique and powerful ways.

After we prayed, the woman thanked us and said, “I feel so much better now. I know Jesus loves me.” We then began going door to door praying for people in the rain. We just couldn’t stop with this one woman. We visited the kids in their homes and handed out gospel tracks and went up and down the street for hours ministering to people who came out after the storm. Praise the Lord!

**You see folks it not about your ability it’s about your availability.** If you are willing, God Himself will do great things through you. You don’t have to be missionaries like us for God to touch other lives through you. The thing is, are you committed to Him enough to say to him, “Lord here I am. Use me.” If so, then wherever you go in your neighborhood or on your job or with your family, God will send someone for you to share His love with. There are hurting and lost people everywhere. You are going to meet them tomorrow. You are going to drive past them on your way to work. **Look up my friends; the harvest is plentiful!**

**Pastor Scott**

