

## The Haiti Next Door

Like everyone else I was shocked and dismayed at the terrible suffering brought on by the earth quake in Haiti. There is a tremendous loss felt when you realize that after all of this there is going to be more. All I can think of is that in all these situations somehow the love of God can still shine through. That somehow as God did on the cross with his only Son Jesus Christ which is the highest form of human suffering imaginable, the sinless one, taking on all the sins of the world and was made sin for us. That same cross a sign of suffering and death was transformed into something beautiful for our salvation. We believe God is up to something so wonderful in Haiti and beyond that our small minds can't conceive it even though it is dark now we still believe it. Jesus Christ changes lives forever he is the answer! We Believe it.

For the past fifteen years I and the staff of the Children's Activity Center have walked the streets of Houston's inner-city sharing the love of Jesus Christ with whoever would listen. We have seen kids set free and many today are serving in the local churches as young adults. Many have escaped the "ghetto traps" and are beginning to marry and have children and are making a positive impact on their communities and at their jobs and schools. I am starting to officiate weddings of the young women who have received Jesus Christ into their hearts ten years ago when they were little kids. It is a high honor to do this as I know what God has done in their lives. One young man who started as a child with us is the youth Pastor of a local church in his neighborhood and another serves as a missionary with us. One middle aged man named Larry who had spent 17 years of his adult life in prison will this month will be going to his last parole meeting. He is complete free of drugs and alcohol and now is raising a family and helping us on our trucks in the sites in his neighborhood. He found the Lord when he brought his son to the truck five years ago. Then there are those who hear the Word of God but somehow they miss it. Like one of our boys in the Kennedy Place Apartments who decided to rob a store twice with his friends. The first time they got away with it the second time he got shot in the head by a vigilante while running away. He was just sixteen years old. Or the boy who at just 17 years of age is locked up for 40 years for armed robbery. These boys came to our truck and sat on the tarp as youngsters. Why you may ask do they have to die like this? I don't know exactly. I do know it was worth it to try loving them and not give up. **They are our neighbors the boys and girls in our city. Every one of them is precious to God. They live in the Haiti next door to us, a forgotten lonely place, that the locals call "the bottom" the inner-city of Houston.** Jesus sheds a tear for all of them. We believe all of them deserve our love and respect. Every one of them has a right to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to see that Gospel displayed in the life of at least one sincere born again believer.

Even as we received the news of the earth quake in Haiti we learned that Planned Parenthood (that's a joke of a name) is building the second largest abortion mill in the United States exactly a half mile from one of our ministry sites in Third Ward right next to the University of Houston. It is a six story building where abortions will be performed by the thousands targeting inner-city kids' primarily poor Black and Hispanic teens and young adults. The third floor is for third trimester abortions where six to nine month old kids have their brains sucked out and torn from their mothers womb all this done within line site of our ministry to the kids in that same neighborhood. **We are going to stand against this not by protests but by preaching the Gospel boldly to the same kids in the same neighborhoods these "ministers of death" are now targeting. We will get on our knees and pray until this horror passes.**

You see an earth quake in Haiti is very destructive but when I go to the inner-city of Houston and see the wrecked lives of young kids, drug addicts, prostitutes and hopeless people killing each other over card games. Then I watch as an abortion mill is opened across the street from our ministry sites because obviously someone believes that these young lives are worth nothing. This angers me, this grieves me, and this brings me to the point of desperation to cry out to God "enough is enough!" Where are the people of God? Is the Church of Jesus Christ asleep at the wheel? We can't go to Haiti but to the Haiti next door we will go and will continue to go. **This is serious business we must win our kids to Christ or loss everything in our nation.**

I believe like our forefather and former President Abraham Lincoln that "America is the last great hope on earth." If the light of the Gospel goes out in this nation the world is doomed to darkness. There are plenty of people that are outside and inside our nation that want just that. To see America destroyed by tearing its moral and spiritual foundation down and to see its citizens enslaved by their own lusts.

Listen folks God told me a long time ago to go to the inner-city of Houston and preach the Gospel to kids because they are not going to get the truth at their homes and schools and certainly they weren't going to get it from mainstream Christianity in America who long ago decided that these trails just weren't worth traveling. Somebody has to go I thought, why not me. I have never regretted it and I have never looked back. Obviously some of you believe in what we are doing or you wouldn't read this or help us in any way. I'm glad you do. Keep on doing it and together we can see another life saved now and for eternity.

**Pastor Scott Binkley**



## Summer-Time Fun

This coming summer will be the most active of our ministries history. We have established what will be called the summer quarter. It will begin on June 15 and last six weeks until July 30, 2010. The first two weeks we will be working with the Gospel Lakes Camp, Child Evangelism Fellowship and Houston Baptist University to do a series of Vacation Bible Schools in multiple inner-city locations. The third week the CAC will a workshop think tank for interns and anyone interested in outreach ministry project planning. The fourth, fifth and sixth week we will be going to the valley to do a children's crusade for kids living in the "colonias" along and inside the U.S. border with Mexico. These children are desperately poor living in vil-lages some without running water or sanitation.

During that time we will also help the Gospel Lakes Camp set up a base camp on 50 acres of property they purchased recently in the area. We hope to partner together to bring The Children's Activity Truck and the Gospel Lakes Camp to the Valley permanently. This will be the first leg of a two year project to establish these ministries in the valley but also to reach the inner-city of Austin and San Antonio as well.

In addition to this we will also hope to be able to spend a few days in Toledo Ohio this summer helping CAC Toledo establish their first Sidewalk Sunday School Sites. The Toledo CAC is now in their third year of ministry and has purchased their own truck to be used to reach thousands of more kids in that City for Christ. We are very proud of what the Lord has done with this group. It is the first of its kind of ministry in Toledo and we know God will use it in powerful ways in the years to come.

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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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