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## God Is Faithful

We originally planned our CAC Christmas party to take place on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. However, bad weather put a damper on our outdoor celebration and we had to postpone it until the following weekend on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank God for that option. As we got up that morning the clouds were ominous and again it started to rain as our volunteers started coming.

Praise God it barley even drizzled, and the children had a wonderful time playing games like the snow ball throw and getting their faces painted. We dried off the tarps and began our program and then sent in the first group of children to receive their presents. At 11:30 we were on the road again dropping off the first group of children and picking up more children for the second meeting. As I arrived in the bus I took the kids to the back to play games and saw a sea of people already there. There were so many people that I began to worry. What were we going to do? The children from the buses were now mixed in with at least 500 of the children from the surrounding neighborhood. The amount of people who showed up was much more than we had originally expected. I became nervous as I asked God, "Oh, Lord what do we do?"

Since these children on the bus had already heard the Christmas message the week before we decided to pull the buses up in front of the Activity Center and give these children a gift and take them back to the buses. Then we would give gifts to the very large group from the neighborhood.

One young lady on my bus said, "Hey, these people don't even come to church here! They're only here to get a gift. I realized what she said was true, but I told her, "Yes, that's true but the Lord wanted to reach the multitudes. We're concerned about the few he wanted to reach with the Gospel and what better bait than a gift!"

As I looked in the church at the gifts I realized that we did not have enough gifts for all these children. Many of the volunteers heard this and started praying. We left on the buses to take the children home and watched as the others lined up to get gifts. When we arrived back to the church in about 30 minutes they were still giving out presents with many children still in line. After we parked the buses, we went in to see how it was going and all we saw were children with gifts, *each and every one!* As a matter of fact we had enough presents left to take to an outreach in the Highlands on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We truly knew we had seen the multiplication of the loaves and fishes as in the Gospel of Mark 6: 38-44. Twelve basketfuls were left just as we had gifts left for the outreach and still have toys on the stage as I write!

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## A New Life

God bless you and welcome to the year of our Lord 2008. I felt it would be an amazing way to start off the New Year with a testimony of a young lady named Aurora who first came to one of our Christmas Services about six years ago. She found out about the Center through one of her neighbors who had received a flyer from one of our workers who visited their apartments. Listen to what God can do through one life changed through the healing power of Jesus Christ.

*"I know that this testimony will touch your life, and it will create a new one. Because I have faith and it takes only one person to believe so. One day early in the morning my mom's friend invited her to a church called the Children's Activity Center. The bus came and picked us up. When the Church ended I couldn't wait to tell my mom how much fun I had and what I learned. I loved it there! People were so nice and I saw a joy and happiness in their lives that I have never seen before. It was really interesting. So I decided to go again, but by this time my life wasn't so great. My dad was sick and had epilepsy and had to take four pills a day. My dad would always hit my mom and there was no day they did not fight. My mom was a Christian, so she would always pray for him. My dad cheated on my mom and had relationships with other women. When my mom left for work he would always beat us up for no reason. He would take my mom's money and leave. We didn't have enough clothes. My mom would always cry. Me and my brother cried too because we would always see my mom get hurt and with a lot of bruises. But there were these people from the Children's Activity Center; Pastor Scott, Ms. Gilda, Mr. Jimmy, Mr. Baltazar and Ms. Margie that always prayed and never gave up. That motivated me to keep on with my life and forgive my dad even though he hurt us. When I started going to the Children's Activity Center I was eight years old and I became part of the Church and helped other kids even though I had a lot of other problems in my life. I left when I was going on thirteen. We moved to a new house and my dad came home late one night and beat up my mom and stabbed her. I was really scared. I had been praying all this time and I got to the point in my life where I said, "My dad will never change." I was wrong because God knew I had lost my faith. But there were still people praying for him like my mom.*

*Me and my mom and brother started going to another church and my faith came back. I was going through a lot and I could not stand my dad anymore. I got sick of seeing my mom get hurt all the time. But thank God one night that man got on his knees and said to God. "I can't live like this anymore." He knew at this time his life had been wasted and realized that living a life for Jesus was the only way and he prayed to be saved. He accepted Jesus in his heart! To me that was truly amazing as I truly thought it would never happen. Tears came out of my eyes as it was the best day of my life. My mom, brother and I were so happy. My mom knew the bad days were over and there were even better days to come. There is not cure for what my dad has (epilepsy) but ever since my dad gave his life to Jesus he says he feels great and is not sick anymore. There is nothing that God cannot do. Now I am fourteen years old and it took fourteen years for my dad to become a Christian. God always knows the right time. Now I teach the little kids about Jesus, the one who changed my dad's life and the one that can change your life too if you just open your heart to him. Open your heart and see what he does for you. If he did it for me why won't he do it for you? I will never forget that Pastor Scott said to me, "God has a purpose for your life." And today I still believe it's true just as he has a purpose for you. This is why you ended up reading my testimony. It's not easy, but it's not impossible. God loves you and he's waiting to hear from you today. He accepted Jesus in his heart! To me that was truly amazing as I truly thought it would never happen. Tears came out of my eyes as it was the best day of my life. My mom, brother and I were so happy. He accepted Jesus in his heart! To me that was truly amazing as I truly thought it would never happen. Tears came out of my eyes as it was the best day of my life. My mom, brother and I were so happy. My mom knew the bad days were over and there were even better days to come. There is not cure for what my dad has (epilepsy) but ever since my dad gave his life to Jesus he says he feels great and is not sick anymore. There is nothing that God cannot do. Now I am fourteen years old and it took fourteen years for my dad to become a Christian. God always knows the right time.*



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C.S. Lewis once said that, "Christianity is the good infection that spreads from one person to another." You see, folks we go door to door week after week visiting kids and their families that attend the Center and our Children's Activity Truck meetings. Through these visitations thousands of kids are given an opportunity to hear and receive the life giving message of Jesus Christ and his love. But it doesn't stop there. Many of these kids in turn go home and tell their parents or people living in their homes about what they have heard, seen and experienced. Recently, one mom in the Fifth Ward told me that her six year old son came home and told her about a sermon I preached on loving your neighbor as yourself, almost word for word. She said she was shocked that he could say such words so powerfully for a young kid. This is truly God at work here folks. There is literally an army of kid preachers and teachers being prepared to share the gospel in every corner of the inner-cities of America. You can now easily see how millions of people could ultimately be affected by this life changing gospel ministry and you the people who faithfully support it.

Aurora needed God in her life in a very difficult time. Folks, the reality for most of these kids is that their home life is nothing more than a war of violence, drugs, alcohol and pornography. Without someone in their lives who can share the love of God with them they are left with little or no hope. Aurora found God and took him home with her and now she is teaching other kids the same thing in her Church. How many more Aurora's are out there right now waiting for someone to come into their lives? I'm excited about that; let's find out together in 2008. The photos in this issue are pictures from the 2007 Christmas Party. I hope you enjoy them.

### Pastor Scott

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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