

CHRISTMAS 2008

The more you live for the Lord the more you begin to realize and really understand to depend on him in every matter of life. It seems like every year we come down to the wire with an increased amount of kids to serve and we find ourselves on our knees crying out to him for help; and help he does. We sing with the kids "God is a good God, Oh, yes he is. God is a good God, Oh, yes he is!" at every meeting. Not only do we sing it, but we believe it. This Christmas we witnessed this year's miracle of fifteen hundred kids receiving a gift along with the most important life changing message of Jesus Christ. Here is Gilda's account of the blessings that God bestowed upon these precious children.

On December 13th we had our very first Christmas party for the Children's Activity Center for 2008. Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church offered their facilities as the meetings had outgrown our own center. It was truly exciting; we had perfect weather and were able to have outdoor activities for the children such as games, face painting, beading, and plenty of cookies and punch. Afterward the children went into the gymnasium and had the opportunity to hear the wonderful story of Jesus' birth and to ask him into their lives, and then each child received a gift.

We had many volunteers from different churches that came to help, or gave gifts of money to help each child have a gift; and every child did receive one! We were also able to bless the children in eight more meetings in the following week in the hood where we take our trucks out and do the Sidewalk Sunday School. We had a wonderful week of preaching and giving and we just want to thank everyone who helped us because we could not have done it without you!!

So thank you Woodlands United Methodist, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Bethany Christian Church, Saint Claire's Catholic Church, West University United Methodist Church and every individual that gave gifts or money to purchase the gifts or came out to volunteer. You are truly a blessing and we pray Gods blessings upon each and every one of you.

Gilda Duncan



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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Get into Somebody's Else's World

One of the biggest misconceptions about missionary work is that it is for a select few. But the word missionary simply means someone who goes and ministers to someone else where they are or in a situation they are going through to bring them to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This is God's work alone through his word of which we are simply messengers. It is our job to minister to the personal growth needs in the world which is the work God gave us to do by teaching, training counseling and being available. **Simply put, to be a missionary is to get into somebody else's world.** We as people of God do that every day, but we must understand who we are, where we are and why we are there.

I think we tend to think of mission work as defined public roles with assigned titles and offerings. In America, it's the pastor's job or the staff's job to win people to Christ. But all of us have the opportunity to minister and to be used by God in a powerful way. When you look at the ministry life of our Lord Jesus Christ we find that there were some very big meetings such as the feeding of the five thousand and the sermon by the sea shore. However, the majority of his ministry consisted of appointments along the way in his life, like blind Bartimaeus, the ten lepers, the man with the withered hand, and the centurions son among other examples of healings and ministry that occurred in the course of his life that were not on the schedule of events or on a calendar, but simply meetings that occurred as he walked in the spirit of God in his timing to reach individuals at their most desperate moments.

In 2009 we want to encourage you to get involved in somebody else's world. And it is our prayer that we as a ministry become sensitive in the spirit so that we can meet individual needs of people as we are sensitive to God's leading. We must understand that we are Christians walking with Jesus and we alone in a devil filled world are God's hands, feet and voice to a world that is lost and hurting. We are the light of the world. Without the people of God in the world there is no hope for anyone. Without Jesus, there is no life; but with him we have him in our hearts and the life saving Word of God is on our lips. We must understand that every ministry of Jesus Christ is public. There is nothing private about our ministry except our prayer and devotions.

Today, like no other, we need divine appointments with the lost and hurting. We, as a ministry, need to ask God in our private prayer and meditations to send people across our path and to direct us to hearts that are ready to receive. We need God's timing like Phillip had with the Ethiopian eunuch in the book of Acts, or Peter with Cornelius in Acts chapter ten. We need to pray for the lost, fervently asking God to arrange our lives according to his purpose. We must be ready in and out of season to give an answer for our hope. We must pray without ceasing being available to God when his moment arises; knowing that God can be found in the unexpected places sometimes far from any church or meeting place.

As the spirit of the Lord is speaking to me as I write this, these words come to mind, "Listen and speak not." When we are confronted with the lost and hurting, we need to really listen to them and listen to God for words to heal their broken hearts instead of giving them simple pat answers. So many times we miss opportunities to witness and to minister to people because our minds are into foolish things of the world. "To get into somebody else's world you have to be in God's world through prayer and waiting on him." God alone knows the hearts of others. He alone knows where they are in life and their wounds and spiritual condition.

For the past two weeks we have taken a break from the Children's Activity Center and the Children's Activity Truck ministry after the Christmas services (see photos on page opposite) and as I was writing this article, after I wrote the word "spiritual condition," there came a knock on my door. I got up and answered the door and there stood a man named Adam Garcia; a man we had ministered to about two years ago who had been an alcoholic and on the streets after having been saved from drugs and alcohol previously. Suddenly, here stood the same man in a lost condition, full of fear, who had gone back into his old lifestyle of alcohol. He looked worn and tired, so I made him a sandwich to eat as he told me how he had been a mental hospital the night before. He went on to say how he felt that God had left him and that he had gone too far to be helped. As I sat with him I said, "Lord please help me to listen to this man and to love him." He then said "I am so ashamed." And then he got up and walked out the door. I called to him and said, "You know Adam, I'm not ashamed of you and neither is God." With that, I ministered from Romans chapter seven on the sin problem and how God could deliver him. I then prayed for him and he seemed to come into his right mind. He then made a decision to allow me to take him to a Christian Rehab Center called Victory Family Center. In that place he met with the pastor and signed a six month program staff. I hugged him and simply left him in God's hands where I found him. Praise the Lord!

Did I do anything? Well as I was writing, the spirit of God was moving on this man to knock on my door. You see, it is God working in his life and God working in my life to bring about an appointment for us to meet. So that by his spirit, ministry could take place that would change both of our lives by his power and grace. You know, we go to ten different locations in the city of Houston on a weekly basis and we don't know who will come to those sites or who we will meet on the way home. But God knows and is forever working for his good will toward men. Where are you going today? Who will you meet? Are you ready? Let's go and serve the Lord in his timing, his grace, his love and in his way. He alone knows the desperate need and the critical hour in every life. Be extra kind today, everyone is hurting in some way. Take a moment to pray for those that you will meet at your "divine appointment" today.

Pastor Scott

