

Christmas Crunch

Incredible as it seems we were able to do 25 Christmas meetings for kids from December 16th through December 22nd. We distributed 3800 gifts along with Bibles, salvation tracks, music CD's, cookies and other giveaways. Many churches, individuals and other organizations joined us in to making this possible. It was a delight to see the happy faces of children receiving their Christmas gifts; for many, it would be the only one they would receive this Christmas. And because we came to these places unannounced, it was a wonderful surprise for the whole community.

We took the time to powerfully preach the Gospel to the crowds of children, parents and other pedestrians as they made their way onto the parking lots. When the preaching of God's Word was done, a peaceful hush fell on the crowds as each man, woman and child received the life giving Word of God. There were many salvations and deliverances as true Christmas joy filled the air.

Half way through the events we ran out of gifts because of the unexpected number of kids. So we made a decision to completely empty all of our finances and purchase more. The next day we prayed and asked the Lord for finances to pay our electric and fuel bills. A check for several thousand dollars came in that afternoon. God is a Good God! What a wonderful God we serve.



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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Kids Not Things

No one can escape the fact that whatever our heart values, we will ultimately pursue with our time, talents and energies. Jesus said that a tree is “known by its fruit.” Madness is defined by declaring one set of values while openly pursuing another which is contrary to the former. Nowhere is this reflected more, than in the behavior of children as they grow up without a spiritual or moral foundation. Our popular culture loves things and pleasure more than God and children. Things have become gods and children the ultimate sacrifice.

Kids don't need our money or better schooling or upgraded parks and athletic teams, as much as they need us. They need someone in their lives that will take a moment to listen to them, to encourage them and, in a sense, validate their lives. Nothing can ever replace the encouragement given by a loving parent in the life of a child. Nothing upon nothing! Without this support, children are left without hope or resources; to navigate in a desperate world, like a ship without sail or rudder and with damnable results. Jesus knew this when he gazed upon the crowds. “It says in Matthew 9:36. “That when he saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no Shepherd.”

In the inner-city, kids have very few parents, very few teachers and almost no positive influence. About 86 percent come from single parent homes; almost all are affected in some way by drugs and alcohol; have been exposed to pornography and have been molested or pursued sexually by an adult. The last prayer time we had at one of our sites a nine-year-old girl came crying in fear saying a man was chasing her with a gun after school, wanting to have relations with her. I spoke to her mother who told me she had reported the incident to the police. Sadly, I believe this person may be someone from the child's own family.

These kids need us and they need us now! God, in His grace, has given us a wonderful ministry to reach these kids where they are and to build positive, godly relationships with them; based on love and trust. Our staff is comprised of men and women of all ages who are willing to give up their lives and anything they could have had otherwise, to visit, encourage and train these children in the ways of God. The results are phenomenal. While there are thousands of kids and only a hand full of us we make an effort to visit every kid in their homes on a weekly basis. This visit, while limited by a short time, is used by God in powerful ways; as it is done consistently and week-by-week without fail.

Recently, a young man that now works with our ministry pulled a ball out of his pocket and showed it to me. On the ball was a smiley face with an inscription that read “Jesus Loves You.” He asked me, “*Pastor Scott do you remember giving this to me?*” Thinking back I couldn't remember the incident but I could recall other conversations I had with him. He said, “*The first time you came to my apartment complex you gave it to me and I ran home and told my mom and I kept it in my pocket and looked at it ever since that day.*” Folks, that was seven years ago. God used this short visit to change this kid's life forever. His mother called me over the Christmas Holiday and told me that her son who was once suffering from ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder), is now totally free of medications and is doing well in school. How was he healed? **He was healed because God loves him and somebody showed up in his life to tell him about it simple as that.**

Last week a young woman approached me on the streets after one of our meetings and asked, “*Do you remember me?*” Looking at her, I couldn't recall her face. She said, “*About two years ago you came to my house during a rainstorm and prayed for me. You didn't know but I was on drugs and thinking about killing myself. Since that day my life has changed and I have a steady job at the Medical Center and I am going to night school working on a nursing degree.*” After hearing her testimony I remembered the day we had gone to her house. Our meeting in her neighborhood had been stopped by high winds and a thunderstorm. Instead of going home we decided to go door-to-door and pray for kids. **We got wet and some of our things got ruined, but kids are more important than things.**

You see, we know what to do. We just need to do more of it and do it until Jesus comes again. It's real simple: go into the all the world and preach the Gospel. In 2007 we want to reach a whole lot more kids. We will be leasing apartment space to house interns beginning June 1, 2007 with three women and three men which will serve and learn inner-city missions with us over a six month period. This will begin a process of a large influx of new workers that will ultimately reinforce and strengthen the effectiveness of our ministry also allowing us also to expand the number of inner-city we currently service. Please keep us in prayer as we proceed with this project.

The year 2006 was a tremendous success because of the help we have received from around this state and nation from people like you who believe in what we are doing and have shown it by faithful giving and support. We couldn't do this work without you. God bless you and have a wonderful year.

Pastor Scott

