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Snow Cones

We started out a couple of years ago making snow cones for the kids in the summer and since then we are now serving them in ten different locations in the city. It's our way of staying in touch with the kids when we don't have the regular meetings. A lot of adults show up to get the snow cones and that gives us an opportunity to witness to them and to pray for them as well.

It's really a lot of fun, and we also give food and cakes away and things we collect from the local stores and markets that week. We plan on taking the snow cone machine and several coolers with us to Toledo, Ohio at the end of July. There we will be doing a children's crusade in the inner-city along with a training seminar workshop at the Redeemer Church. There will be people attending the workshop from the Toledo-Detroit area and also Cleveland, Ohio.

The purpose of the trip will be to train individuals and groups in the city to do the very same work that we do here in Houston, Texas. We will be taking Justin Hicks, (16) one of our teen workers with us who has been with our ministry since he was a young boy. Justin has grown mightily in the Lord and has trained to be a video and sound recording technician. He will be videoing the workshop and helping us to set up the sites when we go into the inner-city and of course helping us to hand out the snow cones and pray for the kids after the meetings. Justin could have done a lot of things this summer, but he has chosen to serve the Lord. He has chosen the better part! Below is his picture.



Intern Positions Available

If you would like to be trained in one of America's most challenging inner-city ministries then this is the opportunity for you. This is a dynamic way to get street level, street wise and use all the gifts God gave you and more to reach out to the lost, the hurting, the homeless and fatherless of America's fourth largest City. We have 5 and 12 month terms available. Housing is provided. If you would be interested in learning and growing with us please contact: Pastor Scott at 281-660-0257.

Single Moms

A majority of the kids in the inner-city let's say 92 % are raised by single moms. It would take three or four pages to fully explain this phenomenon. But to put it simply, these are simply children having children, and as a preacher friend of mine Billy Ray Harper once said, "Pastor Scott they can't do any better if they don't know any better." I never forget those words. It's true! To know how to live a better way is to actually hear about it and then actually see someone do it. This gives the hope and light needed to bring forth Godly change in people's lives. Unfortunately, these elements are missing within the inner-city. Oddly enough, a lot of people know the Word of God but there are very few doing it, including the pastors and preachers. We feed and minister to skid row drunks on Lyons Avenue in Houston's Fifth Ward and a lot of them know more of the Word of God than I do but their lives are destroyed by drugs, alcohol, illicit sex and prostitution. They have been deceived. The Word of God tells us as much in James 1:22. "But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." **When you know the Word of God and don't act on it you are deceived!**

Sadly, there are multitudes of people who decry the indecent behavior and sin and insanity of the inner-city. However, at the same time they are totally unwilling to do anything about it, much less understand the problems and heartache of those caught in its grip. The reality is that you have to get close to the fire to put it out and all at the risk of getting burned yourself. Everyday, our staff walks on the streets in these dangerous neighborhoods to knock on the doors of these kids and their families. After doing this for a period of time we have earned the right to be heard. More and more the kids are growing in the things of the Lord and they are telling their moms about it. Realizing this opportunity, we have begun to focus on the needs of single moms both from a spiritual and physical perspective. We are now dedicating our Sunday Walking Faith Family Church to helping these moms.

One such mom is a 39 year old woman named Yolanda Rutherford. Yolanda has had a difficult time in her life. Growing up in an abusive home herself she began to experience hearing voices when she was age twelve. Diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic by doctors she has been medicated most of her life and has had episodes of rage attacks that have landed her in custody more than a few times. A series of failed relationships and finally a failed marriage left her with two children Stephanie (12) and Thomas (15) who is also under psychiatric care living on one of Houston's worst neighborhoods for violent crime. With no job and literally no future living off SSI monthly payments she had nowhere to turn and literally lost the will

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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to live. That is when her two kids came home and told their mom about the wonderful things they had experienced at the Children's Activity Center. The following week we invited her to come with the kids on Saturday and she did so riding on the bus with them and her life has never been the same. The following is her testimony.

"For the last two months that I have been with the Children's Activity Center I have been very blessed and me and my kids are better people. We don't have hatred in our hearts anymore. The pain on the inside is gone now. The nightmare is over because Pastor Scott and Gilda, bless her heart, and Vincent and Jessica have come to spend time with me in my home. They even took me to breakfast one morning. No one has ever done that for me before. They have helped guide me in the Word of God. We stay in a very hard area of Houston called Breaswood. We love the services! Pastor Scott and his staff have blessed a lot of souls and a lot has changed in our lives too. All I know is the Lord is working in that Center. I wouldn't trade the church and Pastor Scott's staff for the whole world. I love Miss Gilda very much and she needs to know I love her to and she is much appreciated."

Just last night Yolanda and her kids were out with us serving snow cones in the apartment projects near her home. It was truly amazing to watch them serve people and talk to others about how wonderful God is. She told me, "Pastor Scott I don't know what has gotten into me, but for the first time in my life I am loving people and inviting them to church." Well I know what has gotten into her and his name is Jesus. It is a great thing to watch God change her life. There are no hopeless cases with God. He is the God of all hope and he proved it by resurrecting Jesus Christ from the dead.

Yolanda's life is truly a miracle. As she grows and learns more of the Word of God there is no telling how many lives she will affect. There is no limit to what he can do through one person's life. You know God loves marriage and he loves families. He called one man by faith named Abraham and he and his wife had children and from the children's children a nation was formed and from that nation Jesus Christ was born to be savior for the whole world. God wants to restore families. After all, didn't Mary, mother of Jesus start out as a single mom? Single moms, I am sure are close to the heart of God.

Pray for us as we minister to more single moms like Yolanda and the kids of single moms. They are out there waiting for someone to show up in their lives and love them God's way. A little love goes a long way in a starving life. We love you all. Thank you so much for supporting us!

Pastor Scott