

CAC Summer News

Wow! This summer has been busier than we could have imagined! We've had two marriages in our ministry family. Jimmy Duncan and Miss Gilda were married in June and Vincent Broussard and Jessica Luera will be wed in July. God bless them as they begin a new life together

Pastor Scott along with Vincent, Jessica, Ron and Melody will be traveling to Toledo, Ohio the last week of June to do a five day ten site children's crusade. The Lord willing, we hope to reach about 5,000 kids and families that week along with planting the seeds of a new Children's Activity Center in that city that so desperately needs it. Keep them in your prayers.

Miss Vickie and Amy will be in the Portland Oregon area from June 22 through July 17. They will be helping local Pastors establish Sidewalk Sunday schools in their neighborhoods and also training new workers and teen leaders. It is so exciting to see how God is using these faithful workers to spread the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

We will be hosting a church from Dayton Ohio in late July to do Vacation Bible Schools in Houston. Our annual training workshop will be in mid August and we will kick off the new semester with six new interns and a huge back to school backpack give away. God bless you and have a wonderful



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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Points of Refuge

At the end of the Children's Activity Truck meetings we have a time when we pray for the kids. Many of the kids ask for prayer for school to pass grades and tests. Some have trouble at home with parents who are drug addicts or in jail, sisters who are pregnant or they are dealing with constant fighting or abuse between family members or neighbors. Within all of these prayers, one prayer request seems to occur more often than others. Many of the younger kids seem to consistently ask, "Will you pray for my grandma?"

To our amazement we found that most of the grandmothers that we would pray for were people that actually have been dead for several years. When we ask the child, "Does your grandma live with you?" Their reply is usually a silent look to the ground. Then we ask, "Where does she live?" Their reply, like the first is to silently raise their finger and point to Heaven.

Why does a kid pray for grandma even if she is dead? I don't have all the answers to that, but the Lord has given me at least a few practical insights. In many homes in the inner-city the Grandmother is usually the head of the family. Because of drugs and violence a lot of times mom is in jail or unable for other reasons to care for her own children. So then the responsibility falls on the grandmother. In a lot of the homes I visit there is only one grandmother taking care of maybe two or three of her daughter's children. One woman in particular, who is in her late fifties and wheelchair bound, is taking care of ten children living on SSI and Medicare. The house is wreck and the most she can do to bring order is screaming as loud as she can. As dysfunctional as this may seem to an outsider this grandma represents love, peace and security to the children. When that's all you know and all you have, that's everything to you. *That's their point of refuge. It's where they go when nothing else makes sense.*

Also, children who are abused tend to regress and hang on to good memories or people who loved them or at least people they believed loved them. With all hell breaking loose around them and against them they find a point of refuge in their minds, if you will, to live in a place or a person like Grandma. So they pray for grandma even if she has been dead for several years. I think in some ways they want to know that she is okay and that they might see her again. Its heart breaking, but I've seen kids fourteen and fifteen years of age sucking their thumbs and sitting in the corner. They too, are living in the past afraid to go forward

in life. But as bad as this seems, these are perfect times to share the good news of Jesus and his love for them.

Children are largely dependent and need the help of others to live. They can easily understand the grace of the Gospel message that Jesus, the Son of God, died on a cross to save lost sinners. That kind of unselfish love makes sense to them and they embrace it readily. The majority of adult problems are caused by the sin of pride and thinking that we know more than God. We believe that we are quite capable of running our own lives apart from him. In simple terms we are just too head strong and stupid just to let go and let God. Most of the junk in our lives could be remedied if we did just that.

Most of you know that we have three bright yellow Children's Activity Trucks that go into the inner-city on a regular basis. These trucks along with the people on them have become a regular fixture in the children's lives in the neighborhoods, a symbol of something good and very wonderful for children against a bleak and decaying background of the inner-city. This ministry truly is something good in the neighborhood!

Each week it's the same thing at the same time and the same place just for the kids. They look forward to seeing us as much as we look forward to seeing them. Every kid is greeted with a hug and a smile from a faithful worker who becomes their faithful friend. The formula is simple. Develop trusting relations with children and families through faithful obedience to God that opens doors for ministry, service and sacrifice. In all this lives are changed as the kids and their families believe the Gospel through people they have come to love, trust and respect.

The fact of the matter is that we are there for the kids long after everyone else is long gone from their lives including their parents. There is a precious promise from God in the Bible that says, "Although my mother and father have forsaken me, yet the Lord take me up (adopt me as his child). Psalm 27:10. We are there to pray with them when they are alone and feeling rejected. That, my friends makes a lasting impact and changes lives. That's what it takes and that is what is required if we are going to see a generation changed for Jesus, a generation that will find their peace and refuge in him. We need your help. There are missionaries we need to send now into the inner-city and they need your support both in prayer and in finances. God bless, love you always.

Pastor Scott

