

Condoms For Kids

That's right beginning now kids in Provincetown Massachusetts age five and up can get a condom at the school office from a nurse in charge. This is an example of the insanity that is spreading our nation at an alarming rate in the past two decades or more. Do kids under ten engage in fornication and immoral sexual acts? Obviously they do and a condom is the best answer the world can provide but for a five year old? I'm sorry to say this is the darkness we as a nation are facing. The explosion of sexual immorality of all kinds even in the named Church is bringing on death, disease, poverty, fatherless kids, mental insanity, tortured women, skyrocketing welfare costs and all of it is sin and it all of it leads to death.

Recently, I received a call from a City leader in Houston Texas who had heard about our work with the kids in the inner-city here. The conversation went something like this: "Pastor Scott we need your help with some of our young boys." I replied, "What kind of help sir?" He replied back, "They need someone to help them understand how to use condoms and be socially responsible." I said, "Well sir I can't do that but I could teach them God's way and help them come to understand that sexual relations according to the Bible are reserved for husband and wife within the marriage bond." He ended the conversation at this point by saying, "I don't think that is what we have in mind."

He was right that wasn't what they had in mind. The Bible declares that, "Because anyone whose thinking is controlled by their sinful self is against God. They refuse to obey God's law. And really they are not able to obey it. Those who are ruled by their sinful selves can not please God" Romans 8:7-8. So, not only is carnal mind darkened by sin itself it is also opposed to the truth of the Gospel that states in a nutshell that we are to accept salvation on God's terms through his Son Jesus Christ to be born again and to obey his commands in Godly living as written in the Bible. All else is doomed to hellish failure and eternal destruction.

My heart is totally broken at the thought of the sexual abuse of these kids and I want to vomit when I realize that the world's vision of helping kids is a little boy wearing and using a condom. To me this is beyond comprehension but at the same time I must realize this is the battle we are in for the very hearts and lives of these precious children. I really hate the devil and all his works. We are truly at war! We must press forward. I believe this would be a good time to underscore our mission statement so you the reader can fully understand where our interests and intentions are focused and how our resources are used.

First and foremost, "**We believe every kid has the right to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**" Above all else this is paramount. We believe that is good to clothe people, to feed the hungry and teach kids good hygiene and we do but without the Gospel they would be supplied for the day and doomed forever. Teaching Christ and him crucified is the essential ingredient in what we do along with good sound Biblical training. If we can get to the other things that's great and good but it is not our first priority while preaching of the Gospel is and will continue to be our first priority and motivation. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). It is important to remember that the kids must first hear the Word to be able to receive it. (Romans 14:17).

Secondly, "**We believe every kid has a right to see the Gospel demonstrated in the life of at least one sincere born again believer.**" As a ministry we must live totally for the Lord. One of the most damaging things in the inner-city is the scores of people on the streets that were once ministers themselves or know the Word of God in depth but live lives and commit sins that our Lord was crucified for in the first place. The kids see a man or woman shouting "Praise the Lord!" and at the same time drinking, doing drugs and playing around. It sets up a barrier in these kids minds that Christianity doesn't work or not at least in their neighborhood. **What witnesses most effectively to the lost world is the living testimony of changed and redeemed lives.** This is what the world can not deny that "I once was blind but now I see." We need to let Jesus show up in our lives and show out. Our kids need to know that Jesus is real and changes lives forever. These kids desperately need to see the Gospel displayed in our lives! It will help them place their confidence in God.

Our purpose is to reach these kids in these inner-city locations before it is too late before they wind up dead, diseased or imprisoned in a darkened disbelieving world. We need your help to do this in more than one way. First this is a Spiritual work and without prayer it will little to no effect. Pray for these kids and pray for us as we minister the Word to them. Secondly, get involved at some level at your Church or with us at your Pastor's direction to volunteer, witness, help others. Make it a point to be an active Christian in your community giving out as well as receiving. Thirdly support financially missions like the Children's Activity Center who have surrendered their lives for the sake of the Gospel's on the front lines of these urban jungles. It is not easy and comes at a high cost but the rewards are eternal. Make it a point to sow finances into fertile ground. Lastly never give up, the Lord is coming soon and he has his rewards with him. Love you all.

Pastor Scott



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible Schools are in full swing in the inner-city of Houston. The Children's Activity Center and Something Good in the Hood has become a facilitator for numerous churches and Christian Organizations like YWAM (youth with a mission) and CEF (child evangelism fellowship) and The Gospel Lakes Camp to get involved in the inner-city of Houston. Through our contacts and ministry platforms others in the Body of Christ can come and fulfill the great commission in our City. It is very humbling and an awesome thing to be used by the Lord in this manner. We hope to continue to double this effort next summer.

This is all part of the partnership vision the Lord has given us to open our ministry up as a platform for others to fulfill their callings and gifts and also for us to receive the help of other ministries in areas that we are weak in or have no ministry presence. We believe in active partnerships and will continue to pursue them trusting God.

If your church or youth group would have a vision for or like to do some sort of short term mission or vacation bible school in the inner-city of Houston please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always looking for creative ways to deepen the preaching of the Gospel to our kids and to give others an opportunity to expand their ministries. By the summer of 2011 Lord willing we want to sponsor a City-wide youth crusade in which we bus in all of our kids from our existing sites into one huge VBS that will also provide workshops for youth ministers, interns and trainees. This is something we are in prayer about right now and believe is the natural progression for this ministry.

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