

Mission 2007

At the beginning of the year God put it on our heart to help others begin doing the Children's Activity Truck ministry in their inner-city neighborhoods. The results of this have been nothing short of fantastic. At the writing of this newsletter, two new ministries have begun in the Portland, Oregon area and we are now in the process of planning a mission trip to the inner-city of Toledo, Ohio.

On Tuesday June 24 Pastor Scott along with three others will begin a five day, ten location crusade ministering to about 5,000 children and their families in the northwest Ohio industrial town of 330,000 people. It will be a 1,500 mile trip taken in one of our Children Activity Trucks. We will need your prayers and support for the act of faith that will result in the glory of God.

The objective is to reach kids and their families with the life changing message of Jesus Christ and to build strong relationships with other believers and churches in the area. Also, to eventually begin the Children's Activity Truck in Toledo. It is part of our mission statement to empower others to do this ministry in smaller cities where there are growing ghettos and inner-city blight that just 15 years ago was primarily centered in larger cities like New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.



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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“I Ain’t Got Nobody”

Folks, these are the words and the heart-cry of a little girl we prayed for on one of our sites last week here in the inner-city of Houston. But I believe these words are the heart-cry of millions of kids worldwide. While abortion is horrible in itself, worse yet is the fact that children are literally being born into a loveless world full of total rejection and abuse. King Solomon expressed this wisdom in the Bible in Ecclesiastes 4: 1-2. “Again I saw that many people are treated badly. I saw their tears, and I saw that there was no one to comfort them. I saw that cruel people had all the power and I saw that there was no one there to comfort the people they hurt.”

Recently here in our city a man became irritated with his nine-month-old baby girl. Instead of comforting the child, the man flew into a rage took the baby and placed her into a microwave oven and cooked her at full power. Only by the grace of God did this child survive this ordeal with third degree burns all over her infant body. He is in jail today and the child is in protective care. We also had a little boy that attended our meetings in Fifth Ward whose mother tortured him to death by tying him to a chair and pulling his arms out of the sockets and causing him to bleed to death. There was also the senseless killing of a twelve-year old girl that was a part of our meetings in Sunnyside. She was struck in the head and chest and killed by stray bullets from a drive-by shooting while her uncle drove her home from a skating rink.

A human being can survive a lot and suffer through many trials and tribulations. As long as that person has a sense of hope and is loved and encouraged by someone, they can endure many afflictions. **But once hope is lost and a person is surrounded by rejection and loneliness, that person becomes fair weather for the devil to come in and steal away their precious life.** I think you would agree with me that life isn't fair and for the kids I have just mentioned, (and there are many others), life is a living hell. God has promised us that he will remove these things one day forever. But for now God has given us his Son Jesus Christ and His Spirit to comfort us in our afflictions and to share that love with others. In short, God wants us to learn to love Him and others; to reach out to those who are in need and those who are lonely; and give them comfort and hope just as God, who loved us, has comforted and saved us in his Son Jesus.

That's what the Children's Activity Truck is all about. It is being there for these kids. It's going into these neighborhoods and

ghettos where the kids have been long forgotten and where adults have lost all hope for living. It's putting your arm around some little kid that has been beaten all his life and saying “We love you; come be with us.” Or encouraging a single mom to keep trying and not to give up; or delivering food to a door step where there are hungry kids. God uses this to encourage strengthen and edify people who, to this point, have had no one in their lives to validate them and to say, “Look, this thing is going to be okay; we can make it with God's help.” **Folks someone has to do things like that; it won't happen by magic. Yes, prayer is important but our faith has to have legs and feet.** The way we see it, we might as well be the ones and we are willing to do it till death do us part.

You remember the little girl I mentioned in the beginning of the article. That girl was touched by the life of someone who gave up her home in New Mexico and by faith traveled to Houston to join our staff; sight unseen; someone who gave up everything to be made available for God and was not afraid to go to Houston's worst neighborhoods and reach out to the hurting. I would like to conclude this by sharing Jessica Luera's experience in her own words with that child that day.

During the meetings, God shows me things about the kids. Last week at Coke Street, the Spirit of God specifically pointed to a little girl about five years of age. Through the meeting my eyes stayed on her. During the time of prayer she raised her hand and I had her stand. I asked her, “What do you need prayer for sweetie?” There was about five seconds of silence as she was looking down with a sense of pure loneliness in her eyes. Not an angry loneliness but an aching loneliness. She shook her head and in a small silent voice said, “I ain't got nobody, I ain't got one friend.” My heart broke; but at the same time was filled with joy because of the Good News I had for her. I shared Jesus with her and how he is her Savior and friend. I explained to her He would never leave her. I also explained to her how I was her new friend; so was Pastor Scott, Pastor Tim and Mr. Ron and that she had Jesus and us. I told her we would at be Coke Street to see her every Thursday. Praise God!

There's always one more kid out there waiting on a friend like Jessica to come into their lives. Could you help us by sending some of your time, talent or resources to support the work? We are in a battle to reach these kids before they give up or lose their lives. We can do more if others are willing to step to the plate and help us.

Pastor Scott

