

Fifteen Years

That's right for who's counting on Saturday March 27, 2010 The Children's Activity Center will enter its fifteenth year ministering to inner-city kids in the City of Houston. I'm sure, Lord willing, by the time you read this newsletter that's where we will be. We will be driving the busses out the gate nearly 500 Saturdays later from where we began back in March 1996 to pick up another generation of kids waiting on a street corner for someone to take them to church. What a wonderful privilege it is to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all these years and we pray for more years to see more kids come into his Kingdom.

I personally remember Pastor Dave the founder of The Children's Activity Center then called the Children's Church telling me the first Saturday morning I arrived for volunteer service that in his words, "Scotty your Saturday's are never going to be the same again." I thought to myself, "What does he mean by that? My Saturday's will never be the same is he crazy?" Well he was right the past fifteen years I've done nothing but drive a bus pick kids up and minister the Gospel aside from a few Saturday's of vacation this has been the balance of my life along with Dave's sister Gilda and now husband Jimmy Duncan the three of us remain till this day.

For whatever can be said of Pastor Dave Ellis he was a man of courage and dedication that began a ministry from nothing named it Walking Faith Ministry and launched out into areas no one else was interested in like Haiti and the inner-city of Houston Texas. This is the pattern I have followed these past fifteen years. While not exactly like my predecessor who passed away in 2002 but with much the same heart to reach the lost, the wounded and the wayward children of this City and country. To share the love of Jesus Christ with those the world thinks little or nothing of and encourages others in the Body of Christ to do the same. This is the mind of Christ all of us share here at the Children's Activity Center.

While over the years we have had a small core group of people remaining in this ministry literally hundreds of people maybe even thousands have had either a direct or indirect impact on the outcome here as it has been slow yet remarkable growth. Starting just with eleven kids in 1996 the ministry now encompasses about 1500 kids and adults on a weekly basis doing services and in-home visitations in the inner-city along with coordinating and help founding the Children's Activity Center in Toledo Ohio who are entering their third year in ministry in that City and themselves ministering to hundreds of kids and adults in their city on a weekly basis.

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You know the Lord uses the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. Certainly, that is us and I don't say that in a negative way. When I came here I didn't know anything about ministry. I was selling international advertising in the construction industry. I studied the Word of God and prayed and the Lord has blessed some very good mentors including my old friend Mark Berrier from Dallas Christian College, Pastor Philip Morris of Restoration Church and Steve Ferguson of the Star Family Singers. I have a habit of copying good things I see in other men and following patterns of good works they produce. I can't say I have ever had a direct vision from God. I don't have anything original to say. Quite the opposite I say the same thing over and over again in slightly different ways. I've only learned two or three things in fifteen years I'm sad to say. One, God is in complete control and is a just and sovereign judge over the lives and affairs of men. Two, if you are faithful in another man's work God will give you your own. And three It is not how you start a thing that matters it how you finish it that counts in God's eyes. I still don't know anything about ministry. But I am sure you can't learn about it in school or on the back of a church pew. That's why they call it a pew because the longer you sit in it without doing anything you have learned the more it stinks. I think James puts it this way, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." James 1:22. You got to get up and do something man! Begin to pray, to give, to witness, to study and get a move on serving God in the great commission.

In the coming days I am going to ask you the reader to pray for us. After fifteen years I don't know if we are at the end of something or about to launch out into something new and wonderful. We know the world is a very dangerous place and that the enemy knows his time is short. By the grace of God could you please pray that the Lord will give us another season of harvest. The streets of our City are full of children with no hope. I see them walking on the sidewalks and wonder to myself what will become of them? You know even if the world was half way decent they still don't have a future in it. Can you imagine what is on their minds if they do not have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ? If the seen world is all they have then what is there? In the words of an eight year old boy I talked to recently who told me out of the blue, "My dad is trying to kill me I'm afraid what do I do?" These kids need Jesus.

After fifteen years we still believe every kid has the right to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to see that Gospel demonstrated in the life of at least one sincere born again believer. As long as there is one kid out there waiting we will go. We have a passion to reach these lost kids. Could you help us reach a few more? Love you always.

Pastor Scott Binkley



I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6.



Big Blue

This past year we experienced tremendous problems with our bussing. We started 2009 with three busses and ended that year with just one. For the balance of that year we had to rent a bus and a driver from a local bus company and I mean by the grace of God we did it. How we were able to afford \$300.00 a week after being financially down \$ 75,000.00 that year I can only call a miracle. To top off matters one of the busses we were trying to repair caught fire and was nearly totally destroyed in December a week before Christmas.

We began to ask God, "Lord do you want us to keep bussing kids?" On Christmas Eve I was sitting alone in the house and got an unction from the Lord to call our ministry partner Benny Hasha and thank him for all the wonderful things that had happened for our kids over the past year at the Gospel Lakes Camp when out of the blue I asked him/ do you know anybody who has a bus we need a bus? He replied, "I think I do call me next week."

Well to make a long story short in the first week of January we picked up a big blue bus from a Pastor in San Marcos who donated it to us. The bus is exactly what we needed and had needed for a long time. God put it on someone's heart to give it to us and in turn that bus is being used to bring hundreds of kids to church and out of the blue the answer to prayer. God is an awesome God! Below is a picture of Big Blue.

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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 portable stages to bring weekly presentations of the gospel in skits, dramas, puppetry, and video, right to the very doorstep of the children who most desperately need it. Weekly visitations to the homes of attending children helps us share the life changing message of Jesus with the entire family. Donations matter and are tax deductible. Donations can be made through our website via Pay Pal.

Senior Pastor: Scott Binkley Administrative Director: Gilda Duncan

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