

## Firm Foundation

One of our organizational goals is to perfect our Sidewalk Sunday School Programs so that they can be easily taught to and duplicated by other churches, missionary groups or organizations that desire to reach the lost children in their communities. This is the firm foundation of the Great Commission is to teach others and to make learners into teachers see Matthew. 29:19 and Habakkuk 2:2-3.

How easily visions and great works are destroyed when they are not properly communicated and taught to others. To be successful is to duplicate effort through others and by others. If it can not be duplicated it will not succeed no matter how worthy the cause or intentions of the founder. It will simply die.

We have received this challenge from the founder, the Lord Jesus, and will be having our first training workshop on July 17-19th. The Workshop will be led by Vincent Brouhard along with several others from New York's Metro Ministry. The primary goal will be to retrain our current staff and to prepare the staff and ministers of Riverway Church (our second organizational duplication) to launch their first Children's Activity Truck meetings in August.

This we believe is the beginning of a large duplication process that will be effective for taking our City for Christ and beyond. Pray that this meeting will be powerful and effective. There are children waiting out there on the street corner for someone to love them.



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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## Greater Things

On March 30, 2006 The Children's Activity Center celebrated its tenth year anniversary. We tried to plan a special dinner to mark this event but we were unable to because of the demands this blessed and ever increasing ministry has kept on us **going to the streets day by day to reach out to the kids, teens and adults the world has thrown away.** It's just amazing the supernatural energy and endurance that has been given to us from Heaven above. I would like you the reader to consider the fertile ground you have sown into with your prayer, finances, hard work and love. For these are certainly the greater works that Jesus spoke of in John 14:12 when he said, "I can assure you that whoever believes in me will do the same things I have done. And they will do greater things than I have done, because I am going to the Father."

The Children's Activity Center was founded by Pastor Dave Ellis on March 30, 1996. The first outreach was on an abandoned parking lot on the corner of Bissonnet and Rampart in Houston's southwest side across from Braeburn Elementary School. In order to get electricity for music equipment, a gas generator had to be rented and with no funds available a local business man had to step in and donate the funds. That man would later become the Director of the Children's Activity Center. The outreach lasted fifteen minutes drew about 11 kids and was suddenly interrupted by outraged teachers and parents who called the police because they felt we were putting the kids lives in danger. Three police cars showed up immediately (I have been at murder scenes myself with a dead man lying on the ground where it took the police longer to arrive).

Strange that these same parents and teachers send their children to schools where God has been kicked out, that carrying a Bible will get you suspended and any adult trying to pray with children and organize Bible study is subject to arrest. Also these same parents have no trouble at all allowing their kids to watch murder and rape shows on television or listening to violent music or playing shoot and kill video games are the ones who call the police on a group doing a puppet show that speaks of God's love for kids. Folks this is a truly upside down world! And that was ten years ago.

But this is how it all began with us. The following week after that first outreach we picked up those same eleven kids on Saturday morning and started the Children's Activity Center in a sanctuary we borrowed from a small local church. We brought them to church in a van with no seats or air conditioning. They had to sit cross legged on the floor next to the jack and the spare tire. We had to get them to church and we did what we had to do. **And that was yesterday.....**

**This is today....** as we have entered our tenth year of ministry in one day alone we ministered to 350 kids and well over 1000 every week.

The inner-city is exploding with anticipation and love for Jesus Christ. We own our own facility and the Lord has given us three newer late model Sidewalk Sunday School Trucks that we use to minister to kids in the projects in Houston's crime ridden inner-city. These services have grown tremendously just in the past two months. Kids from everywhere are coming to hear God's word. One parent drove her kids thirty minutes to get to one site and joined in the service herself. Another parent took her kids on a three hour metro bus ride to get her kids to our Center last Sunday morning. And every kid that is attending these services receives a weekly in home visitation from one of our workers. Kid's lives are being changed and parents that were long lost have returned their lives to the Lord.

Other ministries are getting involved as well. As of today we have bussed about 400 kids to the Gospel Lakes Camp Ministry Camp in New Waverly Texas. We have partnered with this ministry to provide inner-city kids a Gospel retreat in the country where they can get away from the crime, drugs and violent settings in the inner-city and spend a day with God being a kid, canoeing, horseback riding and playing games, a place where someone loves and where no one is yelling at them and cursing them, a place where they can be a kid and learn about the love of Jesus. Pray that by the end of this year we can send 1500 kids to the Gospel Lakes Camp.

Teens and young adults are being trained to work and serve in the inner city. Many of the same kids we began working with several years ago are now ministering, teaching on the Children's Activity Trucks. Young people are getting involved and loving it and seeing the power of God move in their lives. We will have a new ministry in the fall called **Teen-Cat** which will have young adults and teenagers leading the way being pastors, teachers and helpers in the inner-city. They will be responsible for their own ministry which will give them an opportunity to grow into future leaders in their church, community and nation.

**And tomorrow....** through prayer, partnerships and expansion the Children's Activity Center will go from where it is today to 42 different sites in six different regions of the City of Houston reaching 20,000 kids a month with twelve trucks, forty full time staff members, interns, church cooperative ministries, inner-city church planting and radio and television ministry.

Greater things will come to pass as we invest wisely in today and grow beyond the borders of our imagination tomorrow. "No eye has seen nor ear has heard what God has in store for them that love him and are called according to his purpose." With God nothing is impossible!

Thank you for your love and support.

**Pastor Scott**

