

## Addition by Subtraction

When difficult times come, it tests what we really believe and why, and exposes our true core values. Seemingly, trials and tests are the only way we can truly come to know who we really are or who we really belong to as people. I believe we, as individuals and collectively, as the Body of Christ, are entering times of testing that will ultimately reveal the secrets of all men's hearts. (Luke 12:2)

The year 2009 has been a challenge for me personally, as well as a challenge for us as a ministry. We have gone through difficult financial reversals like many in our community and nation. Much of the equipment we have used for years, including buses and vans, have broken down and some are beyond repair. We have witnessed many people, both in our own ministry and abroad, give up and quit; either because they were discouraged or felt that they had found something else better for their lives. There has been death of loved ones and the loss of long standing relationships. Surrounding this, we live in a country that no longer loves God or gives him place; instead it values various forms of atheism and has an extreme hatred for absolute truth. And when the total truth about their motives is revealed it will be the unvarnished fact that they will be willing to kill anyone that get in the way of their Godless agendas. (2 Timothy 3:12) **Let's face it, some people (and in a growing number) hate Jesus more than the people who claim His name love Him.** This is the real battle in the Spirit; One that must be taken seriously, and we do! (Ephesians 6:13)

What brings this to light to me, is something that happened to me on one of our ministry trucks this past week. It was a day that was unusually hot for October and at the end of our games we had a water break for the kids. So at the end of the stage, I bent over and began serving kids cups of water. One boy, instead of drinking the water, slammed it in my face and began to laugh at me; mocking me and saying things like "You are nothing but an idiot." And "Just try to stop me." I really wanted to get angry with this kid but the Lord reminded me "He's a kid that only does to you what has been done to him, it will pass just go now and preach the Word." Wiping the water off my face I went and prepared myself for the Bible lesson. During the preaching of the lesson a dark cloud moved directly over the kids and our truck and a light rain began to fall on all of us. As the rain was falling I continued to speak to the kids about Jesus. None of the kids moved and as we began to pray the sun came out and my phone began to ring. After prayer with the children I answered my phone message and it was my brother in Ohio informing me that our mother had just died suddenly of a heart attack. At that moment, everything in me and around me fell silent. I could see people talking but couldn't hear them. I don't know how long I was like this but it was interrupted when the boy who threw the water in my face came up to me and asked me to forgive him. He said, "Pastor Scott I think

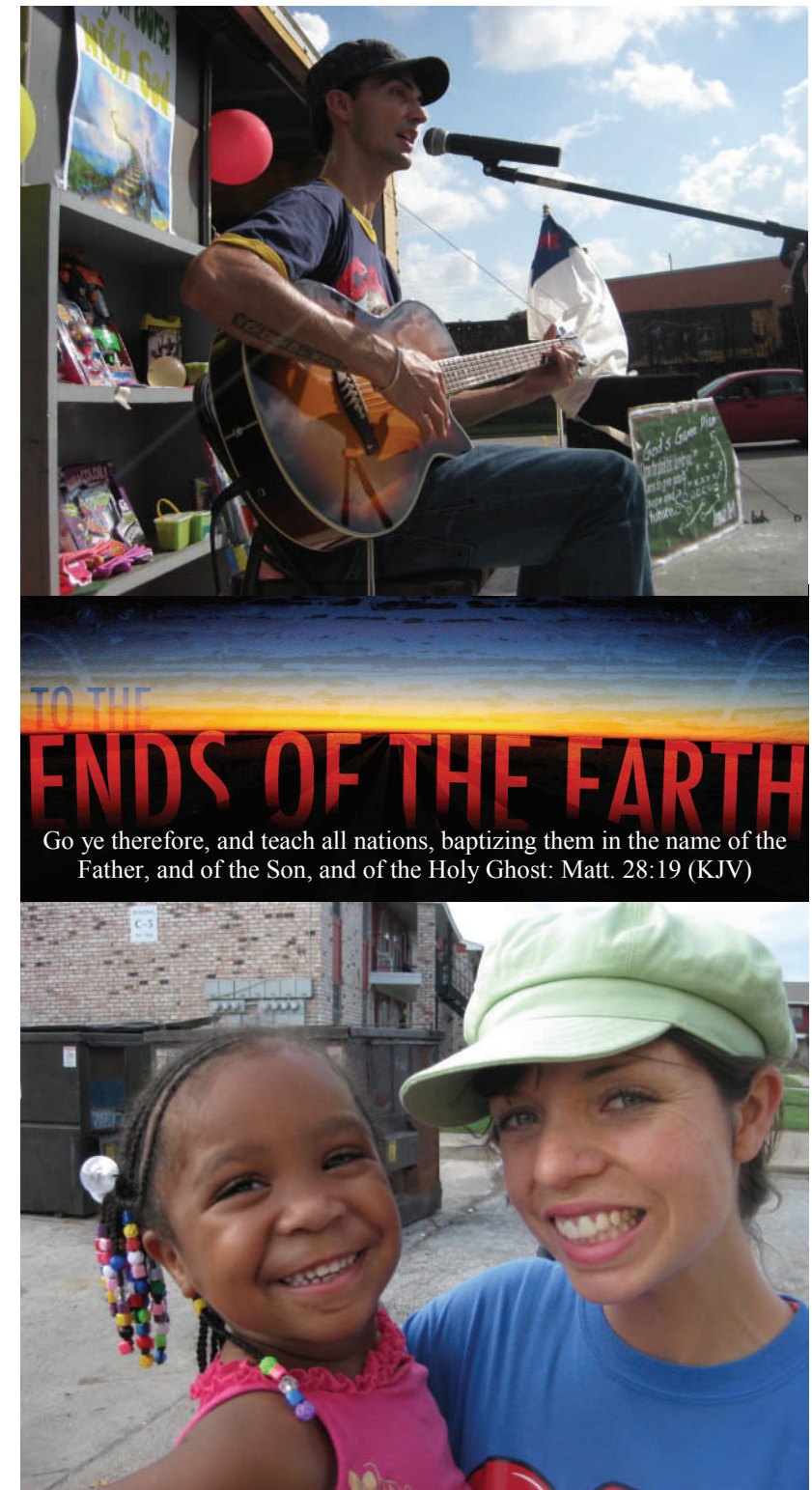
God sent that rain to get me wet so that I could see that it was wrong what I did to you, I'm so sorry." In tears I said, "I forgive you son." I then hugged him and told him I loved him. I really can't spend too much time talking now about my losses as I know many of you have been through similar or worse. But let me say that God is an ever present help in time of trouble; both for you and for me. (Psalm 46:1)

From this I have come to greater understanding of what we believe in and what we don't. We believe that God is wonderful and sent his only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins on Calvary's cross; was buried and raised again. (1 Corinthians 15: 3-4) That through him, and him alone, we might be saved from hell and given eternal life; along with strength in the Spirit to share this Gospel truth right here and right now, with anyone willing to listen. Our mission statement is simple, **"We believe that 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."** To this end we shall by the grace of God continue to visit, teach and train inner-city kids, in the truth and ways of God, as written in the Holy Bible. (Proverbs 22:6)

We are truly thankful for all those who have given into this ministry throughout the years and especially during this difficult year of 2009. In 2010 we will use those resources to double the number of kids we reach with the Gospel by increasing the number of inner-city sites visited on a monthly basis. Many people have the mentality of "we will do it tomorrow when we are ready" or "If the Lord is willing." To the contrary the Lord himself commissioned us to go and go now. (Matthew 28:19) There is only so much time in our lives and in theirs. Much can be preached on this. I could go on for hours. I think you get the point. **We simply and without excuse need to do more and do it now!** (Luke 4:18-19)

We can reach 500 more kids a month starting in January by going to bi-weekly visitations and adding five new inner-city sites to our existing schedule. Simply put, instead of going to the same site once a week we will now go once every two weeks and add new sites and alternate sites every other week; adding an additional 500 kids on a monthly basis to our current rosters. This can be accomplished with roughly the same income we had in 2009. Although more income would be better, as we could even reach more kids; for now, we are just going to do some old-fashioned addition by subtraction. Love you all. Have a wonderful thanksgiving.

*Pastor Scott*



## The End Times

One of the things my mother mentioned to me right before her death, was that she was shocked at how fast time was going by; to her, it was a little frightening. Of course two weeks ago, I didn't know that this would be our last earthly conversation. Nevertheless, the following week it certainly proved to be the end time and the last of all talks between myself and my mother of 51 years. It's strange how you can never know this beforehand but only afterwards. **You see, death never announces itself and time waits for no one.** The Apostle Paul writes about this in Ephesians 5:16-17 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time for the days are evil."



Many say, "Wow, 2009 is going fast!" And sure enough here we are: November 2009. In November and December we will have two special ministry events that will draw additional children to hear the Gospel. These are, of course, Thanks-

giving and Christmas. We want to share with the children the true meanings of these holidays. Oddly enough, during these times we get a lot of Muslim kids who come for gifts and food after fasting; not to mention hundreds of other kids that come for the first time as a result of special give-away items and events. Many hear the Gospel for the first time and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. **This is fantastic, but what I want you to keep in mind, is that like in all of our meetings, some of these kids may never again get a chance to hear it.** I want to keep you aware of what I now so painfully understand; when you say, "See you next week" and "talk to you soon", it should be prefaced by "Lord willing", because real life is right now and only God knows the future.

This Holiday season could you please see fit to help us a little bit over the top, both financially and in prayer, to give meals and Christmas gifts to inner-city kids. This could very well be both the first and last chance a lot of them get to hear that Jesus loves them and that somebody cares. We are preparing for it and looking forward to it and Lord willing, it will happen. God bless you.

**Pastor Scott**

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