

How Are You Going To Do It?

That's the question we ask ourselves when considering the goal of reaching 5,000 kids a week for the Gospel in the City of Houston on a weekly basis. Well, while we don't know the full answer to that question there are some things that we do know to do in the next six months. These will be steps of faith that will lead to the final desired outcome.

First, we will add to our core staff two new leaders. Already we have one new staff member: a young lady from New Mexico named Jessica Luera. She is doing a fantastic, wonderful job and is making a major impact on many of the kid's lives. We welcome her and thank God for her. We also are currently praying for others to join our staff.

Secondly, we will begin an internship program in July 2007. These will be trainees that will be housed in local apartment housing projects and will live and learn among the kids and their families for a six month term. Thirdly, we will hold an annual training conference for child evangelism and inner-city missions during the summer. Fourthly, we will continue to train and invite groups in cooperative inner-city mission ventures, thus establishing new sites and ministry areas.

Pray for us as we take these steps of faith to build this ministry and reach an increasing number of children on a daily basis. The whole objective to everything we do and say continues to be, to reach out and touch "Just one more kid with the love of God."



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“Please Gimme a Toy”

That’s the response we get from a lot of kids when we pack up and leave our services in the inner-city. You know kids love toys. That’s part of childhood. So when we minister to kids, toys are definitely part of the mix. Like Pastor Bill Wilson founder of Metro New York once said, “You can’t put a thirty year-old head on a ten-year-old body.” Kids love toys and they will come out to get one and when they do they will come under the sound of the Gospel. Some people don’t like that method but kids are kids and desire toys to play with and that doesn’t change no matter the culture, tribe or tongue. It’s that simple where you have toys you have kids.

After a service last week I was approached by a ten-year old named Mohammed; a Sudanese refugee to the United States. He came with his mother and brother to escape the murderous violence in the Darfur region of his country which claimed his father’s life. He was at our Children’s Activity Truck meeting having come from half-way around the world to the Fifth Ward of Houston, Texas. Watching him sit on a tarp in front of our Yellow C.A.T. Truck, I had to ask myself: Why did he come? The answer: though speaking limited English, he knew what toy meant and wanted one.

His first words to me were, “Pastor Scott please gimme a toy.” Kids very commonly ask me this but because we only give the toys as rewards and incentives we don’t give a toy to every kid, every time. Most children can understand this. My best parental reply to his request went something like this, “Well, if I give you a toy right now I will have to give everyone a toy and because I don’t have that many, it wouldn’t be fair to everyone.” Most kids understand this and come back the next week and get in the games and eventually win a toy. Not so with Mohammed; he wasn’t going to receive my explanation. He wouldn’t take ‘no’ for an answer. He just kept pressing in, “Please gimme a toy, gimme a toy, gimme a toy!” At first I became irritated at this request; almost angry for what I first perceived as selfishness on his part. But for some reason I asked him a question: “Why should I give you one?” **His reply cut my heart. Looking at me with dark pleading eyes he replied, “When I go home there is nothing there; it’s an empty place. I need something to do.”** Silently I reconsidered my response and suddenly understood the depth of his spiritual need. All I could say was, “Mohammed, wait here until all the kids are gone.”

After about ten minutes I took him aside with a toy in my hand and with that toy I explained to him the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ: that Jesus was sent into the world by God the Father as a

a perfect sacrifice for our sins and being God himself made a perfect way for us to be reunited with our heavenly Father. Thus giving us the free gift of eternal life. **There, near the city street full of people and cars I took his hand, knelted down with him and he asked Jesus to forgive him and come into his life.**

You see, no one ever told Mohammed that he, a poor African immigrant, was valuable to God. He only knew about war, violence and hatred. He only knew religion as a loveless empty practice. He never knew that there was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, that deeply loved him and cared for him and who would fill up the emptiness that really was on the inside of him.

Folks I know the kind of homes kids like Mohammed live in. These places are awful. When we knock on the doors we hear screams of violence inside. When the doors open there are clouds of dope smoke that pour out. There is gambling on the front door steps; drug dealers come in and out as you talk to the kids; prostitutes turning tricks right in front of children. It seems as though nothing is off limits as far as wicked behavior in these homes. **When Mohammed said that his home was empty he was right. Sometimes in these apartments there is no furniture or beds; just empty walls, cockroaches, trash and a few dirty blankets; certainly no love or forgiveness.**

While I would like to see that change I know it won’t happen immediately; at least not on the outside. Nevertheless I know that through the love of Jesus Christ these kids can be given faith, hope and love. This affects their inner-man immediately, giving them strength to live and grow up, in and through these difficult situations. By the Grace of God they will become this nation’s next generation of parents and leaders who will show forth God’s glory.

Would you prayerfully consider your financial love gift this Christmas season? We have a goal to give 3,000 inner-city kids gifts this year all of this beginning on Saturday, December 16th. (at ten different locations in the inner-city of Houston). Your love gift will be used to purchase, wrap and transport these gifts to kids who desperately need them. For many kids Christmas day can become a day of emptiness. Your gift can be used, like it was for Mohammed, as a gateway for many other children to experience the love and care of Jesus Christ for the first time.

Please continue to pray for the expansion of this wonderful ministry to hurting kids and their families. Thank you for your generous love, support and prayers. May God bless you and your family in this Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.

Pastor Scott

