

## What They Don't Become

It wasn't long ago that I was speaking to a police officer in Houston's inner-city who told me that prisons and jail houses are built on future expectations of inmates. And that government administrators plan on a large percentage of ten year olds, in the inner-city to be incarcerated by their eighteenth birthday. Folks, we had this conversation as we watched grade school kids cross the streets. Not much hope and vision in the world is there? Does this disgust you? It makes me mad!

It simply doesn't have to be that way. Our vision is to encourage and plant the truth of the Gospel in the hearts of as many young kids as possible and show them by example that nothing is impossible with God. It would amaze you as to how much a little committed time will do in the life of a child. Kids respond well when someone enters their lives and loves them. They want love, discipline and direction and when they can't find it they will react in negative ways to attract it.

There is no set formula to how to do all this; you just have to get up and go and get involved rather than just talking about it. There is little time in a life to plant good seed and there is a fine line between a kid becoming a drug addict or a steadily employed, productive, happy man or woman. What they don't become is up to us. What they do become is up to them. Our part is to show them the way and that way is the person of Jesus Christ.



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 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.

Come visit! **YOU ARE WELCOME!**

5801 Edgemoor St.

Houston, TX

(on the corner of Edgemoor & Atwell between Bellaire and Bissonnet)

TEL: (713) 667-0442

FAX: (713) 664-3624

**WEBSITE: [www.childrensactivitycenter.com](http://www.childrensactivitycenter.com)**

"We don't help the homeless, we help the helpless!"

**DONATIONS MATTER and are TAX DEDUCTABLE**

**Visit Us on the Web, Donate online with PayPal!**



**These Children need your help! We are in a life and death struggle to save them from the horrors of their world but we need YOUR help. You can never loose by giving!**

**Remember our Randall's Card #7051  
Help us when you buy groceries!!**

# The GOOD REPORT

NONPROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
BELLAIRE, TX  
PERMIT NO. 01055

PO Box 2851  
Bellaire, TX 77402

**FROM THE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CENTER**

# 81 October 2006



## Inside One Life

Sometimes I think that it is good to share with you, the reader, an insight into the lives of one of the kids from the Children's Activity Center. So I asked Abdel Newisar (see cover photo) to tell his story to me so I could share it with you. After reading it, I decided just to release it to you in its unedited form with his permission.

I am the first to complete high school and move on to college out of my family. I live with my sister since I was eight years old. I never knew my father I knew my mother but for reasons beyond her control she was never part of my life. When I was born I was not suppose to live as I weighed only one pound and thirteen ounces when I was a baby. The doctor gave me toy dolls cloths to wear. I was in the hospital for three months. The doctors said I was not going to live and if I did I would not be able to do anything a normal child could do. Well they were wrong when I got older like around eight when my sister took me in her home with her now ex husband and her two stepdaughters because my mom could not take care of me anymore. So my sister Mary who is now 27 years old helped me overcome my disability. Now I weight 210lbs. I have juvenile arthritis and it keeps me from doing outside activity and one arm is shorter then the other because the arthritis ate my rotator cuff up where my arm is connected to my shoulder. This happened when I got older and I also had surgery when I was little and I can hardly see out of my right eye. When I was little I wanted to play football but the doctors said I am not capable of doing so because of my arm and arthritis. Well they were wrong again, I played football for Jane Long Middle School and I played in high school and played varsity for three years. When I was in the tenth grade I got in to power lifting. The doctor at Shiners Hospital told me that they did not know how is my arm is still moving with no rotator cuff. I bench press will over 300 lbs. In May of my senior year I have receive a scholarship and now I am going to Blinn College to study criminal justice in the fall.

God has helped me by giving me a second chance and made realize how grateful I should be. I was a sinner but who isn't?, but now I want to tell the world about how God helped me and change my life through Jesus Christ and how he brought The Children's Activity into my life to help make me become who I am today. I use to think "God why me? Why this? Why can't I be like every one in this world?" But one thing I realize, you can't be like every one in this world. God has put us here made us different for a reason and I think we should grateful for what you have in this world. I used to hate my mother for all the bad things she did and said and I never wanted to talk to her again. For a long time I did not talk to her I also did not want to forgive her. Then I realized if you don't forgive people God will not

forgive you so I did what Pastor Scott told me to do forgive everyone and boy did I see a big change in my life. Now I talk to my mom all the time and I really do love her. I believe if you put God first in your life he will open doors for you that you could have never known existed. The Children Activity Center has gone out of their way to help me and my family. I have been going to C.A.C. since I as seven years old and I thank God for them!

In the future I see my self becoming a police officer and helping my community in need and helping the C.A.C any way I can. What I would tell some one younger then me who is normal or with a disability: Don't let no one tell you can't do anything I don't care if you don't have no legs or can't see or hear I have seen it. It can be done. I had coaches, friends, and doctors, even family tell me I couldn't but with God's help I did it anyway. If you know in your heart that you can and ask God to help you and try your best stay in school and you will get far in life. Never quit, never give up. Trust in your self and most of all trust in God.

Well folks there you have it one life changed because somebody cared who didn't have to care but did anyway. Someone cared enough to pick this kid up on a bus and visit his home on a weekly basis and pray for him and care for him when he needed it the most. That's how it's been the past ten years here at the C.A.C; late nights, preaching on burning hot parking lots in 100 degree weather in noonday sun, driving vehicles through storm waters to pick up one last kid, working on broken down vehicles, sleeping on floors, stages and in hallways and literally watching people live and then watching them die, among other things.

Is loving people easy? No, it never is. **To love is to totally commit oneself to someone else while expecting nothing in return. All the while leaving oneself open to being wounded by that person without becoming bitter, hostile or afraid. It's the thing Jesus did for us that we can't do for ourselves.** That's the love of God. That's what changed this young man's life. Thank you so much for your love, prayers and financial support without which we could not do this blessed life changing work.

**Pastor Scott**

Do you know for sure that when you die you will go to Heaven? The Bible says you can. Receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior today and become a child of God. ***"But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God."*** John 1:12

