

Backpack Overflow

This year every kid that attended the Children's Activity Center along with all the kids attending our nine Children's Activity Truck sites received a backpack filled to the top with new school supplies. This year it totaled 1200 kids in all. This was a tremendous help for many of the parents as they came up to us and gave thanks to God for helping them. Folks, when it takes every penny you got just to live month to month, a twenty dollar backpack filled with several dollars worth of school supplies, moves mountains and builds faith.

We also had about 200 extra backpacks which were sent with Pastor David Hill of Thousand Hills Ministry into Reynosa, Mexico and delivered to children attending a mission school near one of the local city garbage dumps. Pastor Hill has a vision to establish 1000 churches in Mexico. We are thankful to God for Pastor Hill's mission to children in Mexico and for the opportunity for our ministry to be used in God's overflowing blessings to those in greatest need.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked late into the night unloading and filling backpacks with school supplies. We also praise God for moving on Wal-Mart Corporation who supplied us with a \$ 6,400.00 grant to purchase those supplies. Below is a picture of our workers stuffing backpacks.



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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Praise the Lord

Sometimes it's not immediately obvious but the Spirit of God and the Word of God are active and alive and are achieving the purpose for which God has sent them. This couldn't have been illustrated any more clearly to me than a few days ago as I was standing alone under a bridge in one of Houston's inner-city neighborhoods called the Fifth Ward. The Fifth Ward is one of the city's toughest neighborhoods. The streets are full of prostitutes, drug dealers, gangs, dilapidated buildings and abandoned homes (where the owners have either died or have been murdered). It is nonetheless one of the neighborhoods God called us to three years ago and where we now have three locations ministering to about 400 children and their families.

I had just finished visiting kids on my route (we all do weekly personal visitations to build long term relationships with our kids and families) when out of nowhere a man's voice called out, "Pastor Scott!" Looking up I saw a man named Larry with his little step-son whom I hadn't seen in several months approaching me under the bridge. He gave me a hug, a handshake and with a big smile (which included a few missing teeth) said, "I've started going to church Pastor Scott. A man invited me about a month ago and he's been teaching me about God. I take my whole family every Sunday. I'm so happy now."

As he walked away from me I lifted my hands to heaven and thanked God. Another soul for Jesus! But how did all this happen? **It all started three years ago when we obeyed God and went to neighborhoods we had never been before; we started a ministry where we were not welcome and began loving kids and people unconditionally.** It was that we established our first Children's Activity Truck site (in Fifth Ward's Kelly Housing projects.) Somewhere along the line, Larry's three step-daughters and his step-son began coming to the meetings and heard about Jesus. Then they went home and told their dad about the goodness of God and the things they learned about in the Bible. It wasn't too long after that, Larry showed up at the site with his kids. I didn't know and

would only learn later, but Larry had been in prison for drugs and was still on parole and still a struggling alcoholic. Week in and week out we visited his family and invited them to come to the Children's Activity Truck meetings. Sometimes Larry would come to the meetings drunk and smelling of beer and smoke but he always was as respectful as he possibly could be. And when we preached the Word of God he was attentive.

There were also times when he would come to one or more of our meetings, walking miles to get there. Over time his drinking seemed to stop and I noticed he no longer wore dirty shirts. The last time I saw him before meeting him under the bridge he asked us to pray for him so he could find a job and he did. Then for some reason he stopped coming to the meetings.

Well, it seems God was ready for someone else to come and continue watering this precious life. Someone else heard God's call and continued the work by inviting Larry to their church.

What's important to remember is that it all began by reaching out to the kids. In turn these kids, through their changed lives and testimonies, greatly affected and impacted their parent's life, like Larry's kids did for him.

Larry is not alone. There are hundreds of other adults and parents giving their lives to Jesus Christ on a weekly basis in the inner-city of Houston because of the sidewalk ministries to their children. **The Children's Activity Truck is attracting thousands of kids and these kids are getting saved and telling others. If you know Jesus Christ, this is such good news that you just have to shout PRAISE THE LORD!**

The Bible promises us in Isaiah 55:11 that, "In the same way, my words leave my mouth, and they don't come back to me without results. My words make things happen that I want to happen. They succeed in doing the things I send them to do." That's a simple but powerful promise of God. The more we preach God's Word in public the more people get saved and find the joy of the abundant life that Jesus promised to all who believe. Take some time today and pray for these kids and families. Then ask God for someone to share his word with. It is something you will and never regret. We love you and thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Pastor Scott

