

Somehin' Good in the Hood

That's the name of our latest ministry for young teens. Not to long ago God put it on my heart to build a basketball court in the back of our building for inner-city kids. I realized that basketball was a very popular sport with our kids yet the public parks and play areas where they played was dangerous and for the most part run down, broken, if not altogether destroyed. Often times there were no nets, no rims, no seats and no lighting just to name a few of the problems.

So, we asked God to give us a basketball court and he did. We have a beautiful 40'x40' court that has twelve foot walls around it and decorated with urban art and outdoor lighting. Two weeks ago we had our first meeting called "Somehin' Good in the Hood." We picked up eight teens from one of the apartment projects we minister in and brought them to the Center to play basketball, eat dinner (fries and burgers) and watch a video illustrating the Biblical creation truth with a time of preaching and prayer. The kids loved it!

Afterwards a lot of them thanked us and asked if they could come again. They wanted to be there. That's truly Somehin' Good in the Hood and we can't wait to do it again!



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“We Want To Know God”

When people visit our ministry they are always amazed at the way the kids can at one moment be playing games, laughing, jumping and screaming and in the next moment become totally quiet and glued to every word of a teacher and then be brought to tears in prayer as the Holy Spirit heals and mends their wounded lives.

Yes, we have a method; there is a plan for getting kids to obey rules and to be quiet, through positive and negative reward systems. We follow a plan that has been used effectively for years in some of America's toughest inner-cities. It works and is effective in bringing kids into order. Some school teachers I have met have marveled at the success of the control we have over 80-100 kids at a time when they struggle with twenty-five in their own classrooms in the public schools that are on government property while our classrooms are the streets and parking lots of America's ghettos. Our chalk boards are three fourteen foot storage trucks. Our chairs are two rubber weather tarps laid on the ground side by side; one side for girls the other for boys. Our teachers are young people with no formal training or experience in inner-city missions. They are people that would not be allowed to serve at many churches much less get to the altar, people with no degrees; no experience no charisma, no pay checks, and no career path. As a matter of fact they have nothing except a willing heart to serve God and love people.

So, how does all this work? **First and foremost we are teaching kids, not lessons.** Some folks get the impression that all you have to do is complete a lesson and the kids will get it. Nothing could be further from the truth. These kids have real needs and need to be taught by someone who really loves them and really cares for them. Many people have tried to copy our work thinking that a program will teach the kids only to be shipwrecked within a few months. Because once they are confronted with the cost of the commitment and the faithfulness it requires, they bow out most of time, saying things like, “This must not be God's will.” **If every Christian who said that same thing when things got tough, refused to quit, then we would probably be in the midst of a national, if not worldwide revival.**

Secondly, there must be a desire to do what's right because it's the right thing to do. Anyone who teaches kids must know for sure, like parents, that there are going to be some tough days ahead. When a child is born that baby is a bundle of joy. Two months later it is dirty diapers and sleepless nights and after that spilled milk and broken furniture and after that a lifetime of commitment that changes in nature that really never goes away. We teach in any

conditions, rain and shine, sleet and snow, wind and waves, hot or cold. It's the same way every week. We arrive at the same time and in the same place where the kids are waiting on us because they expect us to be there. **We do it because it's the right thing to do not because we feel like it. We have to be people of commitment not people of preference to reach this generation for Christ.**

Thirdly, and most importantly we pray. All the commitment in the world and all the programs and teaching without Jesus in the middle of it would be absolutely worthless. It would look good on the outside but it would be dead on the inside. The Lord himself said, “Apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5. The “nothing” means all that which pertains to life or life in the Spirit. Children can be taught by anyone to read but how will they be born from above apart from God? So this is why we pray because a teacher of the Word of God knows that without the Spirit of God its dead letter. **So try as we do, as with everything in life, it's nothing without him and everything with him.**

What happens when committed people pray and teach? Simple, like last Saturday two five year old boys who didn't know each other stood in front of one of our CAT Truck leaders Ron Meier after the preaching of God's Word and asked without any prompting, “Please pray for us we want to know God.” Well Ron prayed for these kids and led them to Christ and now these are two little boys who love Jesus and are changed forever. That folks, is the Spirit of God moving on children's hearts.

Let's face it, that's what it's really all about and that's what we really want. We want to see these kids set free and come to the full knowledge of salvation. It is our desire to see their families come to God; to see lives rescued that would have otherwise perished. After all the singing is over and the church house is dark isn't that what we all want, isn't that after all what God wants?

I hope some of this has touched your heart like it has mine. I didn't plan to write this article. I had something else in mind but a person who was helping me write it suddenly disappeared. So God gave me this to say. And like so many other times in my life I was left alone with him to do it. May he bless and touch your lives. Please pray for us as we are in the process of planning mission trips to Toledo Ohio, Waco Texas and Chicago Illinois for the summer of 2008. These trips will help others in those cities to begin the Children's Activity Truck ministry for their children. The kids are waiting let's go get them and tell them about Jesus. Thank you for your faithful support of this life changing ministry.

Pastor Scott

