

A Mother's Story

I remember meeting Lydia Leos about seven years ago in an apartment housing project called Kennedy Place Apartments more accurately named and referred to by local residents as "The Bottom." It was a place full of drugs and prostitution and hot bed of gang fights and police actions certainly not a place for a single mom to raise eleven kids by herself. She came to the Children's Activity Truck one afternoon and the Lord told me to stop everything and pray for this woman and we did. Tears streamed down her face as she said that she wanted to die and had planned to kill herself later that day. She told me that she carried a gun and had planned to use it if anyone attacked her children. After prayer she said she felt better as if God had touched her and went home and returned the following week to the Children's Activity Truck meeting in her complex, and little by little the Lord began to change her life. This is her story in her unedited letter addressed to our ministry which we share with you the reader with her blessing.

"First I would like to introduce myself my name is Lydia I'm a mother of eleven and a grandmother of three and my wonderful friend and husband Fernando. It has almost been two years that I have been saved. When I met Pastor Scott it was back in 2004. Pastor Scott came knocking on my door at Kennedy Place Apartments. I thought they were just passing through. Those weeks became months and the months became years and my kids have been blessed by the Children's Activity Center. More than that we never thought we would become part of the CAC as we have faithfully volunteered on Saturday's these past two years. My children are now older and have received Jesus into their lives and what a blessing this is. This is just the beginning of our new lives. You see when I thought that everything was going wrong actually things were going right. God had a plan I couldn't see.

You see we lived in the projects for thirteen years. I would be afraid hearing gun shots inches from our bedroom window and guys doing drugs on my front porch. Those were the days when I just wanted out of life. I thought why live if I have to go through this nothing to offer my kids but a crazy life. I would ask God "Why me Why?" But then I realized that God had put me in the projects for a reason he wanted me to seek him and that is what I did. I needed God in my life! I then attended services at CAC on Saturday with my family. Pastor Scott would always pray for us. After the years passed I met Miss Gilda and she to touched my heart as she would always pray for me and my family.

The years have gone by and me and my family have moved out of the projects and now live in a five bedroom house with a big backyard. The amazing part of this is that there are no more gun shots and no more drugs. When I thought that everything looked impossible it was possible. When you have God in your life everything changes and he did it for me and my family and he can do it for you too. We want to thank thee staff of CAC for always being there for us and for not giving up on us. Thank you so much and keep up the good work. You have touched our lives with the Word of God. We love you Pastor Scott and Miss Gilda. Thank you for believing in us. God loves you all for the wonderful job you do for others. "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1.

Folks God knows the beginning from the end. And I have to constantly remind myself that the Lord has the last say in every life. He has the last Word. It wasn't to long ago when I was complaining to God about the lack of laborers coming from churches and elsewhere to help us in this ministry. You could say I was having sort of a pity for myself. Then God opened my eyes to realize that the laborers themselves were in fact the single moms and prostitutes and kids in the inner-city. Jesus says in Luke 7:47, "He who has been forgiven much also loves much." I think more than anything that a true New Testament church is made up mostly of new converts rather than transfers. Instead of trying to search for the perfect church why not bring the lost in with you and grow the Kingdom of God in a real way. Besides this, and we all know this to be true, when we find a perfect church the minute we walk in it won't be perfect anymore.

Like the woman who broke the bottle of ointment (Luke 7:44) on Jesus and wiped his feet with her tears so are people like Lydia and her family. The desperately lost and hurting once touched by the Lord have a degree of faithfulness unparalleled in service to the King. The Lord is searching for such the lost and lonely. And you know what? I don't think you have to go to the inner-city to find them. There are people all around you like this maybe in your own household or you school or your place of business. Believe me they are out there. You just have to be willing to reach out. Go ahead just do it I know you can. O what joy there is for the fisher of men. Thanks for the offerings last month. They were fantastic. Be blessed always.

Pastor Scott

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. **Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)**



Kick Off

Well we are off again and running as we kicked off the school year with our annual backpack giveaways. Over 2000 kids in 15 different locations in the inner-city received a new backpack to start off the school year with. They also heard a powerful salvation message entitled "Jesus Saves" to go with John 3:16. There were many salvations and rededications to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful for all who gave into this life changing project.

Also joining us this year and new to the ministry were Luke Yagelski 18 of Spring Texas. Luke decided rather than going to college right away he would like to spend some time on the mission field in the inner-city. Paul Kay 39 of Phoenix Arizona who has just completed leadership training with Teen Challenge. Brian Halley 38 from Clarksville Tennessee who has just completed mission trips with Youth with a Mission and Julia Achleitner 20 from Austria who will be in the United States with us until December. (Below is a picture of our current staff)

God has truly blessed us with these new brothers and a sister in Christ. They have come at a time of our greatest need. A time when we needed the help to reach 500 more kids in six new locations in the City of Houston. We would ask you the reader to pray for them as well as our entire staff as we sail into uncharted territory for the Lord. There is much more to be done. Look forward to speaking to you again next month. Below is a picture of our new staff and interns.



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 most desperately need it. Weekly visitations to the homes of attending children helps us share the life changing message of Jesus with the entire family. Donations matter and are tax deductible. Donations can be made through our website via PayPal.

Senior Pastor: Scott Binkley Administrative Director: Gilda Duncan

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"We believe that every child 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."

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