



KICKO KIDS NEWS

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The Force of God's Presence

Watching raging flood waters in Australia toss vehicles around like they were matchbox cars got me to thinking about other forces, sometimes unseen, but with outcomes that are often just as powerful. Children who grow up in our inner cities are being shaped by the forces around them—good or evil. The times in which we live make it more important than ever to reach and teach children godly principles upon which they must build their lives.

doing for the past 15 years and will continue to do in 2011.



Recently, Junisha (above) , one of our teens sent us a Facebook message to express how she feels: *“Hey Mr. Bill hope all is well with the holidays and things . . . Will you tell Mrs. Janice that I love her lots and she has made a huge impact on my life. I’ve experienced so much and Mrs. Janice has always been there for me and everyone who needs her, and without her leading me and telling me what God wants I don’t think I’d be the same person I am today. Without KICKO I wouldn’t even have thought to place my mind on God or to let Him touch my heart and I am sooo thankful for KICKO.—love ya lots :)”*

Beginning in late February our teams will visit over 1,200 children each week, personally inviting them to attend Sidewalk SONday School. On average, eight hundred of those children will choose to attend their Sunday school to hear about God’s love for them and that He has a wonderful plan for their lives—even though they live in a place where all the forces around them are often saying otherwise.

Raising a generation to follow Jesus is worth whatever it takes! You can join us in taking the force of God’s presence into a barren place and see lives changed. If you can’t “go” then help send those who can—become a monthly sponsor of KICKO’s Sidewalk Sunday School ministry to “the least of these” in our own city. God will bless you. Become a part of the “Force of God’s Presence.”

We spend a lot of time speaking words of encouragement and comfort to the children who come to Sunday school. Often this is just to reverse bad words that have been spoken to them. Maybe that’s why they come because the love they get and the kind words make them feel like “somebody special.”

Do the kids respond? Well, you be the judge. When I go to Western Heights for visitation, the kids mob me—not because I am a rock star but because they know I love them. They are all so excited about Sunday school and can’t wait for the team to show up with the truck for their site. In fact, at one of our sites (Austin Homes) we have no indoor location when it rains, but it is very common to see 40 children standing in the rain to hear the lesson. Jesus told us to “go” into the world and make disciples and that is exactly what we have been

Because of His amazing grace . . .

Bill & Janice Clark

Current Needs List

- ⇒ Volunteers for Sunday School
- ⇒ Monthly financial partners

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Mobilizing the Message of Hope—Changing the inner city one child at a time .

Points to Ponder . . .

**“It is better to build boys and girls
than to repair men and women.”**

Bill Wilson, Founder Metro Ministries, Brooklyn NY

News and Notes—

In Jesus Name—

Making a difference in a life is not really that difficult. It does require time and often costs a “piece of your heart.” But I have found that my heart is bigger than imagined and there is room in it for others. My capacity to love has been greatly enriched by my willingness to get out of my comfort zone and reach out. So if God is calling you to make a difference in the life of someone—come and join us as a volunteer and see how He can use you to touch others in Jesus name.

**Visit us on
the Web at
www.kicko.org**

Announcement:

We are trying to cut costs. If you want to receive your newsletter electronically, email us your email address with “eLetter” in the subject line to kids@kicko.org.

Mission from God—

At the very heart of what we do is a mission from God to help raise up a generation of children to know and love Him. So many people look down on the kids in our inner city. But God sees something different. He sees each one of them as who **He “created them to be.”** He sees their potential. *Our mission is to equip and empower the children living in our inner city to discover their God given destiny—as He intended.*