



KICKO KIDS NEWS

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Beautiful Little Feet

Current Needs List

- ⇒ **Volunteers for Sunday School**
 - ⇒ **Monthly financial partners**
 - ⇒ **15 Passenger Van for youth ministry**
- See KICKO Classified ads at www.kicko.org for more details**

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Visitation is the backbone of this ministry. During visitation relationships are built with children and their families. We hand out flyers inviting the kids to attend Sunday School in their neighborhood. Each child is visited every week, either at home or at their area Boys & Girls Club. With Spring semester in full swing, it is time to visit the children once again.

Usually on visitation, one or two kids will tag along to help hand out flyers and tell their friends about Sunday School. It struck me how free they are in doing this. They are so excited to invite their friends. Recently while I was in Walter P Taylor Homes I thought how wonderful their joy and excitement really is. Many adults in the body of Christ have a hard time telling others about Jesus and often if they do it lacks a sense of excitement and joy.

These children are not fearful of telling their friends and acquaintances about Jesus. Many times they go and knock on doors that might otherwise be missed. If a child is new to the neighborhood, they quickly draw them in and tell them all about Sunday School and urge them to come!

As I was reflecting on their joy to spread the good news while on visitation, a Scripture came to mind about how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. The verse is Isaiah 52:7 and says, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"

I thought to myself how beautiful these little children are in their delight of spreading good news with those in their communities. The children are even a great witness to their parents and others

in the community. I am so delighted to see their excitement in anticipation of another semester of Sunday School. Together, we have the opportunity to declare that God reigns in inner city Knoxville.

The parents and the club staff are also glad to have us back for the spring semester because many of them attend the program as well. Often the staff take time to review the memory verses with the children which helps the kids retain what they learn during the lesson. Each week, the kids are eager to tell me what they learned the previous week.

It is only through your prayers and support that we are able to take the good news to these children. We have a wonderful spring semester proclaiming salvation through Jesus Christ. I hope you will come out and join us and see the smiling faces and beautiful feet of these children who are so eager to share the good news with their friends and community.

Because of His amazing grace. . . Alisha

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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—

Hearing the Gospel—

At-risk children in our area deserve the chance to hear the good news of Jesus. The inner city of Knoxville is full of children who do not go to church and do not know the Lord. It is up to those who name the name of Jesus as our Savior and Lord to tell everyone about this amazing God who loves them as much as He loves us. Join us on the field, or if you can't, consider financially supporting those who go? No gift is too small. There are many who we have not yet reached.

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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.*