



December 4, 2010

Friends,

On Tuesday night, December 14th, we had our first Sidewalk SONday School meeting at the Teen Challenge center, we discussed important points and made a few decisions about the launching of this new ministry here in Baltimore. Again, I want to emphasize that our children's futures are at stake and God is unctioning me to push forward with programs in the inner city to rescue them from the onslaught of Satan who wants to destroy them. We must reach them before the drug man or the Gang bangers.

We will meet again on Friday morning at Trinity church, 10:00 AM, and then each month at least once from January - April before launching this ministry May 7. Here are a few things discussed and decided on for getting started:

1. Five locations we want to focus on are parks in the areas we want to reach into primarily, they are Clifton, Patterson, Madison Square, Bocek and Druid Hill.
2. Times that we want to consider each week with at least four teams. They would be Friday evenings between 6:00 and 8:30 PM, Saturday mornings 9:00-11:00 PM, 1:00-3:00 PM, 6:00- 8:30 PM, and Sundays at 5:00-7:00 PM. Preferably we would have two trucks by the time the summer comes, but we could have four different times and locations even with just one truck.
3. Trucks would be purple and black to be recognized throughout the city, designs on the trucks are still not decided upon, we need others opinions for this direction.
4. Characters discussed are, the Baltimore Raven mascot, Superman returns, and Yogi Bear who is used with Metro Ministries around the country.
5. Programs were not discussed yet, but we are interested in children's and youth pastors input here, particularly allowing each team to be creative in their way of presenting the gospel. The gospel must be emphatically presented with the idea of reaching these children for Christ and eventually their entire families. Drama, puppets, games, clowns, competition, are all in play, but the weekly Bible stories must be well planned those participating must realize we are missionaries to a new generation.

This truck will be the weekly presence of God in the neighborhood. We will literally be the pastors on sight and maybe some will never go to a church building. We hope to direct them to a local church, but if they do not go we want to be able to bless them and meet their spiritual needs. Even during the winter months we will pray God gives us a place to meet together. I ask you to pray about this ministry and your part in it. I have felt God called me to begin this work before I ever accepted the position of Director of Teen Challenge. It's time for all of us to realize that denomination and titles mean very little when it comes to touching people. I believe God wants us to put these things aside and work together as one team concentrating on need at hand, a city and children that need to know the savior.

Please invite me and our Teen Challenge team to come share this vision with your church or civic group. Get back in touch with me also and let me know if God is speaking to you about this ministry. I will be able to tap you into our next meetings of development of our four teams.

Be blessed,

Bill

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