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# IT'S SIMPLE...

Many people assume sharing the gospel is only about trying to convert new people to Christianity. Ultimately, converting someone to Christianity is the work of the Holy Spirit. Spreading the gospel is a way for us to partner with the Holy Spirit in that work.

But evangelism doesn't have to mean making your best sales pitch for Christianity to anyone who will listen. And drawing new believers isn't the only reason for sharing the gospel. Evangelism itself often has more to do with building relationships than building a case for Christianity. In fact, most evangelists look more like the neighbor who offers to shovel a snowy driveway than the street preacher who peddles salvation like a heavenly retirement plan.

When you're unsure what to say to someone, listening to what they have to say is often a suitable place to start. And sharing the gospel is no exception.

The gospel is meant to be good news. That means it must be good to whoever is receiving the message. But we don't all receive the same things as good news. And the good news a person needs to hear about the gospel can change based on what is happening in their life. So, sharing the gospel often starts with asking, what does good news mean for the person in front of you right now?

Many think they don't have enough bible knowledge to share the Gospel, but that's a lie of the enemy! The Gospel is the story of God's mercy made available to men by faith. It is designed to meet the universal need of men everywhere. The Apostle Paul condensed to two sentences the essence of the Gospel: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures ... and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

The simplicity of the Gospel has been lost and replaced by a multiplicity of words, opinions, questions, and denials. The Gospel is simple, so keep it that way! YOU are called...yes, YOU!

*Go build the kingdom!*  
Andrea

*See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10*



Our mission is to empower youth to pursue their God-given potential and step into their Kingdom calling. Our hearts burn to see youth truly know who they are in Christ and awaken them to the greatness inside of them. We claim generational chains of poverty, teen pregnancy, addiction, and abuse to be broken in the name of Jesus!







# WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

## ISSUES WE HAVE FACED WITH THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE OPENLY DISCUSSED THESE WITH US:

- Pregnancy scares and miscarriage
- Gang idolizing
- Same sex attraction
- Transgender confusion
- Violence
- Surrounded by drugs in the family
- Family members in jail
- Neglect from birth parent (given over to someone else (not legally) so they continue to get Government money for that child)
- Vape
- Lack of food in the home
- Bullying

## CHILD POVERTY BY STATE (US Census Report 2022):

- Among the highest were Mississippi (27.7%), **Louisiana (26.9%)** and the District of Columbia (23.9%). (These estimates are not significantly different from one another.)

## SOME IMPACTS WE HAVE SEEN:

- No more curse words
- Youth praying
- Baptisms
- Eagerness to attend church
- Disagreement resolution
- Thinking that they will end up like a parent and jail...knowing they are growing to be a man of God!
- Intercession for the children
- Deeper understanding (split age groups for biblical talks)
- Excitement of getting out of their poverty surrounding
- Random acts of kindness to others
- Beautiful friendships formed with other kids

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*"Real change comes with relationships, self-worth and empowering gifts and talents. There is too much handout with no relationship built, which leads to expectation. This in turn become a cycle for the younger generation. It's time to break the cycle!"*

