



WHAT IS OUR WHY?

Think back to the bible where the enemy tried to kill off Moses and Jesus as a baby. The enemy has been after children for a long time and today it is a blatant attack on the minds of our youth. This is our next generation! If we do not step in to teach them who they are in Christ, then the world will teach them worldly identity and we see what that looks like. When dealing with this generation, it can be daunting as we see what they are surrounded by on a daily basis. If only a small seed is planted then it is all worth it! These children have so much to offer, but they cannot see it right now. We cannot sit back and think someone else will help them...we are called to teach this next generation, not only with words, but our actions.

Children's brains develop connections faster in the first 7 years than at any other time in their lives. This is the time when the foundations for learning, health and behavior throughout life are laid down. What age group are you seeing the most evil influence today...toddlers through elementary school!

We need bold parents to stand up against the corruption and lies fed to our children. We need spiritual moms and dad to step in and to protect these children. How do we do that? We must build relationships and spend time mentoring and discipling them! That's what we do at NELA Youth. We build a relationship with these children by investing time with them and their families. It's building that trust so we can speak life over them and teach them who they are in Christ!

Many of the children we deal with are mostly single mom homes and it can get overwhelming for them. We see them just trying to survive, so we step in to show them there is so much more in this life! It is truly a mindset of bondage that must be broken. We must rise up and step out of our comfort zones. So, go be the hands and feet of Jesus and watch what He will do in our community! Do you want change? Then be the change!

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!

OUR AMAZING TEAM

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GO build the Kingdom! Andrea Greer





HIGHLIGHTS:



June outreach we learned about identity and not comparing, as well as being connected to others who will be a good influence, not those who try to get you to do bad things. We also talked about how God has great things for them! Summer is kicking off with lots of outings and home visits. We are having fun celebrating birthdays as well! We currently have 47 kids and growing. We always need volunteers!

THERE MUST BE SOLUTIONS!

June's youth outreach left us heartbroken. I asked 30 kids what they want to be when they grow up and only four had a dream. I heard things like, "sit on the couch", "nothing", "play video games" and even "join a gang". I had to step back and ask what happened to kids dreaming big. How would they know if they do not see it? The heartbreak comes because we see the greatness these kids carry, but there is no drive to do better. We are going to do everything possible to help these children dream big and step into what the Lord has for them. We have already scheduled guest speakers to come in to give them ideas and encourage them to dream big! We know this is a spiritual battle over this generation, so we ask you to join us in prayer that other anointed laborers would rise up to plant and water in their lives and that they would grow in who God created them to be.

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- Food donations (pizza, snacks, waters, etc.) for every first Saturday of the month Youth Outreach.
- Bible crafts and give-aways
- Financial donations

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EVERY PERSON YOU SEE IS SOMEONE JESUS THOUGHT ENOUGH OF TO DIE FOR, REMEMBER THAT IN HOW YOU TREAT OTHERS.



Someday you'll be really grateful that God gave you what you needed instead of what you thought you wanted.



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