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Our mission is to empower youth to pursue their Godgiven 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 Board of Advisors:

Bryan Jones (President/Business Advisor) Bryan Ponsell (Vice President/Pastoral Advisor) Mandy Brakefield (Deliverance Advisor) Alexi Markou (Evangelism Advisor) Kassie Ponsell Debbie Gaines Andrea Greer (Founder)

### Youth Prayer Partners:

Laura Fields, Stephanie Jones, Brittany & Josh Hatten, Bryan & Kassie Ponsell, Jamie Berry, Mickie Jones, Bryan Jones, Ainsley Makou, Alexi Markou, Andrea Greer What is love? The world says, "I will do what I want that makes me feel good" and to love we must agree with that. Biblical love says, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." This includes sacrifice and obedience. As we see our children being targeted with evil and it being accepted in our country, we must ask what we are doing about it? What is the church doing about it? We can no longer be passive and conform thinking that is love. We cannot point fingers and blame. However, we can come with solutions!

Let's look at a typical life of a child today. They lack discipline and bible training, as it's been taken out of schools and most leadership roles. We see entitlement, low attention spans and corrupt social media invading their minds. The results of this is no desire to earn and they have no dreams or goals leading to adult children still living at home or on government support with no skills to have career or support a family.

It can be overwhelming sometimes and feel like you are fighting a losing battle. But rest assure, if you are doing even the smallest thing to pour into someone else, you are doing Kingdom work. Think about what you can do to help someone else today. God has bestowed special gifts upon you, so let's share it with others. If you have a heart for our youth, please speak life over them. Just a word of encouragement can change the course of their lives. If you have a special skill, take the time and teach them.

Most of all, we must pray and intercede for our children. This is spiritual before physical and it has been a pattern since biblical times. This is not new. The beautiful news is that in Christ, WE WIN! We are called to go and make disciples, so let's do just that with a sacrificial, obedient kind of love!

YOU HAVE A PURPOSE...GO BUILD THE KINGDOM! ANDREA GREER

love ×

July youth outreach was amazing! We had special guest, Jerome King, come speak to the kids about knowing who they are and no matter what the circumstance, they are special and can do great things in life! He demonstrated ripping a phone book with his teeth and breaking a baseball bat in half! He had their full attention! Our goal is to have guest speakers each month to inspire these kiddos to dream and have goals. We are having a blast with per family outings were we can mentor the kids!

## REWARDS PROGRAM .... "EARN"

Our winners for most points earned by good behavior, helping others and random acts of kindness (every 4 months): CeCe Green, Fatman Jenkins, George Jenkins, VJ Jenkins, Desaree, Jonmiesha Gray, Ja'Niyah



# NELA YOUTH NEEDS

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

"THE THINGS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO OUR HEARTS ARE THE THINGS WE TALK ABOUT, AND IF GOD IS CLOSE TO YOUR HEART, YOU WILL TALK ABOUT HIM!" AWAN DE GOD

### You can't cast out flesh You have to crucify it!!!

As Christians we can't make a difference if we're not different.

OUR DREAM LIST

A location in Monroe or WM

we can call home for these kids

• A van to fit the kids





## DONATE AT NELAYOUTH.ORG

Where do my financial donations (since establishment)?

22.69% Family mentor outings 15.76% Family emergency/Funeral for a child 12.59% Youth outreach events 5.93% Christmas child program 2.60% Birthday program .79% Rewards program .20% Youth scholarship program 9.52% Tithes to help other youth

(National & International)
9.41% Operations
6.59% Travel
6.41% Office supplies, mail outs
0% Admin/Staff

6.57% Savings for a future location & van to carry the children

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