



YOUTH EVANGELISM

What is most important in raising kids? It's giving them a foundation in Christ. At NELA Youth, we teach evangelism through giving scripture bracelets and telling others that Jesus loves them. It teaches them to think of others and get out of their comfort zones. We are also prepping for feeding the homeless on the streets.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. In the Gospel of Luke 22:24-27

Studies show when you help others, it promotes positive physiological changes in the brain associated with happiness. These rushes are often followed by longer periods of calm and can eventually lead to better well-being. Helping others improves social support, encourages us to lead a more physically active lifestyle, distracts us from our own problems, allows us to engage in a meaningful activity and improves our self-esteem and competence.

Did you catch that important part? "It distracts us from our own problems." This life is not about us. The more we focus on self, the more our perspective is turned inward causing over-active emotions, anxiety, depression, etc. Our focus must be on Jesus. He is all that matters. We are to be like Him and He came to serve!

Helping others in need, especially those who are less fortunate than yourself, can provide a real sense of perspective and make you realize how BLESSED you are, enabling you to stop focusing on what you feel you are missing - helping you to achieve a more positive outlook on the things that may be causing you stress.

Our goal is to teach these Kingdom qualities to the children so that when storms arise, which they will, they know how to stand firm.

Be the hands & feet of Jesus!~ Andrea Greer Jones



NELA CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sponsor signups begin **November 1**. We have 50 children in our area in need of a special Christmas. Wrapped gifts will be due by Dec. 20th. Get details & signup online at nelayouth.org. Let's make this holiday one full of overwhelming love!



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HIGHLIGHTS

At our October outreach, we had Curly the dog trainer teach us about what to do around dogs, especially those that are stray. We have children who have been bitten and attacked by stray dogs. It was beautiful to see some of them conquer their fear of dogs!

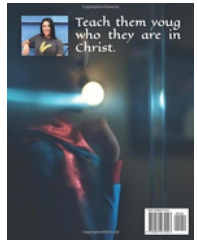
We got to celebrate the heavenly birthday of our loved Kamarien. It was so beautiful to see this family release many balloons with loving messages.



HAPPY
Birthday



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NOVEMBER DEVO

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

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." "It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God." (2 Corinthians 3:5)

LET'S PRAY

I believe there is freedom through your son Jesus Christ. He is my Savior, my Rock, and my Redeemer. I want to tell everyone I know about the renewed life found through a relationship with Him, but I feel like I lack the boldness to do what you've called me to do. Help me have boldness through the power of your Holy Spirit.

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NELA YOUTH NEEDS

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



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