A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our school supply drive. Your generosity ensures that our children have everything they need for this school year!

IN OUR BACKYARDS

I am deeply troubled by the experiences some of these young individuals go through. Since 2020, we have encountered various challenges, but the one that affects me the most is sex trafficking. Our interactions have involved children who have been trafficked by their parents, those exploited online through social media, and even children with family members engaged in this evil act.

"We have a major issue here in the United States" Geoff Rogers, co-founder of the United States Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT), said in an interview with Fox News. "The United States is the No. 1 consumer of sex worldwide. So we are driving the demand as a society."

"We're also driving the demand with our own people, with our own kids," Rogers said. "So there are tremendous numbers of kids, a multitude of kids that are being sold as sex slaves today in America. These are American kids, American-born, 50 percent to 60 percent of them coming out of the foster care industry."

I never imagined we would witness this firsthand in our own communities. For parents, it's crucial to supervise your children's social media activity and be mindful of their companions.

Reports from different organizations indicate that 500,000 predators are online every day, endangering minors who interact on social platforms.

A concerning trend is the search for validation on social media, driven by an identity crisis. Many young individuals express aspirations to become social media influencers, focusing on gaining followers. This behavior can lead them to mistakenly believe a peer is contacting them, when in fact, it could be a predator.

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Luke 17:1-2

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

How can we make a difference? By engaging in prayer, educating the children on these subjects, and teaching identity in Christ so they avoid seeking validation from the world.

Together we can storm the gates of Heaven to protect these children!

Andrea G. Jones

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MATTHEW 18:10

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HIGHLIGHTS

- During our August outreach, we dove into the concepts of dunamis power, authority, the supernatural, and the significance of spending intimate time with Jesus.
- To add a fun twist, we organized a marshmallow eating contest for the kids and engaged them in a craft centered on the theme of who fills the "gap"... JESUS!!!
- A special class tailored for our NELA kids has been established by the Assembly, and we are witnessing divine movements! When I go to pick them up, I often find them on stage worshiping or in moments of tranquility with the Lord. Yes Jesus!!
- Our young boxers were rewarded with t-shirts for their dedication throughout the summer. Stay tuned for the announcement of new scholarships and awards at our upcoming outreach event.

HAPPY SEPT BIRTHDAY

Anna, McKenzie & Makayla

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- PRAYER FOR THE KIDS
- Pizza (10-12) donation for our 1st Sat. outreach
- Snack size chips & drinks for outings
- Financial donations

SEPT DEVO

Through faith in Christ Jesus, you all become children of God. Those baptized into Christ are enveloped with His presence. In Christ, distinctions like Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female fade away, as you are unified in Christ. As part of Christ, you inherit the promises of Abraham. (Galatians 3:26-29)

We are heirs, we are His beloved children, the highest honor! Through Jesus, we are elevated as God's children. His perfect life covers our sins, presenting us as faultless, though the world may view God as a just Judge.

It is through God's mercy, by faith in Christ, that we are declared children of God. Our esteemed position in Christ is not earned but solely rooted in God's grace, offered to us despite our sins. Christ's death grants us the right to become God's children through faith in His name.

With the veil lifted, we have access to Heaven and are granted AUTHORITY! Consider this deeply. Through Christ, we are transformed spiritually into a new, SUPERNATURAL LIFE! Do you truly know your identity in Christ and are you living in this supernatural realm? It means aligning your thoughts, sight, and focus with the Kingdom. Fear and passivity hold no sway as you see others through Christ's eyes. Your aim shifts from worldly pursuits to building the Kingdom. Obedience and surrender to Him bring joy and come naturally. You realize the spiritual realm surpasses the physical, and the most profound times are those spent intimately with Him.

The time has come, the Kingdom is near; repent and embrace the gospel. (Mark 1:15) The Kingdom is within reach. Embrace what He has already accomplished!

LET'S PRAY
Father, I am grateful for Your abundant grace and overflowing mercy! You lifted me from darkness and established me on Christ, my foundation. Through faith in Him, I am called a Child of God! Cleanse me and empower me to advance Your Kingdom wholeheartedly! Praise be to Your name! Amen

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