



# The Power of Speaking Life



Many of the children we serve hear negative messages every day. Growing up in environments marked by poverty, violence, instability, or broken relationships can cause young people to believe they are trapped by their circumstances or that they have little value.

That is why speaking life into children is so important.

Proverbs 18:21 tells us that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Words have the power to build up or tear down. At NELA Youth, we intentionally remind our youth that they are loved, valuable, and created by God for a purpose. We teach them that their past does not define them, their neighborhood does not determine their future, and their circumstances do not limit what God can do in their lives.

Changing a mindset takes time and discipline.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:112*

Romans 12:2 teaches us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This means replacing lies with truth and learning to see ourselves the way God sees us.

God does not make mistakes. Every child has unique gifts, talents, and a purpose. When young people begin to understand their identity in Christ, they gain confidence, make better choices, and begin to believe that a different future is possible.

Thank you for helping us speak life, hope, and purpose into the next generation. Together, we are helping youth renew their minds, discover their God-given worth, and build a brighter future.

All for His glory!  
Andrea Jones & the NELA Youth team



# HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hawaiian Water Wars Day:** At our June outreach, we enjoyed a Hawaiian-themed Water Wars Day filled with water games, laughter, and fun. We also learned how God's Kingdom often operates opposite of the world's way of thinking, teaching us humility, service, and putting others first.
- **Girls' Thrift Shopping Reward Trip:** Seven girls earned a thrift shopping trip through their hard work and positive choices. Afterward, they participated in a fashion show featuring their purchases, and the top two vote-getters received prizes.
- **Caney Lake Reward Outing:** Our top 10 earners enjoyed a reward trip to the Caney Lake beach area for a day of swimming, games, and fellowship. The outing celebrated their positive attitudes, participation, and commitment to making good choices.



NELA Youth is a mobile, Christ-centered nonprofit dedicated to mentoring and restoring some of the most vulnerable children in our region. We meet them right where they are, bringing hope into places marked by brokenness and guiding them toward healing and identity in Christ.

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**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, thank You for every child You have placed in our care. Help them see themselves through Your eyes and not through the labels or limitations the world places on them. Renew their minds, strengthen their hearts, and reveal the purpose You have for their lives. May our words always speak life, hope, and encouragement. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- PRAYER FOR THE KIDS
- Volunteer at our monthly outreach meetings
- Pizza (10-12) donation for our Sat. outreach
- Gas cards
- Snack size chips & drinks
- Financial donations