

Friends and Partners of Seek God Ministries:

It is Saturday today as I begin writing this, and that is Kingdom Celebration day for us. Kingdom Celebration is a ministry we started when we came to The Philippines over three years ago. It began as Kingdom Kids but the kids got bigger and we wanted to open it up to every one because the messages we were teaching are needed by all ages. We teach God's word, have testimonies and worship. The kids always have so many testimonies. Once again we had an awesome time of worship this morning. The presence of God was so powerful and I was so happy to see kids and the youth worshipping with all their heart. We truly have an exuberant celebration of God's love at Kingdom Celebration. Once again we had street kids travel to our place to join us, today we had seven. This is the third week in a row that they have traveled to our place for Kingdom Celebration.

Last Saturday we had five street kids come. When they came Gerald was not with them. Gerald is the kid I highlighted in the last newsletter. We have known Gerald for more than three years, since he was 12, he is now 15. When I first met Gerald he asked if I would adopt him and I said ok but we were not ready to take in kids at that time. Since then we have seen him from time to time in the big market area or he would come to our house. He has asked several times if he could live with us.

On the left is Gerald about three years ago he was 11 or 12; on the right Gerald now at 15 years old



The kids told us that Gerald had been arrested in the market for stealing an egg. Gerald was now being held in the place where they take juveniles. The kids described to us how when the police catch you stealing they make you put your hand out with your fingers bunched together and pointing up then they hit the tips of your fingers with the but of their pistol. Then they take you to

the place where they hold the kids. The kids also came back on Sunday last week. It was a busy noisy day and I did not get to talk with the kids or pay much attention to them. So I told them they could come back on Monday. They were so happy to hear that.

Monday morning they came early there were seven kids. They said that they had been up all night collecting plastic bottles and things they can sell to the recycle shop so they could have money for transportation to come to our place. They were tired and hungry but they fell asleep before we could feed them. A couple hours later Gerald showed up with two other kids so we then had ten kids. He had escaped, which is not too hard to do according to the kids. I asked if while he was in custody did they try to find his parents and he said no. I am sure they know him and they know his situation very well by now.



Gerald was angry and wanted to fight one of the kids for bringing his "enemies" to our place. That is when I found out some of the kids are Muslims. We have many Muslims in our area there is even a Mosque. I got excited about that news because Muslims need Jesus. So before gang warfare could start at our house I was able to have them all sit down together and listen to me talk about God.



They listened and even seemed to absorb what I said. I believe the Holy Spirit was working on all of them. I told them that there is only one way to come to God, Who is the Father of love, and that is through Jesus Christ. I quoted scriptures and emphasized that Jesus and the Father paid a high price for each of them. I also emphasized that God is love, He is not angry and He wants to adopt each one of them as His son. I talked about how everything good comes from the true God and how we can experience His love, joy, and peace through His Holy Spirit. When I asked them if they had accepted Jesus in their heart before they all said that they had. Afterward they all seemed to be friends. We fed them and they slept again. It was really hot and the tile in our church court yard was a cool place to lay.

The kids continue to ask us to adopt them or they ask can I live with you. We told them again that we are trying to purchase and prepare a home for them. We know that many of you are praying with us and we can feel your prayers. We have a supernatural peace about the big house. It must be supernatural because we are a couple weeks away from a very big payment being due and we do not have the money. We need about \$20,000 US dollars and we only have about \$2,000 dollars for the house so far.

During the worship at Kingdom Celebration the presence of God was so strong. I told the Lord that even if we failed to be able to purchase "The Father's Glory House" that we will continue to do the best we can with what we have; because every kid that we can touch with God's love can become a Father's glory house. We are vessels of His glory. As I looked out at the kids worshipping my heart was overwhelmed with the thought of what a privilege we have to be a part of what God is doing here.



Then I looked over at the street kids and I could see that they really wanted to participate more in the worship but they kept looking at each other to see if it would be accepted by the group. They all sang the songs and some of them would jump when everyone else was jumping with a song. A couple of the braver street kids began to raise their hands then they all did, because on the inside they all wanted to. One thing I know they were touched by the presence of God. The photo above shows the street kids beginning to enter into worship. We never force the kids; our strategy is always to provide a safe environment of God's presence, nurture with love and the Word of God, and let the Holy Spirit do the work. He does.

One advantage we now have is some momentum. We have enough kids and adults that have matured in the Lord now to help us with the new ones we bring in. The Kingdom Celebration kids are very accepting of the street kids and they are always trying to encourage them in the Lord and praying for them. When the street kids come they are welcome at Kingdom Celebration and in the church. The street kids are not welcome in many places here. In many stores and malls guards keep them out. Sometimes the guards even beat the kids when they get very annoyed with them.

The longer a kid is on the street the more difficult it is for them to begin a whole new life which has structure. They have to be willing to give up some of their control. However, for God it is possible in fact we are all in that process of learning to say to the Father not my will but yours be done. I am planning to cover the transformation process of a street kid more in the next newsletter.

The Father's Glory House – Transformation Center will be a great tool to help us rescue many kids from the streets. The kids that we have targeted are the ones who no one else is helping in fact most people, organizations, and government institutions have given up on them. When the kids finally loose hope and give up on themselves they go into accelerated self destructive behavior that will kill them if no one will help them. Ironically when the kid gets to that place they are ready for change and will readily put their faith and hope in Jesus Christ. They are then ready for a new life and will embrace their new life with great thanksgiving. If there is no one to help them at that point they may die. We have known some kids who have died already.



This huge house is a great opportunity. However, we need \$20,000 US dollars in the next couple of weeks so that we do not go into default on the loan. With just \$125,000 US dollars we could pay it off completely. You can learn more about the house and our vision for it at <http://www.seekgod.org/fgh/>

If you are not a part of this ministry please pray and ask the Lord what He would have you do. If you are helping us with prayers and financial giving we thank you. You are a vital part of everything we are able to do. With your help we will continue to seek and to save that which is lost. We want to see Jesus receive His full reward. Many of these kids are part of His reward.

As I said last time the Lord is going to raise up many street kids who will become powerful street ministers. The Father's Glory – Transformation Center is an awesome opportunity for such a time as this.

We love you, and pray God's blessings on you and your family,

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