

# Kingdom Builders Newsletter

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## Wholly Committed Leadership

We are wholly committed to serving others and to being positive role models. We seek to allow the Lord, through His word and the Holy Spirit to guide our understanding and our actions in serving others and helping those in need.

Everyone in leadership must be willing to support the mission of the ministry, have a heart to serve and willing to use their God given talents to impact the city for the purpose of bringing people into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Being a leader requires the desire and ability to live responsibly. People will respect you more as a leader and be encouraged to do their best when they know that those in leadership have self-control.

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## Are The Church Doors Closed?

12 years ago I traveled to Tennessee for a Church gathering. Every year this church with its many branches in many states come together for a week of preaching and worship services. It was during this time that my eyes were open to something amiss. A special meeting had been called for a small group of parents and guardians of a group of wayward teenagers. These kids, their parents and grand parents had been raised in this church organization and most had traveled from out of town to attend this yearly event. It seemed there had been a brawl, threats were made and a rumor that a knife was an intended weapon. My cousin was one of those kids. His guardian was his great aunt, because of her age I asked if I could accompany her to this meeting, she agreed. As I sat with my elderly aunt I looked around the room.



Standing more awkwardly than defiant were the 6 accused and convicted young men. Seated were their mostly elderly female caretakers with the remaining being young single mothers. I saw on the faces of these women hope that this meeting would help them by helping their sons. To my horror what was said to the children was, "We will not have you disturb our good time, either you behave yourselves or we are going to have you thrown into jail until the conference is over." It was like I could hear the thoughts of the elderly

women "I am so tired and I don't know what to do, I have no one to help me not even my church." For the young women I could read what they were also thinking, "How long must I have to pay for having this child so young? How can I save my son from dying? I don't have any man in my life to be a role model for my son and now the church is saying they don't have any men who want to help either." Finally, there were the thoughts of the young men, "No one cares about us, not even God! They all just want to take the key and lock us up. We are just thugs to the people we have know all our lives so we might as well be thugs for real" I sat there stunned at what I heard. The church was giving up before they even tried to reach these young men, all for the sake of an agenda - their one week church "hallelujah" get together.

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## The Purpose of the Kingdom Builders Newsletter

Each month this newsletter will tell stories and give illustrations of Kingdom Building activities. We want to put into practical application the growing use of the term "Kingdom Building."



The numbers are growing of those who desire to be as little children, with child like faith and obedience in taking part in building God's kingdom.

We hope to **encourage** you in your walk as you learn to trust God in what He has for you to do as a part of the Kingdom Building family. We desire to **inspire** you not to limit yourself, but to allow God to work through you in building His Kingdom. We propose to **inform** you of those who have given up much of what the world have to offer for a surer and lasting reward as Kingdom Builders.

*"...I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." Revelation 21:5,6*

Letters from those in captivity

"Mommy Sheila I miss Bible studys we did! I can't wait till God lets me see you again to get that bear hug from you I need one right about now since I lost my daughter (she died) I haven't

## Voices from Prison

been the same I cry inside I don't show people the pain I have inside me one of your hugs would be needed right about now... I love you Keep praying for me." Wanda

"I'm dying here, I so badly want to give up & just screw it all. But, I

Setting the captives free!



know that God has something better planned for me." Jack

"Well it's me, yep a new Christian... Well sister God has been wonderful to me he has gave me a second chance in life." Denise

"I was recently moved from Travis to Caldwell County...I know we are a ways from Austin but do you think there is any way you could come over here to see us ladies? We began our own Bible Study but Lord knows we are the blind leading the blind." Donna

**If you are interested in helping us by writing to inmates, please contact Sheila at (512) 636-1381.**

## Inspiration Today

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear, then your*

*righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answerer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will*

*strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings." Isaiah 58: 6-14 NIV*

***"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven". Matt 5:16***

## Up and Coming Events

### Power of the Cross Festival

Saturday, October 21, 2006, Noon- 10PM  
Auditorium Shores, Austin, TX  
[www.crossfestival.com](http://www.crossfestival.com)

Can we really pull it off? Will Christians from every community come together to celebrate Jesus, to introduce the city of Austin to Jesus, to be the face of Jesus? How many Christians will take out time from their busy weekend to come to an event that has Christian written all over it, and bring someone too!?

*Hope to see you there!*

### HopeFest / Fiesta de Esperanza

Saturday, October 28, 2006, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Reagan High School

Festival of caring [hopefest@austin.rr.com](mailto:hopefest@austin.rr.com)  
How about churches, organizations and individuals blessing a community in East Austin, even if we don't speak the same language? What an exciting opportunity!

*Hope to see you there too!*

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I was deeply saddened for the families represented in this meeting, so much so that I had no words of comfort for my elderly aunt or for my cousin. Speed forward a few years....My cousin ended up in prison, prophesy given that fateful day, fulfilled simply because the church did not have the vision or heart to help the new leper colony (the wayward youth of this society).

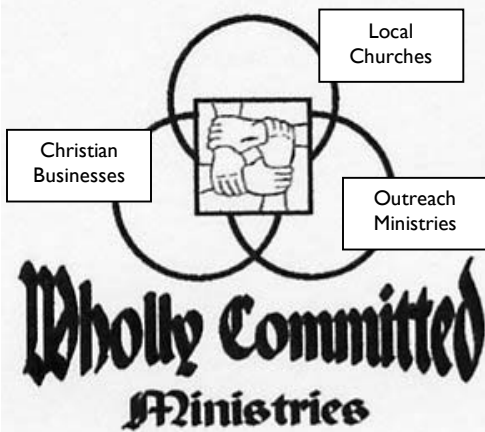
This past Sunday, 2006, I had four children that I picked up for church. After taking home two of siblings, whose mother is in jail and father absent and the other two, whose

father is in jail and mother is an addict, I passed a family entering their house all dressed up after returning from church. There was a father and mother, an elderly women and a little boy who was dressed up in his suit. My mind fell on the children that I have developed a deep love for. As I dropped them off I told them that I loved them and that I wanted them to have a successful week in school. I felt a deep hope, as I mouthed the words, that they would have a good week at school, especially after the hard morning that I had with them. They fought terribly with each other, they got out of control a few times and

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## Someone Needs You



### We need you!

Wholly Committed Ministries is looking for people with the heart to make a difference in the lives of the hurting and the lost.

**We need people to help us. Won't you consider being a volunteer, a sponsor, a partner? We need a ministry building to love on the wayward children and their families.** For a copy of our needs list or for additional information please call Sheila Green at 512-636-1381.

*We are walking with people through the challenging times of their lives.*

*Won't you join us?*

*We can accomplish great things together!*

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after being in children's church for less than two minutes one of my kids threaten another kid he had never seen before, with bodily harm. There was a quick change of plans and I ended up taking 3 of the 4 children to the main sanctuary with me. I had to struggle with their bad attitudes, anger, jealousy and destructive behavior. Now, however, as I drove pass the family entering into a house I thought, if the four kids that I spent the day with just had a reference point as that family, if they only acted like normal church kids, they would have no problem being accepted, but they aren't normal. They have had some very horrific things happen to them in their short life time and they are angry and lost. They are the new leper colony of modern day America.

After dropping them off, I arrived at the county jail for a women's chapel service the men's service was still in session. As I sat in the back of chapel, I thought about the challenges I had with the children earlier in the day. I thought about one of my kids who had made that terrible threat. As we were sitting in the church service together he touched my arm and said, "Sheila, I am sorry for being bad." I was so very thankful to the Lord that this child had the desire to express his regret. I tenderly held his little hand and told him, "Thank you sweetheart for apologizing, I forgive you." Shortly after that there was a call for anyone who needed prayer to come down front. To my self I was saying, "I am going to be the first one down there." But then a hand touched mine again and the little voice said, "Sheila do you want to go down there, I'll go down there with you if you want me to." And so not only did the two of us go down there but the other two children went with us for prayer. My thoughts returned to my present reality at

the county jail in the men's chapel service. I looked up and I saw a sea of men now sitting in the prison sanctuary. Never have I seen so many men in a church service at one time in all my life! I could not but wonder what the church could do to save the children, like the children I had in my care earlier. How can the church keep them from ending up in the place that these men now found themselves?

After the men were dismissed they returned to their cells and the women came in. At the end of the women's chapel service a 17 year old came up to me and with tears in her eyes she said, "I don't want to live like this anymore, I'm afraid." I thought about my cousin, mentioned in the beginning of my story, which years ago was told that the church was not the source of help for him. You see he was born in jail. His mother, before he was born, was sentenced to life in prison. She escaped and during that time she became pregnant. She was recaptured before he was born. Is the church really ready for the harvest? The church includes organizations with names attached to them such as Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Pentecostal, Non-denominational, and Presbyterian. The church is Christian individuals, Christian organizations and businesses. As our culture changes and it has already made a giant leap further away from the Christian teachings and traditions. We must not only recognize the dire condition that the masses of people are becoming comfortable living under, but we must be active and available to give them a reason to have hope and belief in our Jesus.

The next day, as I was going through my purse, I found a napkin one of the kid's had written on. It said, "The two people I love in this world is Sheila and God." You see, I can't tire in well doing. **Please pray for this ministry.**

We can not and must not be afraid to go where the need is and to be the face of God. ***"He isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But he is waiting, for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent."*** 2 Peter 3:9 NIV