

# Kingdom Builders Newsletter

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## 2007 Back To School Celebration

For one week in August, Wholly Committed Ministries experienced many miracles. In this edition of the Kingdom Builders newsletter we will share the many miracles that made it possible for us to touch the lives of fifty eight (58) children.

It was God that gave us the assignment and opened the doors for us to minister to so many lives. And it was our brothers and sisters of the faith that supported and encouraged us with their donations, prayers, and assistance.

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## The Midnight Hour

Many people will experience a midnight hour at least once in their lifetime. It is the deadline, often arbitrarily set, when an answer or solution to a problem must absolutely come or else the carriage will turn back into a pumpkin. Throughout the Bible events were recorded of mid-night hour experiences. Moses' mid-night hour experience happened when the million men, women and children he led out of Egypt were trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army. Daniel's midnight hour was when he was thrown into the lion's den.

As I prayed and prepared for the outreach to children returning to school, I found myself days before, having money for only 2 of the 48 children. This yearly outreach, to children whose parents are incarcerated, struggling with addictions,



or having financial hardships, is dependent upon the financial donations of caring people.

I laid in bed after a sleepless night thinking of what I was going to say to the many children and their families who were looking forward to the new school clothes and shoes. It was important to me that they understood that even though we would not be able to help them that God still loved them. I began to search for the words. I found myself practicing. Since there was no more time something would have to be said to the children

and their families. It was the midnight hour. The reality was there was not enough money. However, I could not continue practicing what I would say. Instead I declared to the Lord, "Lord I know that you are going to provide, I know you love these children way more than I love them. I am going to continue waiting and believing in you. I trust in you!"

Not even 15 minutes after getting out of bed, the phone rang. It was the soft, sweet voice of Marsha. The words she spoke were amazing, "My husband and I want to send \$1200 to help purchase clothes for the children." I was so excited! Just moments before I almost caved in, almost gave up hope. But, God saw that I could not deny that He was God. Now each child would be able to get something. Before our conversation ended Marsha prayed for the success of the outreach. She prayed that unread emails sent days earlier that included a cry for help would be read and hearts would be moved to help.

## Royalty in Blue

I was so excited and looking forward to going out to buy school clothes for the 48 children on our list. It did not concern me that most of the shopping would be by bus. Two weeks earlier our second van had broken and we had not found a mechanic to fix either one. I only had one full day to make the majority of the purchases, so off I went, with

joy, by city bus. Thank God for cell phones! I received a call from another precious sister, Marion, while riding on the bus. She said, "Sheila I do not normally read my emails at the time I read yours. As I was reading I felt compelled to offer you the use of my car for the week." I could hardly believe what I was hearing. I found it impossible to carry all the bags of clothes on the bus. Having the use of a vehicle was a very

special miracle for me! Later that evening, as she drove me to her house, I saw a beautiful royal blue car waiting. Not only would the shopping be so much easier, but God blessed me with a chariot that was my favorite color! I could hear God say to me, you are royalty and the use of this royal blue car is my reminder to you that you are my precious daughter. Thank you, God.

## Thank you from Grateful Hearts

*“Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:20*

“I had a day full of fun, and love on sports day. Thanks for the clothes, school supplies and food.” Calvin, 8

“Thank you for the spa. It made me relax...I didn't know you were giving away supplies and clothing. I was so surprised. It was nice of you to be thinking of us...” Ktausha, 9

“I think the spa was very good. Thanks for helping with the supplies. I really thank you for making my last day of summer relaxing. My favorite part was my manicure.” Jade, 7

“My shoes from last year still look new... Thank you for everything.” Chris, 13

“Thank you for making this summer very fun for me. When I was helping you pass out backpacks for little kids that needed them I

had fun spending time with you and the other older girls... I also loved helping the younger girls spa it was good to see smiles on their faces and how they carried themselves differently [afterwards]...I think this was the best summer I ever had. Plus I wanted to thank you for the clothes and taking all of us teens to that concert even though it was hot in the building and you were very tired. I enjoyed meeting new teens that I can relate to...Even though things weren't going well with me; you still managed to put a smile on my face.” Princess, 14

“The Lord has blessed me with the ability to help my aunt and serve in Wholly Committed Ministries for over two years. I was blessed with seeing, this year, over forty kids receive clothes that would not have if it was not for the ministry. To see the smiles on the faces of the young girls while they were receiving their facials and getting their hands and toes painted was priceless and

will never be forgotten. I am so grateful that I was able to witness the joy on many of the teenagers' faces as they were listening to Christian rap music, surrounded by other teenagers who had the same joy in their hearts and on their faces. Wholly Committed Ministries' purpose may be to help those who are struggling and need to be reminded of Christ's unchanging love for them, but the ministry touches not only those seeking help but the ministry touches the volunteers' hearts as well. I will surely never be the same.” Davrena, 17

“Dear Sister Sheila, my family feels very blessed to know that God has loving and caring people like you. We are very grateful for all the hospitality and care you have shown to us when you bought clothes, shoes, and all the school stuff for my children I want you to know that you gave them the best anyone has ever given to them. I guess you were shopping like you had Jesus in mind...May God reward you.” Chioma (mother), Jerome 9. Christopher 8, Cathyana 8, John 5

## Inspiration Today

“Great is Thy faithfulness...all I have needed Thy hand has already provided”. These are the days in which we must stand and not be moved from believing in the mighty hand of God. Through the storms of life, as we are tossed by the torrential winds of overwhelming circumstances, we must remember God loves us. In the pitch blackness of the night, when the fear of the unknown brings on the crushing feeling of panic, we must remember God is with us. When we reach the end of the road with no place else to go, and no one to turn to, we must remember who God is. What we have needed, God has already provided. Believe it, live it, show it, proclaim it!

*Sheila Green*

### Wednesday Blessings

Wednesday is the day I get to visit with the ladies in the county jail and then in the evenings meet with a group of people for Bible study. Even though I could have used that day to shop for more school clothes, I knew I could not change my plans. In addition to there being little time left for shopping, the next 3 days I would be with children of all ages. I did not know how I was going to transport the children, or pay for the food and other items needed for the outreach, but I knew from my two previous blessings, that God had it all under control.

Just before going to the jail I stopped by the store to make some purchases. I spent more than I wanted. I called my sister and told her we had to

pray for more donations. Minutes later, as I was driving to the jail, I received a call. The words I heard made it very heard for me to catch my breath. The caller told me there was a person, who wished to remain anonymous, that wanted to donate \$5000! Now there would be a way to transport all the children, I was able to rent a van. Now I could buy the food and all the children would be able to get 2 sets of new school clothes, underwear, socks and shoes. All the events of the past three days created ripples that would spread to impact others.

As the ladies entered the chapel at the jail, many asked, “Did you ride the bus?” Most of them knew of my transportation challenges and that I had committed to riding the bus to be there with them. I shared the story about my blessing in royal

blue. I shared the story about Marion and about the Midnight hour miracles of the two donations, which included the phone call I received just minutes before. I saw on the faces of the ladies joy. They were able to see the hand of God and they were so excited. Their faith was increased and many were encouraged, through my story, to trust God for their own needs. But there is more...

That evening I arrived for the Bible study. I shared the miraculous events of the previous days and the remaining time was spent sharing the word. I had a couple of people who had not committed their lives to Christ. But, that night they both gave their lives to Christ! I was so glad I did not cancel my plans to go shopping. The whole day was full of blessings from God.

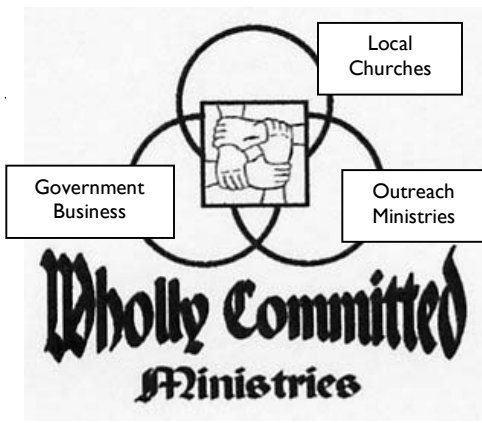
### The Kingdom Builders' Inspiration

*“You love him, although you have not seen him. You believe in him, although you do not now see him. And so you rejoice with a great and glorious joy, which words cannot express, because you are receiving the purpose of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

*I Peter 1:8-9  
Today's English Version*

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## Someone Needs You



**2007**

**Many are in need of people to show they care!**

*Please consider becoming a volunteer, a sponsor, a partner with Wholly Committed Ministries*

*We are walking with people through the challenging times of life, one step at a time.*

*We can accomplish great things together!*

**Totally, completely and wholly committed to live as Christ**

## 2007 Back To School Celebration

### Girls Day Out (Teenagers ages 13 – 18) Thursday, 8/23

The girls started the day by helping to store the donated backpacks at Friendship Community Church, received from the House of Unity Ministries, for the children in pre-school to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Then it was off to the Christian Business Network meeting for prayer. They had a late lunch at CiCi's pizza and then shopped for school clothes. At 5:30 PM the girls helped distribute backpacks, donated by Shoreline Church, at the Brethren Church to the children in North Austin. And we ended our day at the home of our Finance Director for snacks and relaxation. The girls had fun dressing in the dress up clothes that the younger girls would play in the next day. This day saw 6 (six) Christian organizations work together in various ways!

### Girl Power Spa Day (ages 6 – 12) Friday, 8/24

After picking up the rented van, we began picking up the girls and the teenagers. The teens from the Girls Day Out were now the helpers for the spa day. We had two rooms one for dress up and one for the spa. You had to be there to see the amazement on each of the girls faces. They were served pizza and snacks and were then given their school clothes, school supplies, and backpacks. It was a day they will always remember along with the message that God loves them.

### Sports Day (boys ages 6 – 12) Saturday, 8/25

We had the teen age young men as helpers and had an astounding amount of them to help! Thanks to the donation, we had bats and soft balls, foot balls, a basket ball, horse shoes and water guns. We had hot dogs and all the trimmings. There was a contest to see who could stand on their heads and walk on their hands and the teens and a couple of men, who were present, joined the contest. The love of the Lord was shared and many of the young men express interest in getting involved with other activities like this. The younger boys received their clothes and backpacks. They did not want the day to end. But, it was now the teen age young men's turn.

### Teen Males Day Out (ages 13 – 19), Saturday, 8/25

After the younger boys were taken home it was off to CiCi's Pizza for the teens. Then it was the young men's turn to shop. We shopped quickly because we had to pick up the teen girls for the Christian rap concert that evening.

### Christian Rap Concert at the Agape Church (teens ages 13 – 19), Saturday, 8/25

Here I was with a van full of young people going to a Christian concert with children who would not normally listen to Christian rap music, or any Christian music for that matter. It was a long day that ended after 11 PM.

For the next few days I continued to shop for clothes as we had additional children added to our list. One mother had just moved into a room and board from the Salvation Army after living there for 4 months. She had four school age children. Another mother pulled me aside after chapel at the jail and asked if I would please help her children with school clothes. **Fifty eight (58) children were blessed by your donations and prayers this year.** We look forward to working with these children and their families through next year. One major plan is to visit every child at their school, go with their parents/ guardians to PTA meetings and be very active in encouraging these families in every way that we can. We hope to meet with each age group to share God's word with them and to help them see the endless possibilities they have as children of God. We did not do this outreach alone; we had other ministries and individuals to help just as God designed. **God's people worked together to accomplish great things!**

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