

NEWSLETTER

December 2023

Sidewalk Sunday School



Nothing's Impossible

"For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

God doesn't require that we have a significant amount of faith to succeed and to accomplish what He purposes. On the contrary, He likens significant faith to something small and seemingly insignificant.

Mustard seeds are very small but when nurtured they grow into something large. The tiniest faith in Jesus, as it's nurtured and cultivated, has great potential to turn into something significant.

Throughout this year various mountains were before us. What seemed impossible at times God made possible through the faith of few individuals who accepted His call and obeyed the voice of the Lord.

Faith is something that is developed and cultivated over time. Development of faith requires making decision that are often uncomfortable because there's a level of uncertainty that requires trust in the Lord.

Faith isn't the assurance of things seen but rather it's the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Walk by faith or walk by sight, that's the decision before each of us, every moment of every day.

In the early stages of this ministry a friend told me, "Make your mind up to keep on going in obedience to God no matter what and you will find the rich supernatural supply of the Lord as He guides you through the wilderness of this world."

Personally, as we conclude this year my faith has been tested and tried like never before. Walking by faith in Jesus means there will always be, in some capacity, mountains before us. Our mind must be made up: walk by faith or walk by sight.

Look at the mountains and be discouraged by what's seen or look at Jesus, the Creator of all things, and be encouraged that in Him the mountain has no choice but to move. Despite all that precedes before us my mind has been made up.

We will continue to walk by faith in efforts to reach as many children and families, that dwell in the dark places of the earth, as God makes possible. Jesus told His disciples, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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MINISTRY UPDATE

January and February will be a time of preparation for the Spring and for the year. Though we won't be having our regular program, we'll be visiting the children and serving families as we're able, as needs arise.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

WE'LL BE BACK AGAIN IN THE SPRING!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan: In partnership with Sam Rayburn High School, we'll be offering an

outreach for the kids. Date and time are yet to be determined.

UPCOMNG BIRTHDAYS

1/9: **Emilie** 1/9: **Evaline** 1/16: Ilaynah 1/18: Raiden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

- 1. With your support and generosity, we were able to bless 15 families in need, 38 children, with Christmas gifts this year. Every family was prayed for as we delivered the gifts and sang Christmas carols throughout the community.
- Our annual appreciation and 2023 overview was a huge success. How amazing it's been to see the team of people God has built up around us to accomplish this work; to reflect on all the Lord has allowed us to be part of this year.
- 3. The Christmas outreach allowed us to connect with parents and adults in personal ways that otherwise had been difficult. Families from the community are starting to attend some of the churches we partner with. Praise the Lord!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Ongoing Needs: Volunteers, Meals 4 Kids, Prizes for Kids (ages 4-12), Snacks for Kids, General ministry and benevolence support.

Our primary need for help is support for 2024. One of our goals this year is to serve other nearby apartment complexes in addition to where we've been serving. We believe, with your support, God will make this possible.

- Help us serve more children, men and women.
- Help us feed more people who struggle to feed families.
- Helps us provide more families with emergency assistance.
- Help us bring children on fields trips and to lead them to Jesus

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

- 1. Needs in the communities we serve are great. There are many families who have reached out asking for help as they are on the verge of being evicted. Pray the Lord would not only meet the monetary needs but the spiritual, emotional, and mental needs that are also present.
- 2. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we make significant decisions that will establish a foundation for us as we move forward as an organization.
- 3. Pray for favor as, Lord willing, we submit the application to officially obtain status as a 501(c)(3) which we believe will open more does for us to serve more children and families in the community.