

THE CAPTIVE PROJECT IN THE RIGHT PLACE

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Hello Sisters and Brothers,

The Lord has brought us to the end of another outreach season in the parks. We know that the outreach never stops, it's just that it is hard to get people to come out when the temperature gets below 50 degrees. I would like to report on the effectual prayers of you, the righteous, and thank all of you for your prayers of protection because at our last venue in September your prayers were felt.

As we arrived at Garden Holmes Park, one of the highest crime areas in the city, the area was full of boarded up houses; many were drug houses. There was a lot of open drug use, immorality and desolation. As we began our first wave of preaching and singing, six gun shots rang out right down the street. My wife witnessed a man shooting at a group of teenagers. We stopped the music and many of us in the park knelt and prayed.

After we prayed I felt compelled by the Spirit to see if anyone needed help. I experienced something that was very heart-breaking. A little girl was sitting on her porch without a care in the world as her father was working on his car and neighbors were acting like nothing had happened.

The little girl looks at me and says, "My daddy is right there." I asked him if everything was ok. He simply said, "Yeah." I asked if anyone needed help. He said, "No".

In my mind, I then began to question whether or not there was a shooting, so I asked him, "Were those gun shots?" He said, "Yeah."

"Is everyone ok?" I asked again. "Yeah," he responded.

I looked around and everyone had gone on their way. I gave him my card and invited him to call me.

How can life get so bad that a neighborhood can get used to an open shooting? No one should live like this... something's wrong when a child can get used to a shooting right next to her.

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Oh God this hurts my heart!

We recognized that Satan was trying to scare us out of the park. We did what we always do... call on our God. The ministers preached harder, the dancers danced stronger and the passion of the songs were felt even more as we continued on. Drug users, gang bangers, prostitutes and dealers began to come out of the boarded up houses and listened to the message of Christ.

It was a powerful scene!! It reminded me of when Jesus said, "if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

You know I was just thinking, Satan must have forgotten God always protects His people.



The Captive Project – An urban outreach using Christian Arts to impact youth and urban communities for the purpose of helping to change their values via 12 park venues, three prison outreaches, ten Wisconsin city outreaches and free Discipleship Training. (Link <http://www.basicsinmke.org>)

What is Truth? by Roger Dynes

What is Truth plagues our culture as we dispute over absolute to relativism. The church today is slowly sliding to the prevalent culture of no absolutes and truth is what you make it. "Focus on The Family" has developed a program called "The Truth Project" in DVD format and taught in homes. It is an outstanding series taught over a 12 week session that challenges Christians to look at Biblical Truth vs. World Truth. This is an



amazing series that is meant to transform Christians and to look to the Bible for answers and truth.

My wife Judy and I attended a training session and are now Trainers in The Truth Project.

I have been promoting the program in the inner city this past winter and spring of '09. I have been meeting pastors and leaders in restaurants where I show the promotional video on a laptop. A training for facilitators was

held at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield on May 23. I contacted Focus on the Family for scholarships and they gave out ten scholarships for inner city pastors and ministry leaders to attend. We selected men and women who had a passion for God's Truth. What a joy to see men and women from the Milwaukee inner-city attend.

The Truth Project – BASICS is partnering with the Wisconsin Family Council in Madison and with Focus on the Family to train individuals with a video series on having a Christian worldview. <http://www.thetruthproject.org>

Block Party-Outreach

by Roger Dynes

The men's Bible study at Northbrook Church decided to work with two inner-city pastors to do a block party outreach. The uniqueness of this was two storefront churches (Rock-Ages Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Jackson and Clement Church, Pastor Coleman) coming together to sponsor an outreach event. A joint event between two storefront churches rarely happens in the inner-city.

There was no fancy stage or choir. There was an extension cord running from the corner church into the street for the speaker amps.

Pastor Coleman decided to have an open mike for preaching the Word and singing. He felt it would allow more people to get up and express themselves; and there was never a time when someone wasn't at the mike.

We served over 400 ears of corn, hotdogs, hamburgers, brats and all with only 10 people volunteering. Some neighborhood children were excited when we let them help with the corn preparation.

Pastor Coleman saw drug dealers eating together. It was a piece of heaven where people came from three blocks away. We saw prostitutes (no cursing or drinking), ex-convicts and the mentally ill coming. I also saw some reluctance to come, and it took walking across the street to invite people. No strings attached, just come.

Churches are known for charging for any type of food outreach and people were surprised that there was no charge for the food. They were just loved, invited to join in, and accepted for who they were.

What a beautiful sight to see urban and suburban churches coming together in God's Kingdom to reach out to those unreached.



Pastors working together



Neighborhood kids came to help prepare the corn

CHANGE THE CITY YOUTH RALLY TESTIMONY

by Mark Mallwitz

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with cane in hand because of his age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there.” Zech 8:4-5

God’s wonderful promise helps describe what many of us have been praying for Milwaukee for many years – that God would again bless Milwaukee for both old and young alike.

And on Thursday, July 9th – Saturday, July 11th, The Holy Spirit allowed The Body of Christ to see glimpses of that in three different locations in the third annual “Change The City Youth Rally.”

The three locations were:

- **New Testament Central Church** (23rd and Center)
- **Fletcher School** (95th and Allyn)
- **New Testament Church.** (102nd and Bradley Road)

Several of Milwaukee’s churches/ ministries came together to reach out to the youth and their families with the love of Jesus Christ:

- New Testament Church
- Captive Project
- Feed My Sheep
- Northside Church of God
- New Testament Central City Church

- A youth group of over 30 high school students from Ohio
- BASICS
- Team Impact from Texas

During the three days, there were hundreds of hamburgers, hot dogs, cookies, watermelon and fruit drinks served with the love of Jesus Christ. In addition,



there were family activities, music and dancing and prayer offered to everyone!

Some of the awesome things The Holy Spirit did at this rally included:

- 142 came to the altar to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- At Fletcher School, there was a Spirit of peace and order, where

two weeks before there was a Spirit of fear, including a stabbing right in front of the prayer team.

- God’s people obeying His command to go and invite everyone to come to the banquet, with many believers going out for the first time and seeing many hurting, hopeless people responding to their invitations to come!
- Perfect weather, along with a sweet Spirit among the different ministries/churches.
- Several groups stepped forward to help disciple the people who came forward.
- The focus was on Jesus Christ and on loving His people.

I was highly encouraged to see the Body of Christ working together. It was exciting to see older people sitting and talking, laughing and enjoying themselves and the streets being filled with the joyful sounds of young people playing in peace and unity. All Glory to you, O Lord!

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1

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URBAN CAMP FOR KIDS by Norma Quakkelaar



The 14th annual Urban Camp for Kids, held this past summer August 8th to 13th at Timber-lee Christian Center in East Troy, WI, is a program designed for inner-city youth, providing a week of camping to under-

privileged children grades 4 – 8. Urban campers come via churches and ministry groups from the urban areas of Racine, Rockford, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Timber-lee and the Urban Camp Advisory Committee (of which Norma Quakkelaar is a member) plans the week-long program that includes scheduled activities such as: fun, skill learning (waterfront, climbing tower, crafts, science center, etc.), Biblical teaching, peer interaction (games, competition), and adult-camper interaction (caring, trained counselors as well as the Timber-lee staff).

The cost for this Urban Camp for Kids would normally be \$500 per camper. But since Timber-lee raises money for campers

and counselors, they can offer this camp experience to each camper at a special \$90 rate. Even at that low price, funds still need to be raised.

A special Pro-Mini Golf Outing has been held for the past eight years at Prairieville Adventure Golf in Waukesha (owners Bill and Linda Gustafson) to help raise scholarship funds to send campers. This year they donated \$810 to BASICS. The winner of this outing wins \$1,000. This year that winner was none other than Arn Quakkelaar, CEO and Founder of BASICS. Arn turned his winnings over to BASICS so more children could attend Camp. And, of course, we rely heavily on BASICS' faithful donors who collectively provided us with enough funds to send 50 children to camp last summer.

Summer 2009 saw 320 children, approx. 80 counselors, Timber-lee staff and Advisory Board members participating in this life-changing experience for those less fortunate youth to experience a week of activities they'll never forget.



South Division High School and God's Glory by Mark Mallwitz

On December 3rd there was much tension at South Division High School. There had just been a large fight in the hallway. The students, teachers, security people, the police who entered the school and I were tense as we watched the after effects of the fight overpower everyone in the school. A second fight broke out and then a third fight. The Principal, the police, the security team and the staff were all taking care of things as quickly and effectively as they could. I must admit that my faith was being tested beyond where it had been for quite some time.

In the next ten minutes, the first of three lunch periods was about to begin and one of the teachers mentioned, "We should simply pray for God's peace to be over the entire school."

For the next few minutes we were crying out to God, to do as Jesus had done in Luke 8: 24-25, to cause the storm to subside and to make everything calm again. The storm was so great and the tension so real, BUT JESUS IS REAL! During the three lunch periods The Lord completely overwhelmed us with peace — peace among the students, staff and security

police. There were no more storms, no harsh words not even a ripple, except the peace that only Jesus can give.

We all agreed that God had done a miracle at South Division that day — something that increased my faith in Jesus and my desire to thank Him daily for what He does in our lives. This is a very vivid reminder that no matter what storm you are in, Jesus is the answer!

As a fitting conclusion to this occurrence, a student introduced himself to me during the 3rd lunch period and told me he had given his life to Jesus Christ earlier in the summer. So, thank you, Jesus, and to You be the Glory! And thank you, prayer partners, for lifting us up on that Thursday in December at South Division. It will be a day I will not soon forget.



BASICS' Mission

BASICS (Brothers And Sisters In Christ Serving) works to:

- Engage urban and suburban resources
- Build relationships between churches and ministries
- Develop community leaders
- Transform communities in need