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Dear Friend of Good News Gang,

More than ever children need a solid biblical foundation for knowing how to study the bible and how to have a relationship with God!

We must teach kids to fall in love with Jesus and to build their confidence on their value in Christ. Children cannot live according to God's ways if they do not know God's Word.

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

During the past several months our team has focused on teaching and challenging the kids to learn and memorize Psalm 23. We are called to create environments that prompt awe and wonder for God in the younger generations. **It's clear we're living in the "evil day" that the apostle Paul wrote about in Ephesians 6:13.**



We want to raise children who can stand firm against this evil, to be strong against the deceptions and temptations of Satan. We need to clearly articulate that the battle is real. Satan's attacks take many forms, whether it's the temptation to cheat in school, struggles over sexual compromise, opportunities to resist or engage in bullying, confrontations with humanistic teaching or internal battles with depression and self-worth. While the battle is real, our King has already defeated the enemy. **We rely on the Lord's strength to fight against Satan's deceptions.**

Our culture is filled with deceptive teachings and beliefs. Atheism. Materialism. Consumerism. We must see the opportunities we have with the kids as training grounds for truth. **Our children can rely on God's Word during times of testing — but only if they know it!** By having God's Word "hidden" in their hearts, our kids will have the capacity to stand strong on the Word in times of need.

The work in Detroit that the Lord has called us to has not slowed down. We are compelled by the love of Jesus to reach and rescue as many children as possible. The war is real but we will not retreat, we will not give up!

Thank you for your faithful prayers! Thank you for your continual financial sacrifice! Thank you for being a blessing!

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