



**May/June 2021**

Dear Friend of Good News Gang,

We value the children God has blessed us with and long to see them know Jesus better. To do that, we are committed to teaching them how Jesus Christ is the hero of the entire story of the Bible. **Our hope is for Good News Gang to be a place where kids are formed for a life of discipleship to Jesus.** For that reason, we place a high priority on what we do.

This summer we need your prayers and financial partnership in a great way. We are running a two month summer day camp. At camp, kids will laugh, play games, smile and more. They will be in a safe environment surrounded by people who care and teach them that there is purpose and meaning to life when God is in it. **One day can make all the difference.** Instead of becoming caught in the cross hairs... instead of experiencing hunger, abuse and neglect... your support will provide a child the chance to come to our two month summer day camp, and live another day filled with the power and presence of God. **You'll create life changing moments for hurting children.** The girls and boys who need camp most come from families who can't afford the money that it takes to run a summer day camp.

**So many of the kids who attend Good News Gang are growing up in frightening neighborhoods.** In Detroit, when the temperature rises so do tempers. Sometimes, violence erupts in their own families. Their little hearts thump in terror. Tears stream from their eyes. And every day they become more depressed, confused and hurt. A lot of them are hungry, some are sad and others are mad. It's not always easy, but being there for these kids is crucial.



**We want kids turning their lives over to God, not to other forces. We're giving children the chance to get away from their usual surroundings. Physically, we want to keep kids out of harm's way. Spiritually we want to open hearts to God and we need your help.**

**There is hope for Detroit.** As long as Jesus Christ is Lord there is hope. As long as there is salvation in Christ there is hope. As long as there are people who believe that Jesus can heal broken lives there is hope. As long as there are people willing to share the gospel there is hope. As long as there are people who are willing to pray for the lost there is hope. As long as there are people who will continue to fight for others there is hope. **As long as there are people who will not quit there is hope.**

Even though the world in which they live in is very rough they can see miracles if they're willing to be different and commit themselves to following Christ. **Our children can rise above their circumstances and live a life of purpose in Christ.**

We are in a war for the souls of children that hell desires to destroy. Surrounded by adults who are damaged by drugs, alcohol, perversion, violence and sin. Hell has targeted our children for physical, mental and spiritual destruction.

Who better to lead our children than those who have been through similar circumstances that they are living now. **Our summer day camp will be lead by young adults who have been attending Good News Gang since they were kids many years ago. We are excited about what God is doing!!! Raising up Champions in Christ who in return are raising up more Champions!!!**

**Please pray for our leadership team...** The camp will start Tuesday June 22nd. Every day will consist of prayer, bible teaching, servant leadership training, worship, games, and crafts. We will be providing food every day and providing transportation for the kids to attend the camp as well as going on special field trips. We are stepping out on faith and believing for the finances to be provided. **The total budget to run our summer day camp is \$15,000.**

We need that amount over and above our day-to-day expenses. **Any amount that you can give will be greatly appreciated and identify GNG Camp when giving.** Share with others of the opportunity in making this summer the best ever for children in Detroit. Your compassion and generosity are making an eternal difference in precious children whom God so loves. On behalf of all the children who need us both... **Thank you!!!!**

Empowering Children for Victory,



Matthew Cripps