



# NEIGHBORHOOD M I N I S T R I E S

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Dear Friends:

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Thanks dear friends, for praying for us these past two weeks. Without it, we would have been weaker; with it we experienced the power of God. As I think back to the existence of Kids Club I am filled with certainty that our work deals with the kingdom of God. The theme this year was "Shout it out...God is listening."

The disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray"

This Kids Club we taught **600 people**, to ask for this same need.  
Jesus answered his disciples as well as us.

***Come close to Me, call Me Daddy  
Ask that the things of the kingdom would be here,  
Just like they are in heaven  
Ask Me for your needs  
Seek forgiveness and forgive others  
And ask Me to protect you from all evil.***

Whether it was the first graders prayer wall and prayer strings or my filled-to-overflowing prayer box, prayers were everywhere. On day 8, there were eleven classroom prayer gardens with prayer leaves filling the bare branches with words like "hope", "for my family", "pain", "I love you Jesus" and "I hope you remember me".

Emily Fankhauser, Kids Club Coordinator mentions, *we focused on the beautiful gift that prayer is. One leader shared this with me: "while I was teaching my kids how to pray, God was teaching me the same thing." This is true in my life too. Never in my life have I loved prayer as much as I love it now.*

What happens when the dispossessed cry out to God, asking for forgiveness, protection, help and the kingdom. ***Job 34: 28, So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him, and that He might hear the cry of the afflicted--***

With childlike faith, these children believed us when we told them that Jesus was accessible, that His heart yearned for them to draw near, and not to stop coming.

But it could be, that with me, you couldn't bear to know what was on those prayer requests. What filled that box to overflowing? The heartache, the loss, the imprisoned, the sick, the overwhelming conditions, the abuse -- many days, I thanked the Lord that I didn't have to know, that He could bear it, that these requests didn't cause Him to need a vacation or bring Him to a place of burn-out like it does to us. He not only can bear it, He bore it.



I'm certain, that this was what I was expecting to be the outcome of this kids club – with all this prayer – that we would experience the kingdom together. I am thankful for that. Gloriously, thankful.

**"For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever". Amen**

We are thankful for your prayer on our behalf, on the children's behalf, for the young workers and for our testimony in our city. Please continue to pray for our up-coming activities for High School Camp, Kids Camp and I Can Do It! trips.

May God richly bless you,

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 President

**P.S. Save the date! As we celebrate December 7, 2007 *The Relentless Pursuit: 25 years of love, hope, and grace in the Neighborhood!***