

December 8, 2009

Dear friend,

Last month we received a letter at Andre's office, referencing a program we did at Worchester, Massachusetts in September of 2003. It was written by a pastor of the church which hosted the show. In the letter he recalled that 1/3 of the 250 attendees were from the surrounding inner-city neighborhood.

He went on to tell that one of the 67 people who indicated accepting Christ has a changed life and is now actively serving in their church. And a 17-year-old boy who also indicated making a decision for Christ returned to a follow-up dinner. A few months later he was accidentally shot and killed by a friend who was horsing around with a loaded gun. They have good reason to hope that he is with the Lord, now.

The pastor went on to say, "I mentioned this because your ministry was the biggest impact we had in this inner-city neighborhood. We need your help again." And, "We would greatly appreciate another opportunity to make another major impact in this neighborhood that is extremely difficult to reach. Your ministry definitely left a mark and served our church family in kicking off ministries that today are beginning to reach kids in the community around our church building."

As you can probably imagine, reading a letter like that can do wonders for a day which might have otherwise been ordinary, and I wanted to share this encouragement with you, too.

Well, this year is rapidly coming to an end, and so I'd like to make a brief appeal to those of you who may not have already thought about giving an end-of-year ministry investment. This year we have had several ministry partners decrease, and even need to drop, their financial support. And it has been more than a decade since we have had full support coming in anyway. Of course our trust is in the Lord, and He has shown Himself to be faithful to meet our needs over the past 30 years of ministry. But, will you please prayerfully consider whether He would like you to be part of His continued blessing?

May you enjoy the richness of God's gift of Jesus this Christmas season.

Yours for reaching the world,

Craig (for Sheila and family)

PS If you do choose to give a year-end gift, you can do so by sending a check, made out to Campus Crusade for Christ, to the address below, or online by going to www.give.ccci.org.

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