

## Children's Newsletter

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

John 12:24-25

We should be thankful that we are all raised in Christian homes. We should be thankful that we still have freedom to worship the one true God.

I have been reading a book entitled *Battle cry for a generation* by Ron Luce. This book talks about where this generation is at spiritually. Let me give you some of the statistics:

35% of the adults today call themselves Bible-believing Christians.

At the present rate of evangelism it is expected that 4% of this generation will be Bible-believing Christians.

90% of people saved are saved before age twenty.

This generation peaks at age fifteen (Most of this generation are fifteen years old).

With 35% of our adults as Christians, what do you think of where America is at? All you have to do is turn on the television to see how corrupt this nation has become. School shootings, battles over the ten commandments, people trying to take 'under God' out of the pledge of allegiance, not to mention the entertainment: does this look like a Christian culture?

When 9/11 happened, our President knew that if something wasn't done, the terrorists would continue to attack America until we could not stand. Well, satan has attacked the ten commandments, absolute truth, 'under God,' and our generation; and what have we done about it? James 4:7 says "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." If we want satan to flee, we are going to have to put up a fight, otherwise, satan will just keep on going until America falls and we no longer have that freedom that we are so thankful for.

Everyone needs to get involved. Did you know that more than one third of the soldiers in the Civil War were under the age of eighteen? You probably know the verse that tells us to not let anyone look down on us because we are young.

You may be asking "What can I do?" You can pray. You can support other Christians. You can influence our leaders. You can be a missionary to your city. Give up whatever God tells you give up. Answer whatever call God has for you. Ask "What would Jesus do?" before you act.

You may think that this is impossible. You may think that your life will be too drastically changed. In the book, *In His Steps* Christians thought that the commitment, to always do what Jesus would do, certain people made would cause them to fail in the business world. But what does that matter compared to one soul. It may seem crazy to use your free time to go out and share the love of Jesus with a complete stranger that you happened to walk by in the mall or on the street, or to go house to house asking if anybody needs help; but if it means one less going to hell and one more going to heaven, don't you think that it is worth it?

While walking around Mexico offering to help families in any way (for example: chores), we met two boys and a girl, brothers and sister. We talked to them a little bit and gave them tracts to read. We came back a few days later and met their mom. They were a very friendly family. We shared with them the gospel and that day they were all saved. They didn't have a Bible, so we gave them one. The next day we came back. They shared their family pictures with us. They told us that their father had picked up the Bible and began to read it. That was the last time we saw them. Just think, what would the results be if we never stopped at their house. Why does seeking out an opportunity to share Jesus like this have to be limited to "mission trips." It doesn't.