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Dear Friends of Lifebuilders Ministries:

When Truth Comes. There are several shocking episodes in the Gospels in which Jesus came to people and situations with the truth and rather than searching for the deeper meaning they actually asked or begged Him to leave... and in one case just left Him!

- His home town. They took Him to the edge of a cliff on which the city was built in order to push Him over". Luke 4:29
- County of the Gadarenes. "Then the whole city went out to see Him and pleaded with Him to leave their region." Matt 8:34
- The Bread and the Blood Teaching. "From that time many of His followers went back and walked no more with Him." John 6:66

To get the whole story you must read each of these chapters in their entirety. Try to put yourself in the scene and discern how you would have reacted to Jesus had you been there. The scripture says in Isaiah that "His ways are not our ways, His thoughts are not our thoughts." Jesus said to His disciples "I am the way, the truth, the life" (the only way) and when quizzed as to His identity by the official over His trial (who had the power of life or death over Him) said, "I came to be a witness to the truth"!! What do you perceive to be the truth? Is it Jesus... or something somewhat contrary to Jesus??

HAPPENINGS AND HEART HELPERS

Summer Fun! A huge highlight on Lifebuilders calendar each year are the summer Vacation Bible Schools and Block Parties that are conducted in partnership with local and out of state churches. During the weeks of June 7-11 and 21-25 a total of three VBS's and four Block Parties were held at the Villa Marie, Cedarbrook, Glenwood and Bolivar Road properties. These were conducted by the Freedom Christian Clown Troupe, First Baptist Church, Locust Grove, Oklahoma (9th year!) and twelve member mission team

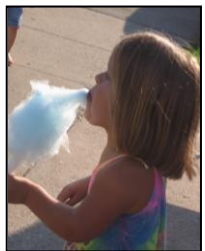




from Clearview Baptist, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (2nd year). Enough cannot be said about the sacrifice and service rendered by these dedicated people. Our ministry environments (to say the least) are not the easiest places in which to work, but the patience and love shown by these teams for these greatly at risk people (children & adults) is deeply heart-moving. The many fun things that made up the vbs's included Bible stories, music, memory verses, crafts, prizes,



snacks, decorating your own t-shirt, puppets, and a ladies Bible Study (for the first time) at Bolivar Rd. Block parties consisted of hotdogs, chips, cookies, drinks, cotton candy, sno cones, bounce house, door prizes, special puppet/children/clown troupe presentations, music by Beyond the walls Band & Lifebuilders Rock&Roll Gospel Band, and for the first time a local clown (destined for renown) star was born, "Harmony Joy", who performed so admirably with the Freedom Christian Clown Troupe all week! A huge thanks



to National Heights Baptist Church who not only hosted both mission teams but provided lunch for the clown troupe each day at Villa Marie. Eighty-seven children and adults were enrolled in the VBS's, 394 attended the Block Parties and a total of 96 volunteers staffed the events including the mission teams. Two young girls made professions of faith at Bolivar Road,



scads of Gospel seed were sown all over, and a few new families have started to attend the weekly services whose interest was piqued by these events. The clown troupe is planning to come back again next year as well as Clearview Baptist (whose leader is planning to duplicate themselves for a "double team" effort) as soon as possible. Thank you one and all. Only eternity will reveal the benefits of these services! At least one more VBS and 2 Block Parties are planned for July & August in other locations.



Spa Night. An emphasis on "inner" beauty was highlighted by a meticulous effort to enhance "outer" beauty for 13 pre and early teen girls who attended a special spa night at Cedarbrook on Friday, May 7. As you can tell by the pictures outer beauty was not hard to come by for these young ladies and who of us of the not so fairer gender does not appreciate these efforts for

outward beauty. But the emphasis on this night was in sync with I Peter 3:3- “Don’t let your main emphasis of beauty to be on outward adornment (hair style, jewelry, clothing) but on the inner self. The unfading beauty of a gentle and a quiet spirit which is of great beauty in God’s sight.” (NIV). A special thanks to Wendy, Hillary, Joyce, Donna, and friends for providing such a classy event for those girls. What a great way to teach!

New Volunteers. On May 14th four new volunteers were added to Lifebuilder’s ever expanding team. This process is not so simple any more as most are asked to visit several sites, settle on one and identify a place of service, then attend the Warm Up To The Vision training seminar complete with background check, etc. Pictured left to right are Jessie Webster, Kayla Reeves, Marci Westermier, and Hannah Westermier. Jessie and Kayla lead children’s ministry at Nu-Elm and Marci and Hannah (mother & daughter) are providing much needed assistance with children’s classes at Cedarbrook. All of these are personal recruits (brought in by an established LBM volunteer) and more are coming! Welcome guys we are so glad to have you.



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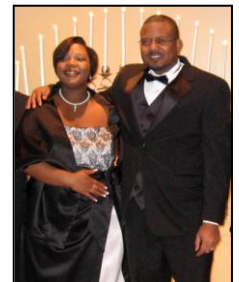
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GINGER & KIDS



RUSS



GREGG & TIWANDA

Quarterly Meeting. Fifty-two people attended the quarterly meeting held at Ridgecrest Baptist on Saturday, May 22nd. Quarterly meetings are attempts by LBM’s leadership to get as many volunteers together as possible because with six sites operating very few know any others outside the location they serve! Activities usually consist of dinner, worship, games, “charge” from Pastor/Director, etc. But this meeting was especially inspirational as Site Leaders told a story (with picture on screen) of a child, adult, or family whose lives had been changed as a result of their association with Lifebuilders. Raekwon, a young Afro-American boy with a lot of heart-break, but who can’t wait to get to the services at Cedarbrook each week. Crystal a young Afro-American girl from Villa Marie who has “tracked” from day one on spiritual things resulting in salvation and baptism. Hillary, an eleven year old girl who wrote her teacher at Bolivar Road a letter expressing how much Monday night “church” meant to her and didn’t know what she would do without it. Ginger, a single mom who is about to finish vocational training at OTC (community college) who gave testimony that she planned to stay in Springfield versus moving back to Kansas in order to be able to stay in the women’s Bible Study at Glenwood. Russ, a “person of peace” at South Tower who became Head Resident soon after the ministry began there, has become the coordinator for special events, and whose stated goal is to see Lifebuilder’s established in all HAS High Rise properties. And finally former Army Ranger, Gregg Morris (with wife Tiwanda) who showed up “live” to tell of meeting LBM first at a Block Party at Nu-Elm, then “Pastor Barnett” a couple of months later on the parking lot, reluctantly

accepting help with food and a “leaky” radiator replacement. But being convinced that this care was genuine they began to regularly attend services, received Christ fully, and was married and baptized all in the course of about a year! This was an inspiring night indeed!

*Blessed is he who has regard for the poor, the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. **Psalm 41:1***

In the months of May and June you have helped 8 families with food, 4 with car repairs, 4 with utility bills, 2 with rental assistance and 1 with funeral services.

A special thanks to Marshall Ford, Complete Auto and Mothers Automotive.

We feel Lifebuilders is growing day by day and in quantity and quality of service and more solid in volunteer dedication to build the relationships necessary to effect real change in the lives of the people we have been called to serve. The fruit is there. You have helped us do this by your prayers, words of encouragement, and faithful financial support. Please let us know how we can help or pray for you.

For His Kingdom

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Winston, Sue, and Lifebuilder's Team