



## Easter Basket Outreach Update

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Saturday, April 4, 2009, the Kids for Christ (KFC) Children's Ministry at Friends Community Church had the amazing opportunity to take Easter Baskets filled with fun toys, amazing Bibles and lots of yummy candy to kids at the Children's Village in Tyler, Texas.



KFC began the day by filling plastic eggs with candy and toys and filling baskets.

They then hand delivered the baskets to the awaiting children in the home. The children were so excited. There were some kids that have been there since the visit at

Christmas, and some new ones as well.

The Children who helped with the outreach that day ranged from 2 years old to 10 years old. They all had an amazing time.



This experience was incredible and something that KFC plans on doing every year.



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### A Special Thanks

- Kids For Christ wants to send a special thanks to all those who donated the wonderful items for the Easter Basket Outreach. You really made this an enjoyable experience for the kids.

## Kid's Crusade

Coming this August 14th and 15th is an exciting event that kids are going to want to be a part of. It is our first Kids for Christ Kid's Crusade, featuring two fun packed services, Saturday lunch, games and outside events. Kids, you will not want to miss this. So mark your calendars for Friday night,

August 14th and Saturday, August 15th.

Kid's Crusade will be taking the place of the Vacation Bible School that was scheduled for the month of August.



## What is Mom?



Teresa McEntire says a mom...

...understands that every child is different and unique...

...allows their children to set out their own path and is there to pick them up if they fall...

...is willing to listen, listen and listen...

Being a mom is not an easy job. Mothers see their children fall and get hurt. They hear them crying over being teased.

Moms discipline their children when they don't want to. They feel hurt when their child does not

want to kiss or hug them anymore.

Moms cook, clean, do the laundry and do whatever it takes to take care of their children.

They would rather get hurt than let their child get hurt.

Mary, the mother of Jesus was just this mother. She had to do all of these things. She loved her son dearly, and I am sure that when He was placed on that cross to die, she would have rather taken his place. She was an amazing woman.

The Bible says in Exodus 20:12,

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you".

Honor your mother today. This is what God says to do in His Ten Commandments. Sometimes it may be hard because you might not like what she says, but she says what she says for a reason.

Your Mom Loves You

Unconditionally!!!!



Angie Long

## Who Was That?

"The best conversations with mothers always takes place in silence, when only the heart speaks." Carrie Latet

After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair.

As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin.

At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room,

putting them back to bed with stern warnings.



As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

That is so funny!!!



## Operation Christmas Child



Kids for Christ, Children's Ministry, will be presenting Operation Christmas Child, the musical, during this Christmas season. The cost is FREE!!! Get your child involved in an exciting program where they will dress up in army uniforms and have fun dancing, singing and performing for you.

There will be 9 speaking parts and



10 solos. We are also looking for someone who would like to be the narrator. The children will be supplied with a

script and music CD.

Practices will begin in the end of July or beginning of August. The ages for the play will be Kindergarten through 8th grade. See Valerie Porter if you would like to be involved.

Be watching for the dates in the upcoming newsletters.

## Mothers are...

Mothers have strengths that amaze men. They carry children, they carry hardships, they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy.

They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

Mothers wait by the phone for a "safe at home call" from a friend after a snowy drive home. They have special qualities about them. They volunteer for good causes.

Mothers are pink ladies in the hospitals, they bring food to shut-ins. They are childcare workers, executives, attorneys, stay-at-home moms, biker babes and your neighbors.

Mothers wear suits, jeans and they wear uniforms. They fight for what they believe in. They stand against injustice.

Mothers are in the front row at PTA meetings. They vote for the person that will do the best job for family issues.

They walk and take the extra mile to get their children in the right schools and for getting their family

the right healthcare. They write to the editor, their congressmen and to the "powers that be" for things that make for better life.

Mothers don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They stick a love note in their husband's lunch box. They do without new shoes so their children can have them.

Mothers go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They are honest, loyal, and forgiving.

Mothers are smart, knowing that knowledge is power. But they still know how to use their softer side to make a point.

Mothers want to be the best for their family, their friends and themselves. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a new marriage.

Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

A mother's touch can cure any ailment. They know that a hug

and a kiss can heal a broken heart. They can make a romantic evening unforgettable.

Mothers come in all sizes, in all colors and shapes. They live in homes, apartments and cabins. They drive, fly, walk, run, or e-mail you to show how much they care about you.

The heart of a Mother is what makes the world spin!

Mothers do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends.

And all they want back is a hug, a smile and for you to do the same to people you come in contact with.

Make sure to do something special for your mom on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th. After all, she sure does deserve it!!!!



Happy Mother's Day!!!

"I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up." Age 12

## 10 extra Tickets

Alright kids...since we are celebrating Mother's Day this month, we are going to memorize a special verse in the Bible.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:13

If you can say this memory verse to Mrs. Valerie Porter on Sunday, May 31st, which is the last Sunday of the month, you will be able to earn 10 extra tickets.

Remember that Jesus was the one who made you. He loves you very much.

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