

The Good Shepherd Children's Home

*Touching the Life of a Child.....Changing the Heart of a Nation.
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but with God all things are possible. Matt. 19:26*

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My Name is.....Auturo!



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EYE OPENER

I saw him in the church building for the first time on Wednesday. He was in his mid-70's, with thinning silver hair and a neat brown suit. Many times in the past I had invited him to come. Several other Christian friends had talked to him about the Lord and had tried to share the good news with him.

He was a well-respected, honest man with so many characteristics a Christian should have, but he had never put on Christ, nor entered the doors of the church.

"Have you ever been to a church service in your life?" I had asked him a few years ago. We had just finished a pleasant day of visiting and talking.

He hesitated. Then with a bitter smile he told me of his childhood experience some fifty years ago. He was one of many children in a large impoverished family. His parents had struggled to provide food, with little left for housing and clothing. When he was about ten, some neighbors invited him to worship with them.

The Sunday School class had been very exciting! He had never heard such songs and stories before!

He had never heard anyone read from the Bible! After class was over, the teacher took him aside and said, "Son, please don't come again dressed as you are now. We want to look our best when we come into God's house."

He stood in his ragged, unpatched overalls. Then looking at his dirty bare feet, he answered softly, "No, ma'am, I won't ever."

"And I never did," he said, abruptly ending our conversation.

There must have been other factors to have hardened him so, but this experience formed a significant part of the bitterness in his heart.

I'm sure that Sunday School teacher meant well. But did she really understand the love of Christ? Had she studied and accepted the teachings found in the second chapter of James?

What if she had put her arms around the dirty, ragged little boy and said, "Son, I am so glad you are here, and I hope you will come every chance you get to hear more about Jesus."

I reflected on the awesome responsibility a teacher or pastor or a parent has to welcome little ones in His name. How far reaching her influence was!

I prayed that I might be ever open to the tenderness of a child's heart, and that I might never fail to see beyond the appearance and behavior of a child to the eternal possibilities within.

Yes, I saw him in the church house for the first time on Wednesday. As I looked at that immaculately dressed old gentleman lying in his casket, I thought of the little boy of long ago. I could almost hear him say, "No, ma'am, I won't ever."

And I wept. -- Author Unknown

Lord. Let us remember it is not the outward physical appearance that you see, but the inward heart and soul. Lord help us to see beneath the dirt of the world to touch lives with your word and love, so that their heart and soul are cleansed by your precious touch. Amen.

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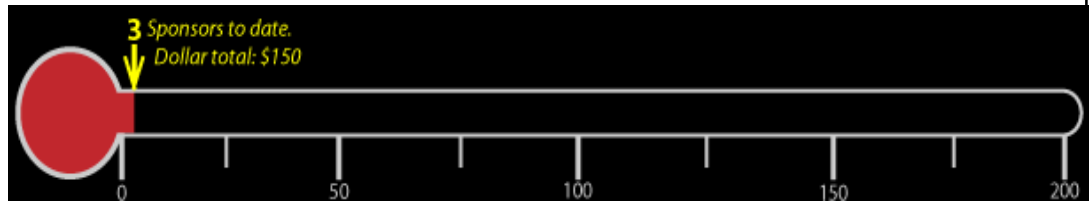
Gods call for Unity..... *Tick, Tac the clock is ticking and SUMMER break is almost here!!!!!! NOW is the time to be planning some fun, FUN, Fundraisers. All who minister to children know that it is important to teach giving and what better way to teach it then doing fundraising. Our website has lots of ideas ([click here](#)) that can help you get started. Fund raising is more then gathering funds, it is a time of coming together, united toward a common goal. The Lord wants us to be united. So unite and together help the children of the GSCH. Parents our children and youth need healthy pure activity. So get out there and have FUN!!!!*

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News from the GSCH Shepherd's..... We give glory to God as we are now in our 14th year as missionaries with Baptist Medical & Dental Mission International. From a week long mission trip to serving full time we have seen God answer prayers and provide a way when there seemed to be none. We have found that when we let our needs be known God touches hearts and His people respond to glorify Him.

For years we have not asked for support for our ministry but instead focused on the support of the children and their needs. But at this time we find our personal support funding much lower then normal for this time of the year. Eva and I would ask that you join us in prayer asking God to bless our finances so that we can tend to our family needs and ministry needs as we should.

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