

Newsletter July - August 2014

31 Compelling Reasons

To Reach Children

With The Gospel

NOW!

Here are some pins-in-the-pants for every believer to give them the impetus to share the gospel with our young ones:

1. God loves them: John 3:16-18.
2. They too have sinned: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23; Psalm 51:5; Luke 19:10; Psalm 58:3.
3. They can believe in and acknowledge and cleave to Jesus Christ (Matthew 18:6).
4. They cannot save themselves (Romans. 10:13)
5. It is not God's will that anyone should perish (Matt.18:14, 2Peter 3:9).
6. They have hope through the death and resurrection of The Lord Jesus - 1Peter1:3; 3:18.
7. It is God's command: Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,10; 6:4-9; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19; Mark 10:14.
8. Children have languished for too long (Lamentations 4:1-5).
9. The promise of salvation is for you and your children - Acts 2:38-39
10. Children are vulnerable (Job 39:13-18); and need the protection and guidance of the Lord (Psalm 91; 119:105,130; Matthew 23:37).
11. Children are humble and teachable (Matthew 18:3-4).
12. They cannot believe in Him of whom they have not heard (Romans 10:13-15)
13. We must follow the example set by Jesus on Child Evangelism (Mark 10:13-16; Matt. 18:1-14).
14. Children are part of the Church and are the leaders of tomorrow (Ex 10:8-9; Acts 2:39).
15. They have great potentials (Psalm 127:4). Like arrows, they cannot turn back in flight.
16. Parents are God's "first curriculum" (Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 27:10).
17. Children are gifts from God (Psalm 127:3). Our ministry to children begins with a vision of helping them to fulfil God's own vision for them. To do this, we have to know and own God's vision for the children in our charge (Judges 13:8,12)
18. Children are open to God (Matthew 18:3-4).
19. They were not born fully-grown and matured physically, mentally, socially and spiritually like Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7-23).
20. The Lord Jesus placed a high value on children – Matthew 18:1-14.
21. The church is the family of God: In Matthew 12:48-50, the Lord Jesus suggested to us that the true bond of relationship

among Christians is faith. Since our personal fulfilment is dependent upon rich interpersonal relationships. It proves that we are a gregarious race: created for fellowship and not for isolation and loneliness. (Hebrews 10:25)

22. Christian faith is never more than one generation from extinction (Judges 2:10).

23. God has no grandchildren. The Christian faith is not transmittable by genes, birthright or inheritance (Deuteronomy 31:13).

24. The early years set the tone for lifelong values – Proverbs 22:6.

25. Children deserve to be helped to moral and spiritual health and maturity (Psalm 78:1-8).

26. Children's peace is dependent upon their being nurtured in the ways of God (Isaiah 54:13).

27. Early, consistent saturation in a warm, Christian nurture environment helps children respond personally to Christ's call to salvation. (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15)

28. The child's emerging needs are best met in the Christian fellowship (Ephesians 4:24).

29. Child development is best understood, appreciated, and ministered to in the loving environment of the family of God (Ephesians 4:16)

30. The educational technocracy obligates us to effective ministry with children (Luke 12:48).

31. The secularism of our time increases the urgency of providing a rich corrective in the Christian nurture and evangelism ministries (Ephesians 5:15-17)

They pass so quickly, the days of youth, and children change so fast; And soon they harden in the mould, and the plastic years are past. So we shape their lives while they are young. This be our prayer, our aim; That every child we touch shall bear the imprint of His name.

Attached is our Praise and prayer bulletin for July and August 2014.

You are highly favoured.

Chukş Aniereobi