

# Enough is Enough: Kids are in Pain!

## *Boot Camp for Serious Soldiers of the Cross*

We have cried, talked, and blamed for way too long. Are you tired of the talk? Have you heard it all, done it all, seen it all, and you still wonder, "Am I even making a difference at all?" Today's kids are in pain! Finally, many Christian workers are saying, enough is enough.

### **Then Get Your Game On**

We desperately need long-term workers who are willing to lay down their lives for the children.

*Dr. John Perkins* states, "There can be no reconciliation without equality." *James 1:26-2:1*

What was Jesus' ministry strategy?

Do you want to minister like that? *Matthew 16:18-19*

Examples include:

- Church-based/led after-school, summer day camps, and other programs held every weekday
- 15-year commitment to raise-up and disciple indigenous leaders for that same community
- *Boot camp* training and qualification of urban workers
- *Bridge teams* working three years to jump-start ministry in a city
- Disciple and empower preteen and young teens into Christian service

### **NEEDS Approach to Ministry**

- Notice
- Embrace
- Equip
- Develop
- Serves

*Refer to attached visual with RULES and WORD UP...*

*Contact information on a variety of ministries mentioned who use this NEEDS approach to ministry can be obtained by placing your contact info on the request for materials sheet.*

### **Prove Your Love**

*Lesson #1*

God is good in *the hood*.

*Lesson #2*

If you care enough to take the love of Christ inside you will have to prove it by loving city kids and their families.

*Lesson #3*

Your primary focus will be to build personal and ministry relationships.

*Refer to attached Visitation Packet for this section of lessons...*

#### *Lesson #4*

Effective ministries to urban kids have learned that in order to have an impact you must visit.

- Visits connect you with the child's world—"You're not afraid."
- 80% of the children who attend your events come because you visited—"You let me know."
- Visits expand your personal ministry to each child—"You care about me."
- Visits project an image/testimony in the community—"Thank you for helping my kids."

#### *Lesson #5*

Try these proven guidelines for successful visitation:

- Set a time every week to visit—your program should revolve around weekly visitation.
- Use a block-by-block approach to reach more kids.
- Keep a record of information on each child and his family.
- Visit every kid but spend extended time with selected individuals.
- Be prepared to share the Gospel, listen or lend a helping hand.
- Pray for children, parents and family needs.

### **Children Called to Prayer**

- How should you pray?
- What happens when kids pray?

*Refer to <http://www.navpress.com/Magazines/PrayKids/>*

### **Enhance Your Teaching Style**

- Quiet Seat Watchers, Games - Prizes, Rules, 7 Most Important Things in the World  
*Refer to attached document re. [Quiet Seat Watching methods](#)*

### **Adjust Your Teaching Methods**

- Word up – Verses and Bible lessons

*Refer to attached document re. [XGN Formats for the flow and content of a good city kids program](#)*

*Emphasize focus statements to connect the teaching activities.*

*Shorten or compress your Bible lesson.*

*Present the doctrines of God, man and Christ in all teaching segments.*

- Invitation and Challenge

Be real, relevant, and honest when closing the teaching for the day. Speak openly about circumstances in kid's lives and within the community.