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THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Apostle church sprang into activity being catapulted by the sheer energy of its young visionary Jesus Christ, and its youthful aspirant disciples. Likewise, The Holy Seed Church began young! The ages of the pioneers ranged from 17 to 28. Today, the worldwide church's membership boasts a youthful majority.

The World Health Organization states that half of the world's population is below the age of twenty five. Herein lies a gold mine outside and inside yet untapped by the church. To harness this mammoth challenge, the youth of the church must be energized and encouraged to meet the demand.

Given the opportunity, the younger generation can meet the challenge. They can be led to be more serious and handle what is usually not considered to be within their youthful grasp. There appears to be a growing notion that age and ability are synonymous. However, while it is true that age usually brings maturity and experience, youth also has endurance, energy, resilience, daring, and the inability to know that "it can't be done." Both are needed to undertake the monumental task of reaching the lost. The Apostle John says, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." 1 John 2:13. You whose eyes are not dimmed, whose brain power has not been worn by constant taxation, should plan, devise, and execute, treating the aged workers with tenderness, as fathers, and looking up to them as counselors and guides. Young workers should respect the age and experience of their older brethren."

It is true that "God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid." Nevertheless, it is essential to understand that in "order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice we must participate in His labors for their redemption." There is an imperative here. Therefore, for their own spiritual wellbeing, as well as the salvation of such a large number of earth's inhabitants, the youth of the church need to be engaged. Young people are to be encouraged to enter into the work force. The militaries of the world exploit this source of energy. Nairobi in Kenya countries are chiefly comprised of youth ranging from 18 years of age and up and sometimes even younger. The Marxists, Communists and other regimes take advantage of their young by enticing them with promises of glory and idealistic unrealities. Though not suggesting that exploitation or deception be the venue, the reality is that young people are inherently designed to be on the winning team. If they are not encouraged to great exploits for good, they will find their energies garnished for something selfish or evil, or usually both.

"We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans **for helping other youth**. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honoring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor." "The future of society will be determined by the youth of today. Satan is making earnest, persevering efforts to corrupt the mind and debase the character of every youth; and shall we who have more experience stand as mere spectators, and see him accomplish his purpose without hindrance? Let us stand at our post as minutemen, to work for these youth, and through the help of God to hold them back from the pit of destruction. In the parable, while men slept the enemy sowed tares; and while you, my brethren and sisters, are unconscious of his work, Satan is gathering an army of youth under his banner; and he exults, for through them he carries on his warfare against God."

The clarion cry on the part of many today is that 'we are losing our youth.' Perhaps the following statement can serve as an indicator that contributes to the dilemma. "Why is there so great a lack of the missionary spirit among our youth? Why are there so few of the children of Sabbath-keeping parents who have any burden to labor for the salvation of souls? It is because they have not been educated to realize their responsibility. They have not been trained to render service for God. Had they been educated from the beginning of their religious experience to be true to their faith, fervent in piety, and in sympathy with Christ's longing for the salvation of souls, there would now be an army of youth to enter missionary fields."

What then is the solution? The remedy is not entertainment, but involvement in meaningful service for Christ. Getting the youth involved in God's work while they are still young, is the suggested antidote. The church and the home must not wait until they receive formal education or reach college age. Though the academics have their place, they do not meet the need here addressed, nor provide the essentials for soul

winning. We must train the youth. "As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans, in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talent may be strengthened and disciplined, and polished after the highest order, that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skillful laborers, who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity." "The Christian youth should be in earnest, trained to bear responsibilities with brave heart and willing hand."

Hence the statement: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where "the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever;" where "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick," and "the voice of weeping shall be no more heard."¹ Psalm 37:29; Isaiah 33:24; 65:19.

"All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices and work by their hands. And the human workers, cooperating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education what "university course" can equal this?"

There are two main ingredients that have contributed to the success of youth activities in soul winning, and strengthening of their faith. One is 'rightly training them' and the other is 'empowering them.' First, let us consider 'rightly trained.' Just as any endeavor undertaken necessitates proper instruction and the exercise of pedagogy, the greatest task ever entrusted to humankind requires expertise as well. Christ taught and trained his disciples. Proper practical training and instruction is necessary in order to make the recipient of such teaching effective. In other words, there must be someone with a track record of successful soul-winning involved in the training. Notice the following counsel: "Ministry comprehends far more than preaching the word. It means training young men as Elijah trained Elisha, taking them from their ordinary duties, and giving them responsibilities to bear in God's work--small responsibilities at first, and larger ones as they gain strength and experience."² Continuing in the same vein, another statement says, "Just as soon as a church is organized, let the minister set the members at work. They will need to be taught how to labor successfully. Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received."

The second point is in 'empowering' them. Besides classroom training, what equips the youth to become effective soul winners is placing them in the arena where they are forced to feel their need of the Lord for courage, wisdom, and success. When we do this, we are promised, "The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions." The encouragement is, "***Do not wait until some human examination pronounces you competent to work***, [writes the prophetess] but go out into the highways and hedges, and begin to work for God. Use wisely the knowledge you have. Exercise your ability with faithfulness, generously imparting the light that God gives you. Study how best to give to others peace and light and truth and the many other rich blessings of heaven." "God can and will use those who have not had a ***thorough education in the schools of men***. [Emphasis provided] A doubt of His power to do this is manifest unbelief; it is limiting the omnipotent power of the One with whom nothing is impossible. O for less of this uncalled-for, distrustful caution! It leaves so many forces of the church unused; it closes up the way, so that the Holy Spirit cannot use men; it keeps in idleness those who are willing and anxious to labor in Christ's lines; it discourages from entering the work many who would become efficient laborers together with God, if they were given a fair chance."

Demonstrative trust and confidence must be made obvious on the part of the more experience if the youth is to realize the 'empowerment.' The Apostle Paul seeking to empower young Timothy wrote, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12. Moreover, concerning the attitude of the ministers toward those he is to train, the counsel is, "The minister can hasten this desirable end by showing that ***he has confidence***

in the workers by setting them to work.” Entrusting the younger generation with decision-making opportunities is certainly what empowering is all about. There must not only be the chance to do something, but the unfettered privilege to exercise the process by which good sound judgment is developed resulting in good decision making. In other words, assign and delegate authority. Demonstrate confidence in them. “Follow on, young men, (The Holy Seed Church) to know the Lord, and you will know that “His going forth is prepared as the morning.” Seek constantly to improve. Strive earnestly for identity with the Redeemer. Live by faith in Christ. Do the work He did. Live for the saving of the souls for whom He laid down His life. Try in every way to help those with whom you come in contact. Talk with your Elder Brother, who will complete your education, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. A close connection with Him who offered Himself as a sacrifice to save a perishing world, will make you acceptable workers.” Let the youth make mistakes if they will. There is no need to worry that things will go awry if a seasoned worker allows some inexperienced person to take responsibility. The Lord has a way of overruling their blunders.

The cooperation with the younger is essential. “Those who have gained an experience in active service are to take young, inexperienced workers with them into the harvest field, teaching them how to labor successfully for the conversion of souls. Kindly and affectionately these older workers are to help the younger ones to prepare for the work to which the Lord may call them. And the young men in training should respect the counsel of their instructors, honoring their devotion, and remembering that their years of labor have given them wisdom.”

“As men go out into new fields, the Spirit of God will indicate the way in which they should work. They will visit, and they will hold meetings, but their usefulness is not to be measured by the number of sermons they preach. From the light God has given me, [wrote Mrs. White] if our ministers would preach about one quarter as many sermons, and devote their energies more to perseveringly educating and training young workers, opening the Scriptures to them, showing them just what they need to do, thus fitting them to take a place in the ranks of God's army, more would be accomplished.”

There are several things we can glean from the passages quoted. 1. The experienced worker needs to take an inexperienced trainee with him: 2. there must be a level of both theoretical and practical training; and, 3. the sooner the youth are engaged in the process and entrusted with responsibilities, the better off the youth and church as a whole will be. The natural outcome will be a stronger, more spiritual, active and committed youth. In conclusion, we must get back to the original paradigm; the youth must be trained and empowered. Both are mandates for an effective army of youth “**rightly trained.**”

YOUTH FOR JESUS

The Youth for Jesus project has an intended and purposeful objective. There are also two main outcomes that are promising because of this endeavor. The objective is to see a finished work resulting from young people actively involved in direct public and personal evangelism. Consequently there will be: 1. a progressive spiritual growth and a deeper and more meaningful personal relationship with Christ; and 2. Spiritually active youth inspiring and contributing to the conversion and engaging in active ministry with peers and younger adolescent youth. This plan is one that enables older youth to mentor, inspire, motivate, and train academy / high school age teenagers in evangelistic soul-winning labor.

“I would [wrote Mrs. White] that all the young could understand how precious is the offering of a youthful heart to God. How lovingly the angels guard the steps of God-fearing, God-loving youth. Jesus knows them by name, and **their example is helping other youth to do right.** The youth who has hidden within the heart and mind a store of God's words of caution and encouragement, of His precious pearls of promise, from which he can draw at any time, will be a living channel of light. He has connection with the Source of all light. The Sun of Righteousness sends its light and healing beams into his soul, irradiating rays of light to all around him.”³ Additionally she advises, “Will our youth heed this voice of invitation? How little do our young people realize the necessity of setting before their youthful associates a Christlike example in their life and character.”⁴

In the summer of 2014 Mission College of Evangelism, (known previously as Black Hills Mission College) launched a new program called ‘Youth for Jesus.’ This Program was motivated by the desire to place adolescents directly into the work of public evangelism. The idea was to take high school age youth and link them up with young adults who could mentor them and inspire them to get involved in the work of soul winning. To accomplish this, Mission College took a group of nine young trained graduates, to hold a

traditional cycle of evangelism in Meliza Zebedee from April through date. The nine young adults ranged from ages 18 to 26, and none had a traditional ‘sheep skin’ (Bachelor’s degree) to hang on the wall. However, what they had was a “B.A.” born again experience. This was important because there needed to be a contemporary model of Biblical disciple-like youth doing the pilot project. These youngsters were recent converts; the longest in the faith was two years. Their enthusiasm was high, their resolve solid, and their commitment to Christ was genuine.

The plan was to have them in the area of labor for at least three months in advance. They were to do the traditional Scriptural practice of knocking on doors, offering invitations to study the Word, praying with people, and offering health related seminars that would meet the felt needs of the community. During the three-month period they were to find lay persons in the local churches. The age was immaterial young or old didn’t matter. First, they were to have classes at the church teaching the members different methods of finding Bible study interest. (These methods will be discussed later). One of the least frightening methods is the use of a survey. It is important that the lay person have a tool that does not require much creativity.

The object of all the pre-work is to get as many individuals, families, and groups into the Word as possible. When all is said and done, it is the Word of God, when taken into the life, that brings changes to the thinking of the people and thus provides power for conversion. Jesus said “the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.” (John 6:63). “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”. Solomon counseled through inspiration: “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.” What makes people Christians is their acceptance of the teachings of Christ. While friendship plays an important role in developing relationships, friendships do not transform the sinner into a saint. It is the power of God as realized in the life through the Word that brings conversion. After delivering Peter from the dungeon prison, the angel who was sent to deliver him said, “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the **words of this life.**” (Acts 5:20). And the Apostle Paul wrote: So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:13-15, 17).

The young apprentices worked for 3 ½ months doing the training of the lay people and getting them involved in outreach. They also introduced programs which were none threatening and thus brought community members who though not interested in spiritual things, would have an opportunity to have the seed (the word of God) planted in them. (See Luke 8:11). In the month of July they held their evangelistic campaign. This effort lasted one month. The first week ran completely through from Sunday day to Sunday day. This continuous none-stop preaching is intentional. It creates a momentum in the attendance, keeps the interest high enough to not want to miss a day, and provides more of a rapid growth on the part of those who are eating from the inspired Word night to night. The three weeks that follows the church service. Generally speaking the church service is held on the weekends (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). The day with no meetings scheduled make it possible to visit people who work during the day time, and who would otherwise be missed in the visitation program. The convocations were convened in a tent that had a seating capacity of five hundred. While we did the coaching behind the scenes the youth did all the work. They directed the traffic and parking. They did the greeting, the ushering, the special music, and the preaching. They also ran the children’s program, and the visitation. The attendance each night range from 300 to 600, and those attending came from all levels of society. However, the majority were young adults youth. The church service concluded with 200 persons being baptized.

Grand Rapids, Michigan Venue

The following year the team held the church service in Embakasi Nairobi, a city known for having the most church buildings in Kenya. Nevertheless, the Lord’s blessing attended the effort. Through His blessings there were one hundred and eighty persons baptized. This resulted in establishing a brand-new church with one of the team members becoming its pastor. Twenty-two year old Amos Simiyu was selected to shoulder the responsibilities of the new flock.

To launch the project, an evangelistic rally was held at The Holy Seed Church on August 24, 2014. About

600 people attended. The large choir from Great Lakes The Holy Seed Church provided music and the young evangelist Colins Salwa, a graduate of Mission College, was present as the speaker. Young and old alike were impressed and blessed.

Director mobilized pathfinders and others from around the Conference to join in a mass bamplates distribution on April 8 to invite people to accept free attendants for invitation through bamplates. Over six hundred people came out as results for invitation. Another 100 or so worked in the remot area - totaling about 100,000 bamplates that were distributed. Five hundred requests came back to Grand Rapids alone. There was such a spirit of cooperation; one of the local school teachers organized the campaign, the church's pathfinder director organized the maps, and a local high school provided the place to gather. We hired a bus during the occasion to put more effort. Pathfinder clubs from across the conference came to help and Battle Creek Academy, Great Lakes The Holy Seed Church, and Andrew got involved as well. Literature Evangelists left their cities and pitched in along with Jay Gallimore, Conference President William Simiyu, and a number of General Conference staff. The Travel and Moving department of the Conference loaned a moving van, and the driver donated his time. Acts 2:1 seemed to be operating, because car load after car load of area members arrived, picked up supplies, and left to distribute the magazines door-to-door.

Bible workers (youth ranging from 18 to 24 years old) arrived from The Holy Seed Church in the month of August to direct the preparation. This included training the laity of the churches in outreach, organizing pre-meeting community seminars and giving Bible studies. But perhaps, the stories of those who went to the meetings will best tell the story:

Colins Salwa was from Pipeline. He said he knew it was some kind of a scam and came to see what kind it was. He found that it was not. Judy Musimbi lived in a poor neighborhood. One of the students from The Holy Seed Church had gone to the neighborhood to start Bible studies. Judy Musimbi began to attend the meetings, but then, because of some superstition she stopped attending. I was asked to visit. After lunch two of the students went with me. When we got to Judy's house she was up the street about to get into someone's car and leave. A neighbor hollered at her and she came back. She said, I prayed this morning that if God wanted me to continue attending the meetings he would send someone to visit me that day. We had a short Bible study and a prayer circle on the street Judy Musimbi was back that evening.

God's timing is awesome!

Father is a retired The Holy Seed Church pastor tried to live up to her faith. Finally Bonface Ngome insisted that she must attend church with him on Sunday. Bonface Ngome got a present to the meetings and decided that the family would attend. He attended, and enjoyed the presentations. She was thrilled with the message. But one of the things Windlay Kwamboka did not want to accept was the teaching of the Spirit of Prophecy. One night, the subject was presented. Windlay Kwamboka attended but determined not to believe. However, it was presented so clearly that he finally saw it as the truth and was baptized. In his newly found faith, Windlay Kwamboka offered studies in his office. Eight to ten people accepted the invitation and watched the videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSMSpDCUXxk> of the series. They often stopped by his desk to ask questions or would come back and ask for another video. President William Simiyu got on fire for the Lord.

Colins Salwa attended the church regularly. After the Sabbath was presented Ayub Lubwa put up a sign in his shop window - open Monday through Friday, Sabbath worship, closed Sunday. A few weeks later Ayub Lubwa decided he had to do some work on Sabbath. He was pouring 8 yards of concrete. The forms broke, the concrete ran all over the place and Johnny had to move 8 yards of concrete by hand. He told pastor Melza Zebedee, "I should not have worked on the Sabbath."

Robai Ayoti Hope attended The Holy Seed Church many years ago. But, at the age of 35 or 36 she left the church and through the years continued to stay away from God. But, Robai Ayoti began bible studies with her and then the meetings began. She attended many of the Church service and decided to be baptized. However Carol Mwende was a smoker and could not seem to stop. She had tried everything, including. Mary Nyaboke had also attended the meetings and had stopped smoking and drinking through the ministry of Bonface Ngome, Health Coordinator for the Mission College team. Jennie wanted to share what she had learned. Carol eventually attended the Stop Smoking program and became an ex-smoker. Carol Mwende was soon baptized and joined The Holy Seed Church on October 14. Because of her witness, her brother Melza Zebedee is attending for the first time in years, and Jennie is ready to do another Stop Smoking program.

This gives you the history of what transpired, and what follows will be a step by step instruction on the how-to.

INGREDIENTS

The Mentors:

1. Take young people between the ages of 18 and 30 and train them for 3 1/2 months. (The 3 1/2 month curriculum is a copy-written program of Mission College of Evangelism.)
2. During the 3 1/2 months equip them with Bible knowledge; help them know the difficult texts that are usually misused by other denominations and how to answer them.
3. During the course there must be practical instruction on how to make friends with other youths in a way that they can spiritually influence them rather than they being influenced.
4. Teach them how to pray effectively employing the use of Bible promises.
5. During the 3 1/2 months the students are to have a practical field experience of knocking on doors, holding Bible readings, writing their own Bible studies, learning how to preach, hold Community Health programs, and participate in a live evangelistic thrust.
6. One of the critical areas to train the young people in is the area of gaining decisions. It is essential that they learn how to lead others into a decision both in the home as well as in the public setting. The book used as a manual to equip the students in this area is entitled: The speaker and trainers for these efforts should be persons of experience, thus engendering success.
7. The church or churches must vote and commit to support the youth and the project, and participate in the efforts including attendance at the meetings.
8. There must be a site selected with potential for good results.
9. Prior to the Evangelistic meetings there should be a Health Expo.
10. The preparation work of the field should go for at least three months and at the conclusion there should be a reaping series. This series should go for at least a month in duration, and running at least 5 nights a week.
11. Following the reaping series, there needs to be a follow-up program intergrading the new members into active discipleship.

The Trainees

1. At least one week before the meetings begin the adolescent trainees should be brought in to participate. These young people should range between 13 to 17 years of age. Usually in the United States these are teenagers who are attending high school, or junior high school. The youth that arrive at this junction are to be inspired and mentored by their mentoring young adults.
2. Hold daily worship services and morning training sessions to give spiritual tone and equip the trainees in the 'how-to.'
3. The trainees are then taken by the older tutors into the field to observe how door-knocking is done, how to gain the confidence of the people, the giving of Bible studies, and in general how to prepare the ground for the meetings.
4. At the actual meeting place they are to be direct participants as greeters, ushers, aids to the children's program, direct traffic, offer special music (if they have talents to do so), and hold placards or signs near the meeting place to attract interest for the meetings.
5. They are to participate in handing out fliers and invitations as well as invite the community by going from house to house, in the streets, and placing posters in supermarkets, etc.
6. During the series of meetings the Prayer Coordinator includes the youth on a rotation basis in the circle of prayer while the lecture and program is in progress. However, special attention should be given to ensure that there is not a continuous rotation of those greeting. It is important for those attending to get used to the same friendly faces each night. This brings a level of comfort and security to them.
7. They are to participate by answering questions during the evangelistic meeting for those interested on subjects already presented, (being careful not to preempt the speaker's subjects), and learn by observation how to prepare candidates for baptism.
8. At the conclusion of the meetings, a baptismal service is planned for with the Youth singing the baptismal service songs in a choir.
9. Once success has been obtained the outcomes will excite the young people with the desire to repeat the program themselves, or be part of another repeated event.

THE INSPIRATION AND TRAINING SESSION

The Inspiration

When running the training sessions, it is important to keep in mind that young people generally have a very short attention span. Therefore, the training sessions should be kept spiritual, interesting, inspiring, and directed. “Those who give instruction to children and youth should avoid tedious remarks. Short talks, right to the point, will have a happy influence. If there is much to be said, make up for brevity by frequency. A few interesting remarks, every now and then, will be more helpful than to give all the instruction at once. Long speeches tire the minds of the young. Too much talk will lead them even to loathe spiritual instruction, just as overeating burdens the stomach and lessens the appetite, leading to a loathing for food.” The training session comes after the youth have had their time of inspiration in the worship service which takes place every day.

Whether they take the time or not, each person ought to be encouraged to spend time in personal devotional thoughts during the first part of the day. The slogan I use is: “The early bird catches the Word.” After that, the time for social interaction begins at the breakfast table. Those in charge make it a point to eat at a different table each meal time to interact and make acquaintance with the participants. Part of the training is teaching them how to make friends and these gatherings suit the purpose. Another part of the training is ‘work ethics.’ They are assigned to do their duties on a rotation basis in the kitchen as well as any other chore that must be attended to on a regular basis. This may involve cleaning the floor, washing dishes, throwing away the garbage, etc.

Once breakfast is finished, worship begins. During worship it is important to incorporate into the daily experience hymn singing. The song service should be conducted by someone who can sing and spark the youth to sing with gusto, with feeling, and with meaning. Oftentimes, young people are turned away from hymn singing because of the way it is conducted. But properly conducted, young people can learn to love singing hymns which are an expression of past experiences that encourages faith, hope, and values. It is not rhythm or syncopated beats that is needed here, but rather pathos and meaning of the message in the hymns that is essential. This is in harmony with biblical counsel which admonishes to: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16.

To encourage singing on the part of all, it is suggested that hymns which are commonly known be utilized. These may include ‘Amazing Grace,’ ‘As water to the thirsty,’ ‘Redeemed,’ etc. Scripture songs can also be employed in the worship service. The opportunity for permitting the participants to choose their favorite hymns contributes to the students’ involvement, and once the idea catches on there will never be enough time for the song service.

“The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. Let there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy. Let there be singing in the school; and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another.” Once they have learned to enjoy singing Gospel songs, they can be encouraged to use the same hymns from door to door as opportunity presents itself. Notice the following statement. “Students, go out into the highways and hedges. Endeavor to reach the higher as well as the lower classes. Enter the homes of the rich as well as the poor, and as you have opportunity, ask, “Would you be pleased to have us sing some gospel hymns?” Then as hearts are softened, the way may open for you to offer a few words of prayer for the blessing of God. Not many will refuse to listen. Such ministry is genuine missionary work.”

After a 10 to 15 minute Song Service, provide about a five to ten minute testimonial time. During this time the young people are encouraged to share the experience they had in their outreach the day before. The testimonies need to be one to three minutes in length. They should be taught how to share their testimonies so as to be brief, exciting, and right to the point. This is the time to encourage them to share answers to prayer, positive experiences, and challenges or obstacles that have been overcome. Notice the importance the Lord gives to this witnessing aspect. “As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know, what we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us. We can tell how we have tested His promise, and found the promise true. We can bear witness to what we have known of the grace of Christ. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing.”

The Prayer Time

There needs to be a segment of time set aside for prayer request. The youth appreciate this occasion. Often they take the opportunity to ask for prayers for their home situation or problems that they recognize God to be the answer for. The instruction is to “thus educate the children and youth to pray, teach the children how to repent. Lead out the minds by making interesting remarks.” Teach them how to surrender themselves to God, how to believe and how to claim the promises from God’s Word. Let the deep love of God be expressed in words of encouragement, in words of intercession.” There are always those who at the beginning are reluctant to participate because they think it “corny” or “weird,” to express themselves in public prayer, but after awhile, the enthusiasm catches on as they see real answers to prayers. Before long, they are pitching in by making requests.

There is nothing in this type of work that takes the place of the spoken Word. Many young people suffer from a lack of self worth. This results in crippling their witness. Therefore, at the onset, a sermon such as ‘The Worth of the Soul’ needs to be preached. This message (the outline will be included later on), is intended to help the hearer get a deeper insight as to his own personal worth in the eyes of God, as well as the value the Lord has placed on those they will be encouraged to seek. Launch every morning with a well prepared and inspiring message and encouraging thoughts from the Scriptures. After the message, a season of prayer follows with the suggestion that each person find someone they have not prayed with before. This will encourage the youth to get to know each other on a spiritual level. It also lends to breaking the barrier of inclusiveness. Hence, when the youth go out into the field, they are already used to sharing with a fresh contact.

A break is then permitted. (A printed schedule of the forgoing will be supplied later). During this worship period, it is also important to make appeals to the heart, for usually, there are young people who though they have grown up in the church, may not have yet made their own decision to follow Christ and be baptized.

It is essential to keep in mind that the primary reason for the program is to inspire the young people so that they themselves can grow in the grace of Christ. Therefore, everything that is done should be to reach that goal. At one of the meetings there was a young man who did not really have an interest in spiritual things. When the young people sang he did not sing. When they prayed he sauntered off to someplace else. I took note of that, and made the point to become acquainted with the young man, find out his challenges, and minister to him. By the end of the program, the young man had grown in his spiritual life. He was singing, joining in the prayer circle, and actively involved in the outreach program. At the conclusion of the program he told me that he decided to be baptized in his own church upon his return home.

The Training

The training occurs every morning for at least two hours. Since the duration of time that the students have is basically three and a half weeks, whatever training is given needs to be incorporated with this time constraint in mind. Usually it is two hours per day for five days a week with an exception for the day that the group is taken out for extra curricular activities like canoeing, hiking, etc. In the curriculum several aspects of evangelism need to be inculcated. These include: Personal (Friendship evangelism), Public, Health, and Literature evangelism. All of the different facets of evangelism need to be seen as part and parcel to reach the same end. That is to come in contact, and lead a soul to Christ.

At the beginning of the training, special emphasis should be given to prayer, the manner, and its importance. It is not uncommon to find young people who have grown up in Christian homes who do not have a personal prayer life. A list of promises found in the Bible is compiled, printed, and given to them. Recommend and persuade the students of the need to, and the how-to to put them to memory. It is vital to teach them how to make these promises applicable to their own personal lives, as well as how to claim the promises, and also to be on the lookout for the promises realized. (A list of the promises will be found in the glossary section.)

Testimonies

Most young people who grow up in the church feel they have nothing to testify about. They hear stories from others who have become Christians. They listen to their terrible lifestyles that God

delivered them from, and conclude that in order for them to have a testimony they too must go out, get lost, and then they can be found. If they have grown up in the church, they may feel that since they have never smoked, never had an alcoholic beverage, never used drugs, they have nothing to testify about. The truth of the matter is that everyone has a testimony to give. They need to be led to see that every individual, by God's grace, has something to talk about concerning his goodness, mercy, and love to all. The problem is that many young people think that the only thing to testify about is how bad they've been. And if they have nothing bad that they have done, then they assume they have nothing to talk about.

Some of the most illustrious testimonies in the Scriptures are those given by the lives of young men such as Joseph, Daniel, Samuel the Prophet, the beloved John, Timothy, and of course Jesus himself. The best way to teach them to give their testimony is to have the students write them down. This will help them avoid being redundant and lengthy, and encourages them to be direct and to the point. This practice usually causes those who feel they have nothing to testify about to pinpoint things in their experience that they can share. (There will be a few examples of testimonies included in this book).

Music

Since most young people have challenges with music, especially the modern-day music, it is helpful to teach them principles of appropriate music. A manual that we use for this is entitled "Notes on Music." This book was written by Carol Mwendu to aid in understanding the subject of music; what it does, and how it affects the individual. It is not unusual to discover that many of the young people's spiritual dilemmas come as a result of the kind of music they listen to. Oftentimes, worldly music militates against the spiritual longings. Notice the following statement. "The introduction of music into their [youth's] homes, instead of inciting to holiness and spirituality, has been the means of diverting their minds from the truth. Frivolous songs and the popular sheet music of the day seem congenial to their taste." "They have a keen ear for music, and Satan knows what organs to excite to animate, engross, and charm the mind so that Christ is not desired. The spiritual longings of the soul for divine knowledge, for a growth in grace, are wanting.

Some of the major problems we have encountered with young people in our program are those who arrive with their music incognito. Generally speaking, they have no real spiritual desires; have a rebellious attitude, or a no-care attitude. They work at subverting, or undermining what is being taught. There are some who are listless and demonstrate no real interest in what is taking place or what's going on. When the subject of music is presented, and they come under conviction that their music is not pleasing to God, then they begin to struggle with giving it up. It is at this point that there is potential for changing the direction in their music and in their life.

PRE-EVANGELIST MEETING PREPARATION

One of the best ways to bring attention of the community where the campaign is to be held is to host a Health Expo. We have found that wherever a health expo was organized for the local community, it gave a positive face to the project. It provided a venue where the kids could come close to the people in a non-threatening environment. The youth could also gain experience in health ministry, and be enabled to demonstrate a genuine interest for the wellbeing of their guest. We have also noticed that the patrons feel more comfortable and show an admiration for the helping adolescents.

Wherever possible, the local The Holy Seed Church or Children's Home school should be contacted. Often, The Holy Seed Church hospitals have a good relationship with the community. At times there may be personnel or a van with personnel that can be dispatched by the institution to do health screening. This promotes the good name of the institution and thus serves as an incentive for involvement in the project.

If at all possible, the Expo needs to coincide with the beginning of the meetings. If the meetings begin Friday night, then the Expo can begin on Wednesday and run through Friday. After the health evaluations, someone with credentials (such as a doctor, or health educator) presents a talk to all involved each night. This is preferred to take place in the same meeting hall where the Evangelistic talks will be given. On Friday evening, the health talk takes place in conjunction, and just before, the Biblical subject is presented.

Since the youth, by this time, have gained the confidence of the people, and to a certain extent have developed friendships, they can invite their new friends to come to the expo. Then at the conclusion of the Health Expo, they can invite their friends to sit with them and enjoy the meetings. This provides a good transition from the heath to the spiritual.

The Health Expo panels on the eight natural doctors that make up the different exam stations can be

gotten from the Outpost Centers Inc. Their headquarters office is in Tennessee. The materials and instructions for organizing and hosting a health expo can be gotten from Tassia Embakasi.

The Pre-Evangelist church service Visit

Finally, after all of the ground preparation is done, it is time to make a pre-meeting visitation thrust. An intense visitation to all of the contacted interest needs to be made. All are to be invited the week prior to the evangelistic thrust. This visit is non-threatening, and short. The intended purpose is to encourage all of those who have taken Bible studies in their homes, or have subscribed to the Bible studies which had been dropped off to their homes weekly, or had attended the health program, or some other seminar to attend the meetings.

The Bible Worker along with the apprentice takes a handbill and personally appeals to the invitee to plan to attend. This is done by bringing the attention of the person visited to the flyer. Special attention should be given to the first night's topic, making sure to highlight some interesting point concerning it. Also enthusiastic accolades concerning the speaker should be made. If the one inviting does this with excitement usually the enthusiasm is caught. If necessary, transportation should be offered. Should the person need to be transported, this name must be turned over to the one responsible for arranging the transportation, or the one inviting must make the necessary arrangements to insure that the invitee gets a ride to the meetings.

If perchance there are children in the family, special care should be given to point out the children's program. It is wise at this point also to inform them that the ones running the children's program are adults. The person who is doing the inviting should be well acquainted with the children's program, and any details that will encourage the parents or mother to be present at the meetings. Often times, mothers are not interested in attending because there's nothing offered for the children. Having this knowledge will serve as an incentive to attend. Another problem that parents have, is the lateness of the hour, this is especially true doing school time. Mothers in particular need to be assured that the program will be on-time, and will end early enough so that the children can go to bed in the event that they are school-age children.

It is well at this time to assure the invitee that the one inviting will be on the lookout for them at the meeting site. If possible, a short prayer should be offered. In the prayer mention should be made of the blessings expected to be received, and the opportunities that will be made available to hear the wonderful presentations made from night to night that will strengthen the spiritual life.

In the opening night of the meeting, those who invited their interests and friends should be present to greet them when they arrive. People usually are nervous when attending something that is new to them. Therefore, any effort to allay their fears will make the comers more comfortable and able to focus on what will be presented. Seeing a familiar face goes a long way in making a person feel at ease in a strange place.

If the invited interest does not show up for some reason, special attention should be given to visit them the following day. Oftentimes, when people are invited to attend an evangelistic meeting, the enemy of souls seeks to do what he can to keep them from making their way to the meeting. Of course, the individual is not privy to this fact. So they assume that the incident is something normal that has taken place. When an individual promises they will be there and for whatever reason they do not show up, usually they feel embarrassed and therefore do not wish to see the person that invited them. Therefore, it is extremely important that a visit be made the following day. It is sometimes amusing to discover that the individual misread the handbill. Rather than reading "Opening night," they see "Only night." A short visit can clear this up, and enable the individual to return.

Sometimes someone shows up to visit them. This is an unexpected visit and the person feels obligated to have to grace the visitor with their presence. Since they promised to attend, and because of this unforeseen call, did not show up, there is a tendency to feel that they've broken their promise, and therefore are reticent to attend. Again, a short visit will disclose the problem and words of encouragement can succeed in encouraging the person to attend. At times people who have missed several nights feel like they have missed too much and therefore there is no need to attend. By going to their home, this problem can be simply solved. Let them know that there are materials or tapes available

to catch up with what they have missed. Leaving the tape or two with them provides an opportunity to listen to the messages missed and may serve as a motivation to return to the meetings.

The aim is to keep people attending the series of meetings. The reason for this is that we are promised that at “the convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.”⁵ As the Word of God is being preached the Spirit of God brings home to the heart the messages presented. Consequently, there's a greater chance that those who are listening can be impressed to make a commitment to Christ.

The Evangelistic Meetings

There is something appealing about a young person preaching the Word of God. This is especially true when the one preaching does so with enthusiasm, clarity, and authority. Since this is not common, adults as well as the youth are intrigued by the delivery. With the recent development of the ‘New Beginnings’ DVD and Elder Bonface Ngome series of illustrated sermons with projected graphics and pictures, the youth can preach. However, it is strongly suggested that the person preaching become acquainted with the materials. Where possible a person who can follow the script takes care of the changing of the slides while the speaker focuses on the subject. Of course, the best use of the graphics found in the CD Rom (Power Point) version, is for the speaker to make his own sermon, and then select the pictures or graphics that compliment the topic. If this is the first time the person is doing a meeting, then it is advisable that they used the material ‘as is.’ Once an experience is gained, then venturing into their own mode can be encouraged.

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the DVD, we took a group of lay persons, both male and female, young and old, to the Luo. These were people who had never preached an evangelistic series. The groundwork had already been done by the local people. All that was necessary was for a series of sermons to be preached to get decisions. Every day we would go over the sermons. The appeals that needed to be made each night were highlighted. The preachers used the DVD graphics to make their presentations. The sermons were prewritten. So all they had to do was to follow the script; make sure they had the appropriate graphics on the screen, and then at the appropriate time make the suggested appeal. At the conclusion of the pilot project 250 souls were baptized in one Sabbath afternoon.

If the person prefers to preach his or her own sermons, they can do so. However, as stated before, if the person is a novice in this area, then he/she should utilize a series of sermons that have been proven to be effective. In the event they want to utilize graphics that can be inserted to provide visual aids for their home-spun presentation, then they can acquire the CD Rom version of the New Beginnings. (At times one graphic may be sufficient to replace a group of slides.) These come in various languages as do the DVD versions. The gospel has spread in deferent over two hundred and fifty (250) languages. First, the sermons should be developed, and then the graphics or illustrations can be put together to match the sermons.

One of the challenges that the new speaker encounters is that of coordinating the visual illustrations of the sermons as he/she is delivering his/her message. Keeping track of the graphics, while at the same time concentrating on the message, may be difficult for a new comer to preaching. In the event that this is a problem, then a team member, who has the printed script with the corresponding graphics in hand, may sit and do the changing of the illustrations so that the speaker only has to focus on the delivery of his message presentation.

It should be noted that while it is nice to have graphics, illustrations, or visual aids, they are not imperative in order to preach. Jesus the best preacher that ever lived was able to use word illustrations, stories, parables, and point to scenes that made a lasting impression on the minds of his hearers. With just the Bible in hand, preaching can be done effectively. Obviously, when dealing with prophecy, charts are important. They help to visualize history in a very practical manner. Concerning charts, Mr. Eugene Makokha: “The use of charts is most effective in explaining the prophecies relating to the past, the present, and the future.”

The sequence of the messages is also important. It is vital to begin with the basics of Christianity and then proceed onto the more controversial subjects towards the latter end of the series. For example, one may want to begin with the subjects that have to do with prophecy such as Daniel Chapter 2, or a presentation on the Second Coming of Christ and Signs of His Coming, to give importance to, and create

an interest for the Bible. “The Plan of Salvation”, “Who is Christ?”, “How does one become converted?”, and like subjects that build up the Christian faith need to take priority. The counsel is to “repeat the messages in their order. Tell my people to proclaim the message, the binding-off message, that is to prepare a people for the coming of the King. Give the world a knowledge of the messages of the first, second and third angels.” In other words, the first angel begins with the Everlasting Gospel,

The Creator, these subjects need to precede the ‘fall of Babylon’ and the ‘Beast and its Mark.’

As the meetings are in progress is it imperative that Decision cards be available. (You will find a sample of the decision cards later on). As appeals are being made by the speaker, special attention should be taken as to what decisions have been checked off by those who have responded. If there is a good group of people that have responded for baptism, then a baptismal class should be set up.

Preparing the candidates for baptism is the last phase of the meetings. (You can refer to the book ‘Gaining Decisions for Christ’ for more details.) It is advisable during this process that a more experienced person be the one clearing the candidate despite whether or not the clearing (preparation for baptism) is being done in the home or the meeting site. The young trainee should be observing, and after departing from the home or place where the candidate is being prepared, time should be taken to explain to the trainee why certain things have been done.

The Baptismal Service:

Now comes the exciting moment when those who have been listening to the Gospel have responded; they have grown in grace, decided in favor of the truth, and are ready to seal their lives in the public Christian ceremony of baptism. Care should be taken to make the ceremony one that is solemn and beautiful. “Give to the occasion [the baptismal service] all the importance and solemnity that can be brought into it. At such a service angels of God are always present.” Where practical, it would be well to do the baptismal service right at the hall where the meetings have been held. This will afford those who have been attending the meetings and are under conviction, yet have not made their decisions, an opportunity to witness a baptismal service. Doing this has given the Lord another occasion to strengthen the conviction and turned those in the valley of decision into resolute determined candidates for baptism.

It is at that these occasions that the Holy Spirit can work on the heart of those who are in the valley of decision and impress them to make their own choice in favor of the Lord.

Duration of Training

It was my military training experience coupled with my brother Fungo Lunani research into short training that encouraged and led us to the idea of formulating a program that could quickly put workers into the field. The following statement of short trainings added support to the concept. "A speedy preparation for doing the work that is essential for this time." "Those who really have good abilities such as God will accept to labor in His vineyard, would be very much benefited by only a **few months** instruction at such a school." "We need a school where those who are just entering the ministry may be taught at least the common branches of education, and where they may also learn more perfectly the truths of God's word for this time. In connection with these schools, lectures should be given upon the prophecies. Those who really have good abilities such as God will accept to labor in His vineyard, would be very much benefited by only a few months' instruction at such a school."

“As the time comes for it [the message of the third angel] to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service.

The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power, all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred.

Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these.

“Many will be seen hurrying hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to bring the light to others. The truth, the Word of God, is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes

will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord.”

Budgets, Costs and Expenses

Initial Budget– Nairobi, Grand Annual Winder 2018 Crusade

I. Team Provisions:

A. Stipends– 2 couples @ Ksh.150,000/ month for 3.5 months = Ksh1,050,000

6 singles @ Ksh. 100,000/ month for 3.5 months = Ksh. 2,100

Total Ksh. 1,302,100

B. Mileage– Nairobi, OR to Khalala, Siaya, Machakosi Grand Annual: 8 cars X 19,500 per trip each X 2 =Total Ksh. 312,000

C. Housing– To be provided by local conference in cooperation with local churches.

II. Herring guesthouse Evangelist Provisions* (may be subject to It Is Written charges):

A. Stipend– 3months @ Ksh.30,000 month = Ksh. 900,000

B. Mileage–Church, to guesthouse, GA: 1car X 180 miles X Ksh.0.20/mile = Total =Ksh. 450,000

C. Housing– To be provided by local conference in cooperation with local churches.

III. Pre-work, Crusade, and Follow up Costs:

A. Literature – Ksh. 800,000

B. Handbills – Ksh. 150,000 printed/mailed @ Ksh. 225/M = Ksh. 33,750

Ksh. 25,000 printed @ Ksh. 85/M = Ksh. 1700

Total =Ksh. 40,450

C. Hall/ Tent Rental– Ksh. 800,000-Ksh. 2,000,000

D. Meeting Proper Costs–

i. Decorating– Ksh. 80,000

ii. Children’s Program– Ksh. 80,000

iii. Meeting Supplies– Ksh. 100,000

iv. Postage (personal invites)– Ksh. 70,000

v. Equipment Rental– Ksh. 100,000

vi. Miscellaneous expenses– Ksh. 100,000

E. Rally Costs – Ksh. 200,000

IV. Additional Advertising Costs:

A. Newspaper – Ksh. 500,000

B. Radio – Ksh. 1,000,000

C. Television – Ksh. 1,500,000

V. Total Budgeted Expense:

A. Total from Section I = Ksh. 3,582,000

B. Total from Section II = Ksh. 569,000* (may be subject to It Is Written charges)

C. Total from Section III = Ksh. 5,875,000 - Ksh. 7,075,000

D. Total from Section IV = Ksh. 3,000,000

E. Total Projected Meeting Cost = Ksh. 13,026,000 - Ksh. 14,226,000

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Ksh. 26,052,000 - Ksh. 28,452,000

Grand Rapids Weekly Schedule

Tassia Main Church July 8 – July 15, 2000

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Sabbath
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.
10:30 –11:00 a.m.	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	9:30-12:00 S.S. and Church
11:00-12:30 noon		Class	Class	Class	Class		
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Field work	Field Work	Field work	Field work	Field work	Field work	
5:00- 6:30 p.m.	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting
8:30 to 9:30 p.m.	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting
10:00-10:30 p.m.	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting

Youth for Jesus Baptismal Program Roland camp

Song Service
Opening Prayer
Welcome
Message in Song
Introduction of Speakers and Teams
of Candidates

Choir
Message in Word
Baptism
Message in Song
Closing song
Closing Prayer

Sharon Kivuta, Eunice Ndinda and Angeline Muasyia,

Phanice Isialo

Cristine and Colins Salwa
Meliza Zebedee
Pastor Windlay Kwamboka
Petronilah
Eugene Makokha Introduction

Anastasia Kanini,
Youth for Jesus
President William Simiu
Pastor Merrianah Mutua
Robai Ayoti
Amos Simiyu
Elder Bonface Ngome



YOUTH FOR JESUS

Letter of Instruction

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in the Youth for Jesus program! I'm anticipating a tremendous experience together. We will arrive in (City and date), and the program will conclude on (date project ends).

Enclosed you will find all the application materials you will need. This is how the process works:

- 1 Read and sign the Letter of Agreement
- 2 Fill out and sign the Application
- 3 Return the application and letter of agreement with a \$50 deposit.
- 4 Upon notification of acceptance submit fully completed, properly signed and notarized medical consent form and the remaining \$450 of your program fee.
- 5 Pray for God's richest blessings to be poured out upon Columbus!

If you have any questions, or if there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached in the following ways:

Snail Mail: Address to send correspondence

Email:

Home Tel:

Work Tel:

Mobile Tel:

Fax: number

We'll be praying for you as you prepare for this summer's activities. Jesus is coming soon! I'm thankful that there are young people like you who are anxious to help many be ready for that great day.

Sincerely,

Application for Admission to YOUTH FOR JESUS (Place and dates of activity)

Youth for Jesus is a very specialized ministry for young people who have demonstrated a strong level of desire and commitment to learning about and participating in evangelism training and experience. The training will encourage development in their potential Christian service, and provide them with the atmosphere necessary for such development.

Where you have been in life is not as important as where you are going. Our desire is to provide our support and benefit to you by designing a program to fit the specific needs. To help us find out what these needs are, please take your time in responding to the following questions in your own handwriting. Please answer as completely and honestly as possible. If you need more space, please use another sheet of paper and attach it to this sheet.

Thank you for your time and thoughts in answering these questions. They will be kept confidential and reviewed only by pertinent personnel, who will be evaluating your application, and for the purposes of developing training programs. Please print in ink and give all information requested completely and accurately.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name..... Nick Name

Address..... MaleFemaleAge.....

City /State/Zip:.....Citizenship.....

Phone..... Fax..... E-mail.....

Church Affiliation..... Have you been baptized..... Date.....

School attended last year:

Did you have the privilege of being a part of the Youth Crusades in a previous project?

If not, have you ever been involved in an evangelistic effort before?.....

If yes, in what capacity?.....

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What do you intend to receive from this youth evangelism experience? (50 words or more)

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What do you feel you have to contribute to this program? (50 words or more)

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In what way do you think God may be leading you in your life mission?

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Do you have personal devotions on a regular basis? If yes, tell what books, tapes, notes, etc. you have been using and how they have helped you.

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How do you view your spiritual life and what would you like to do to improve/change it?

Discuss your feelings (convictions) on dress standards, videos, computer games, music, reading and viewing materials.

What goals and dreams do you hope to accomplish in life?

Please check below the areas that you would like to be involved in.

Giving Bible Studies

Children's ministries

Music

Literature Evangelism (Door to door)

Greeting & Sign Up

Ushering

Please enclose a \$50.00 deposit fee with this application so that we can hold your place. Make checks payable to Youth for Jesus.

Signed:..... Date.....

Please return this application to: (Address of person in charge)

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Dear Youth:

Thank you for your interest in the Youth for Jesus Evangelistic Effort! It promises to be an exciting adventure for God! As you prepare to join us, as space permits, please pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and ours as we plan and work together to finish the commission of Jesus. As we look around our world today, we know the time is very short to finish His work before He comes again. Let's be ready!

Following are some guidelines to help in making this evangelism experience a success.

Maximum Attraction: We have many activities and programs planned to attract people to Jesus. Much time will be spent visiting studying and worshipping with new friends. In order to point people to Jesus and not ourselves, we encourage you to dress in clean, modest clothing. As you pack, prayerfully consider the necklines, hemlines, and modesty of your clothing, keeping in mind your goal of bringing others attention to Jesus. We realize it will be hot at times, so do bring appropriate attire that will allow you to be as cool as possible, yet still stay modest.

Visitation and meeting clothes should be casual dress: khaki's, collared shirt, and tie for young men; and for young ladies, skirts or casual dresses which are to the knee or lower. Please avoid wearing sleeveless and tight fitting clothing for both young men and women.

Door to door work clothes for when passing out flyers, taking surveys, etc. will be the same as above except the tie will not be required for young men. You will be on your feet for extended periods of time, so bring COMFORTABLE shoes to wear with your program dress.

For Sabbath programs: Young men, please wear dress pants with shirt and tie (jacket optional). Young ladies, attractive church-appropriate dresses or skirts please.

Minimum Distraction: There will be a lot going on that we need you to be part of, and need your help with. We need your full attention, energy and participation. To keep you focus on God and minimize distractions away from Him, we ask you to leave at home all iPods/MP3 players and headphones/ earphones etc. We promise plenty of opportunity to hear and provide good music!! Because of the extreme demands put on students to master techniques of soul-winning and evangelism, we ask you to put all special or dating relationships "on the back burner" for the weeks you will participate in the Youth For Jesus program.

Community Service Project: As time permits, it is our plan to assist the Columbus community with practical needs; i.e. building repair, cleaning, painting, landscaping, etc.... Bring modest work clothes that will allow you to jump right in.

Lifestyle: In order to best model the "more abundant" lifestyle God has given us to share, and so that we can be at our best for God, a vegetarian diet is required for all meals with the program and caffeine in any form is prohibited.

Recreation: There may be time for cycling, rollerblading, playing ball, or swimming! While we have not scheduled these activities into the program they may surface during free time. For swimming, we ask young men to wear modest swimming trunks and the young ladies to wear modest (loose-fitting and covering the thigh) shorts and a T-shirt.

Things to Pack: Bible, personal devotional material, notebooks, pens/pencils, highlighters, towels, bedding, umbrella, alarm clock, personal toiletries, flashlight, sunscreen.

I have read the above guidelines and I agree to follow them.

Signature of participant:Date:

Signature of parent/guardian: _____Date: _____

YOUTH FOR JESUS PROGRAM

Medical Consent Form

To Be Completed For Each Participant Regardless of Age
Evangelism Project

Name of Participant.....

Participant's Permanent Address.....

City..... State Zip Code

() Parents' () Legal Guardians' Name(s).....

Work Phone ()..... ()..... Home Phone ().....

Emergency Contact Person: Name Phone ()

Age..... Height Weight Sex () Male () Female

Social Security Number:-.....-..... Birth date

Does the student live at home with parents? () Mother () Father

Does the student have coverage by accident or hospitalization policy? () Yes () No

List all Health Insurance **numbers** (including dependent # in B.C.) and name of insurer:

Medical coverage:

Hospital coverage:.....

Other coverage:

Past illnesses: (Please check all that apply to the student)

- | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| () Measles | () Scarlet Fever | () Heart Disease | () Asthma |
| () Whooping Cough | () Diphtheria | () Cholera | () Polio |
| () Chicken Pox | () Epilepsy | () Rheumatic Fever | () Diabetes |
| () Hay Fever | | | |

List any other serious illnesses, operations, or injuries and age when occurred.....

.....

Has the student ever had an allergic reaction to certain drugs (please specify)?.....

List any allergies the student may have

List any other items helpful in planning for the participant's health

.....

If a physician feels it necessary, does he have permission to use antibiotics or other medication?

() Yes () No Comments:

Does the student have any physical condition that would limit them in door-to-door or child-care activities?

() Yes () No If yes, what?.....

Does the student take any medicine regularly? () Yes () No If yes, what?

Indicate chronic complaints such as colds, headaches, allergies, weaknesses, anemia, back trouble, eczema, excessive fatigue, hypoglycemia, and etc.....

Does the student's health require a special diet? () Yes () No If yes, what?

.....

Please initial the following statement(s):



"We (I) understand that should it be necessary for this participant to return home due to medical or any other reason, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs."



"We (I) authorize our (my) child to ride in any vehicle designated by the adults in whose care he/she has been entrusted while on this mission project."



"We (I), the undersigned, parent(s) of the participant name above, do hereby authorize any member of the ASI Youth For Jesus Staff as our agents in case of sudden illness and/or stroke or injury, to consent to any x-ray or other examination deemed advisable by a duly licensed medical professional to be rendered at office of said physician or elsewhere. Consent is hereby granted by the undersigned to ASI Youth for Jesus to release all pertinent medical histories and physical findings to the aforementioned physician. In case of sickness or accident where an emergency operation, surgery, or treatment is advised by the physician, we give our permission and will be financially responsible."

..... Signature of Adult Participant	 Date
..... Signature of Father of Student	 Date
..... Signature of Mother of Student	 Date
..... Signature of Legal Guardian	 Date

BOTH PARENTS must sign unless one parent sends proof of sole custody or a copy of a death certificate.

ONE PARENT must sign in the presence of a notary public.

State of.....

County of

On -....., before me
Notary Public for the above-named county and state, appeared
andwho is (are) known to me or whose identity was proved with satisfactory
evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to this instrument.

(seal)

Signature.....
Notary Public
Commission Expires:

GRAND RAPIDS EVANGELISTIC FIELD SCHOOL

June 8 -- August 5, 2000 Weekly Schedule

8:30 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. -- 11:00 a.m. Devotional and Prayer

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Classes

2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Lunch

3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Field Work

The day off before the Grand Rapids crusade is Sunday. However, once the crusade begins, there will not be any days off for the first two weeks of the meetings.

Instructors:

Elder Louis R. Torres	Director	Mission College
Elder Bruce Price	Professor	Australia
David Asscherick	Evangelist	Mission College
Local Pastors		

A sample Decision card used during the Evangelistic effort.

My Decision For Christ

I desire to accept Jesus as my personal Savior

I desire to be baptized as my Lord was baptized

I have backsliden and desire to come back to the Lord

I need prayer to overcome a problem

I need a visit from the pastor

Name

Address.....

City.....ZipTel:

Evangelistic Budget

Five Sites

Evangelistic Budget

20	Mentors / Bible Workers 3 months @ \$500.00 / months	Ksh. 3000,000
	Gas Money @\$40.00/wk x 13 wks x 20	Ksh. 1000,400
	Food	Ksh. 700,000
	Handbills / mailings 100,000	Ksh. 2,270,000
	Banners 3 per site – 5 sites	Ksh. 450,000.
	Literature	Ksh. 800,000
	Posters 500	Ksh. 300,000
	DVD Equipment \$180.00 x 5	Ksh. 90,000
	Misc.	Ksh. 300,000
	Travel	Ksh. 400,000
Total		Ksh. 9,310,400

Communicating and Maintaining Support

One of the important aspects of this endeavor is to keep the supporting community and those interested informed as to what's taking place. The best way to do this is by relating testimonies of the young people in their daily activities. Below you will find a sample of testimonies in a brief report concerning the work of the youth. This communicate is helpful in three ways. 1. It'll keep the youth eager to have experiences to share. 2. It will inspire the supporters by what they hear. 3. It will inspire others to desire an opportunity to participate in something of this nature.

(Name of Project) Report

The Mission

(The names of the organizations that are jointly engaged in the project) are co-laboring together in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the city of (name of target area) and its surrounding areas. Presently a team of about (number of) workers are engaged in giving in-home bible studies and providing training for the laity. This summer we intend on holding 10 evangelistic meetings all to be conducted by youth. We look forward to a great harvest.

Testimonies

Tears of Joy from an “ABC study” on prophecy

On Monday I had a Bible Study with Salomon Mendoza who is 94 years old, has served in the Baptist church for 70 years, and about 1 month ago has made a decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist. At our Bible Study I purposed to take a big grease board to draw out the image of Daniel 2. He was really excited that I had brought it. At the conclusion of our study I asked him 3 questions: Where in the image are we living today? What is the very next thing that takes place in the dream after the description of the feet? And finally I asked him a third question, but before asking him I took him to the Gospel of Luke to answer this question. Verses 31 and 32 say, “*But rather seek ye first the KINGDOM OF GOD, and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is the Father’s GOOD PLEASURE to give you the KINGDOM.*”

I asked him, “Brother Salomon, what is the Father’s good pleasure?” There was silence in the home for a moment. He thoughtfully looked at the verse again, looked at the drawing of the image on the grease board, and then slowly turned his eyes from the grease board to me. I noticed his eyes began to twinkle and shine. With a shaky voice he answered, “To give us his kingdom”. In the midst of his answer tears were running down his wrinkly face. He continued to share how beautiful the study was in the book of Daniel, and that from that day on he was going to seek first the

kingdom of God and not allow the problems in his family, the war situation in this country and all the worries of this world to discourage him because he was a son of a king.

We knelt down together and prayed. His prayer was one of the most beautiful and sincere prayers I have yet heard. In his prayer he mentioned his 70 years of walking with the Lord, and how he thought he knew the Bible, but realized there was much more he needed to learn and experience. It's amazing to see how one of the most basic prophecy studies can have such a powerful affect on a man's heart. In contrast to my age and my short years walking with the Lord and Mr. Mendoza's ripe age and his long walk with the Lord and Christian service, I now have somewhat of an understanding of Jesus statement in Matthew 21: 16 *"Yea, Have ye never read, Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise"*.

-Jay Rosario/18

One Mediator

Several weeks ago I met a sweet catholic lady in an apartment complex. She was very open to study the Bible with me, and we've done so several times a week since. A couple of days ago I met with her to study the Heavenly Sanctuary. As I was making the different points, I knew I was getting really close to exposing Jesus as our High Priest. Knowing her to be a catholic, in my heart I held my breath as we read these words: "There is **one** God, and **one** mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim 3:5

"We don't need the priest in the confessional!" I said, "We don't need some earthly man to approach our God! There is only **one** who we confess our secret sins through- Christ Jesus!"

So I stared, awaiting a reaction. Then she kind of glanced to the left and to the right and said, "You know, I haven't told anyone. But years ago I stopped going to the confessional because I felt that I needed to go straight to God. I don't understand why the Catholic church teaches that."

So in my soul I was dancing like David. Praise God for hungry souls...

- Jeffrey Rosario/20

It was Wonderful to be Your Neighbor

"Oh why now!" I thought as I was giving my devotional talk. I had put my phone on the pulpit to help me keep track of time. It started to vibrate, I quickly grabbed it and put it in my pocket. I wondered who would be calling me this early in the morning. I sure hope it is not a contact trying to cancel a study. My old man was rising up, and with him all of his pessimism.

After the talk I promptly checked to see who called. I found out that it was my father. Immediately, I called him back and to my surprise a strange voice answered the phone. "Hey Nate," The voice spoke, "this is Courtland." Courtland? My head spun. I have not talked to him in years and even then it was brief. Courtland was a neighbor and my childhood best friend.

We talked for a while. I discovered that his mother and father had just bought a restaurant. My parents were having lunch there, which is located back home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I am currently in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I asked how his brother's were doing. He replied by stating that one of them was a youth pastor for an Assembly of God church. I asked where he was located? He responded with, OF ALL PLACES! Albuquerque. NO WAY! I could not believe it.

I received the phone number for Darren his brother. Without delay, I prayed and called him. He was not home so I left a message. Later that day he called me back. We chatted for a bit and proceeded to schedule to meet at his church's open gym.

My brother had to hear about this. He is working with me here in New Mexico. I called my brother and both of us planned on meeting at the church at seven. When we both arrived Darren's jaw dropped considering He has not seen us in 12 years. We chatted awhile to catch up. We are planning on meeting again for dinner Saturday night after Sabbath.

To all that happen to read this testimony, I humbly petition your prayers that I may be able to share the present truth with this old neighbor of mine and that his heart will be willing to receive it with great joy. Moreover, that he will bring his congregation with him. **-Nate Gibbs/23**

God's favorite number

Last week, John (my partner) and I were following up a Voice of Prophecy lead card, looking for house #7 on Prince Road. What we didn't know was that Prince Road had two houses

that were on the opposite ends of the street, and were both #07. We easily found the house, and knocked on the door. The woman that answered the door told us that we were at the wrong #7, we still told her what we were doing, and offered her a bible study, which she gladly accepted. Now we study not only with Irene, but also her husband Anthony, and they both enjoy the studies very much. Not every street has two houses with the same number, and when Prince Road was just being made God had something to do with putting two #7 on that road.

-Marianna Ilaschuk/18

Let the children come!!!

Going door to door is truly nerve wrecking yet it is what brings joy to my heart. As I knocked on doors in Santa Fe, I met a teenage girl who had no apparent interest in the Bible. I presented to her some of the up coming events in her community (health classes, youth programs, Bible Prophecy Seminars, etc.) and how she can benefit from these. She said she was not interested at this time but introduced me to her eleven year old sister who is excited to study the Bible and is planning to involve her family as well. Praise the Lord!!

-Jessica Aviles/23

I Want to do it Next

It was the fourth house that I had done that day. A man came to the door, and I told him who I was and what I was doing. I asked if he would mind answering a few questions I had, from a survey I was doing. He said, "sure" and so I asked him questions, and we began to talk. During the conversation, I asked if he thought that Jesus would come again. He said that he didn't think so, and that he really didn't believe in Heaven. He thought it was just a pool of energy. I heard his wife say from the other room, "I think Jesus will come again. What's that survey? I want to do it next." So as I was talking to her husband, she came to the door. He told her to go ahead and do the survey, and then he left. As we were talking I asked her if she would like to get together and study the Bible. Her eyes lit up, and she said, "yes!" She said that her schedule is pretty busy, but she can squeeze in 30-45 minutes a week to study the Bible with me. She told me that maybe we could get her husband to sit in and join with us in studying. So praise the Lord I might be studying with both!

-Michelle Syverson/19

Everyday we ask the Lord to lead us to those souls who are "wistfully looking towards heaven." We believe He has...Presently we have 97 in-home bible studies and still looking for more! There are 3 who are being prepared for baptism. Everyday the team experiences the hand of God leading them out in the field. We ask for your continual prayers as we labor in faith.

Youth for Jesus Bible Worker Contract

The following are the responsibilities of the Mission College of Evangelism Bible Workers:

- ❖ Work as a Bible worker from (beginning date) through (ending date), in (place of labor), under the direction of (Director of project), and his onsite Field Coordinator, (name of field coordinator)
- ❖ The workers are to report for weekly instructions and coordination to (field coordinator). The work will include, but not limited to door to door work and other outreach ministries. It is expected that the Worker develop a minimum interest list of 50 names, conducting 15-20 in-home Bible studies per week. The Worker is to keep a weekly log of hours and activities, maintaining 40 hours of direct soul winning activities each week.
- ❖ Work in cooperation with the Field Coordinator to provide training and organization for church members. Provide on-the-job training for local church members and Youth. Conduct other modes of outreach, or participate in other church related outreach.
- ❖ Mentor and train Youth for Jesus from (beginning date to ending date)

- ❖ Assist with the assigned church evangelistic series conducted from (date of meetings). And during the meetings visit the interests and where possible clear and prepare candidates for baptism.
- ❖ Some may be required to assist with follow-up from (follow-up dates). This will entail assisting the church members to bond with the new members and integrate them into the church family.
- ❖ The Worker will be remunerated by (remunerating organization) the amount of (amount of remuneration) per month. Housing will also be provided free of charge in the (address of location selected). The worker will be responsible for his/her own transportation, and food.
- ❖ As a contract worker, it is a personal responsibility to file taxes as a self-employed individual and pay all relevant taxes.

This contract shall be between the parties, Contract Bible Worker, and, **(organization responsible the agreement)**

.....
 Contract Bible Worker, Date
 Signature.....
Or
 ganization, Field Coordinator Date
 Signature:.....

YOUTH CHALLENGE

Here is a project that many conference Youth Departments and churches can get their youth involved in to inculcate the training and empowering. It is called “Youth Challenge.” It was field-tested in the small town of Litzen, Austria, generally speaking a very staunch Catholic environment steep in religious and national tradition. Young people are generally encouraged to be a supporting element in community efforts. Usually these community efforts use the indirect approach to influence the people of that particular locale by creating a good image and opinion of the church. However, the “Youth Challenge” project takes in both aspects; the community service approach as well as the direct evangelistic thrust. Youngsters can be inspired to not only play a supporting role, but do the whole project of reaching their community from start to finish. By “start to finish” means that of the preparation of the territory by hosting community health related programs such as Stop Smoking programs, Cooking Schools, Stress Seminars, Health Expo, and other outreach activities. It also incorporates finding interested persons for Bible studies, giving the Bible studies, holding the evangelistic series of meetings (including preaching the sermons), getting the decisions for accepting the Lord, preparing the candidate for baptism, and following up those already baptized as well as those yet in the valley of decision.

The project consists of placing nine (9) to ten (10) college aged young people in a territory which may already have Adventist presence, or be an unentered area. The participants should be selected by taking in consideration their spiritual maturity, level of commitment, and their willingness to invest the time necessary both to be trained and to carry out the project from beginning to its completion. In the territory selected, living quarters are sought for and rented, a budget for the entire project approved by the sponsoring organization, and the necessary vehicles for transportation as may be needed are provided. If the participants have their own vehicles, then the monies for the fuel must be included in the budget. It is essential to have someone chosen who would take care of preparing food and cooking. If this is not possible, then the team members can either have one of its own member do the cooking, or rotate the responsibility from among them. From the members of the team a Speaker is selected, a Platform Chairman or Master of Ceremony, a Treasure to handle the finances, one should be a Music Coordinator in charge of the music; another should be the Technician to be in charge of the technical aspects,(such as finding the hall obtaining the necessary PA system, etc.), a Children's Program Coordinator, a Prayer Coordinator, a Public Relations person, and an Interest Coordinator. Their particular duties will be discussed later on.

Once a territory has been chosen, maps of the area should be acquired to plot out the site of labor. The materials for the work should also be pre-selected so that once the team arrives, they will not be

hampered or delayed from getting right to work. Most countries have their own some Bible studies and those can be utilized for the purpose of getting people into Bible studies. In North America there are several different studies which are available for this purpose. Some of the sets are the Voice of Prophecy's "Discovery," (these are also available in Spanish and French), La Voz de la Esperanza has, "Tesoros de Vida," "Descubra," etc.; Amazing Facts has "Amazing Facts Study Guides" as well as the set of studies which are called "Storycals," and Don Gray has put out a new set of Bible studies printed by Seminars Unlimited entitled "New Beginnings." The Television program "Breath of Life" has its own set, and there are others such as the old Spanish standard—"La Fe de Jesus."

Sometimes in the United States pre-printed Bible study enrollment cards entitled "Something Wonderful," are mass-mailed to the particular ZIP code/s representing the target area. These cards are then returned to the specific P.O. Box listed as a return address. They are then forwarded to the team of workers. These are used by the team to visit the prospective Bible study students. Usually, this results in getting some good interests to study with. In Australia the "Try Jesus" enrollment card is utilized with good success as a handout from door to door, or placed in the local newspaper as an insert. Sometimes enrollment cards printed as 'door-hangers' are used by hanging them on the door handles of the homes in the area. These cards usually offer free Bible study guides and at times provide free Bibles as an incentive to the prospective student.

Once a team is in place, there should be a period of training for three weeks. During the three weeks the team should be taught how to use a map (if they don't already know how to use one) for the purpose of visitation, and selecting a specific area in which to work. There should be training in organizing an evangelist meeting, how to knock on the door, how to meet objections, the art of giving Bible studies, how to get decisions, how to inspire and organize the church members for labor if there is a church to be worked with, how to have personal devotion, how to organize a countdown schedule, how to visit both prior to the evangelistic campaign and during the meetings, how to seal the decision, and how to prepare a person for baptism. This last step of preparation we call 'clearing the candidate.' This is discussed in the chapter 'Clearing the Candidate' in the book 'Gaining Decision for Christ.'

Another area in which there should be instruction is in how to make the public aware of the activities by means of advertising. It should include how to make posters, how to make flyers, or make use of handbills that have already proven to have good results. Other means of publicizing the events (such as Stop Smoking, Nutrition and Cooking Schools, and Health Expo. programs) that lead into the evangelistic campaign need to be added. These may include placing poster signs (similar to those placed by politicians with a stake into the ground) announcing the meeting with its dates, time, place and title. In some towns or cities cable television stations are required by law to provide free public community announcements. Some radio stations also provide the same. A phone call of inquiry may be all that's necessary in order to determine what is available. But better yet, a short visit to the station and having a face to face interview may accomplish more. Again, guidance as to how to do this will prove the dialogue more rewarding. Instructions on how to use the Internet and possible Website usage where applicable can also be included.

Another area vital to the success of the program is the art of preaching. We're not speaking of the normal sermonizing delivered in churches during their worship services, but rather evangelistic preaching. It is essential to teach the students how to develop and outline a sermon, how to use proper gestures, how to make a good introduction, and how to develop and deliver a good appeal. We are encouraged to become known as 'interesting speakers.'⁶ Much is lost for want of good preaching.

USE OF THE SURVEY

The survey can vary depending on the desired object. For example, if the desired aim is to find people who already have a spiritual inclination, then a community religious survey could be used.

The questions must be specific to religious topics. The approach is to seek people's opinions concerning the questions or issues raised by the survey. Most people like to give their opinions. Each question should be formulated as to get a "yes" or "no" answer, or at least a short answer. It would be wise to incorporate current events. The Film entitled "The Passion" by Mel Gibbs has created an international stir concerning the crucifixion of Christ. So, one of the questions could be: "Have you seen Mel Gibbs' film, "The Passion?" Was the impression made positive or negative? As the surveyor asks the questions, he/she is to pay special attention to the level of interest on the part of the one being surveyed. If they have a spiritual inclination, they will be prone to engage in a conversation on spiritual themes. If not spiritually inclined, they tend to get irritated, be snappy, abrupt, impolite, or just plain disrespectful.

One of the youth in the Kenya "Youth Challenge," went to her first door-to-door knocking experience. Upon approaching a door, a man came from another apartment in the building complex and verbally railed on her. She was so embarrassed and shaken. She had never before experienced such abuse. She returned back to the meeting place greatly discouraged and determined never to knock on another door. I had to spend time with her to help her understand that the enemy was obviously angry and wanted to knock her out of the way. I reminded her that Jesus was rejected; the Disciples also suffered the same as they went to proclaim the message while seeking the lost. Then in order to help her gain the victory I shared some promises with her and suggested that she go buy a bouquet of flowers, return back to the apartment and leave a note on the door for that person. The note should read: Dear Sir: I am sorry for upsetting you. Here is a bouquet of flowers to express of heartfelt desire to show our kindness and friendship to you. She did that and continued going from door to door. She became so effective finding people that out of all the team members she had the highest number of Bible studies. In the long run the object of this approach is to discover those who in every city "are wistfully looking toward heaven."

Another survey can be developed simply to acquaint the neighbors of the church with the church itself. Often, there are people who live next door to or near an Adventist church, but they have no idea what the church is all about. Neither do they know or are acquainted with the services that the church has available for the community. A "Community" survey can be developed with that in mind. For example, a short canvass for such a survey can go like this: Hello! My name is Louis and this is my friend Mary. We are visiting the community on behalf of the church to inform the neighbors concerning the different services and programs available to the community. It will take just a moment of your time.

1. One of the programs is for the youth. It is called Pathfinders. Are you acquainted with the Boys Scouts? Path Finders is a similar program but it has a spiritual component to help the youth with their spiritual values.
2. There is the Stop Smoking Program. Give information about it and when or how often it is offered.
3. Weight Control program (there are packaged programs prepared with all that's necessary to operate a successful program. Most Conference Health and Temperance departments are able to give directions as to where to obtain the materials. Or, 'Advent Source' in Lincoln, Nebraska can provide a catalog of all the different programs available including their cost of purchase).
4. Cooking and Nutrition School
5. Stress Seminar (being presented by a visiting specialist).
6. Seminar on Depression: and the list goes on.

It is important at this point, once you have the person's attention, to have readily available any brochure or material that can further explain the nature of the program, schedules, costs (if any), contact information and so on.

In America, Europe, and some other parts of the world many have concluded that this door-to-door work is no longer successful, out of vogue, old-fashioned. But it is the way that Jesus taught his disciples to work. “But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” He bade them. “And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.” Matthew 10:6,12-14. The Disciples followed this practice after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” Acts 5:42. It is also the strategy that the Apostle Paul utilized to reach people. “The apostle's [Paul] efforts were not confined to public speaking; there were many who could not have been reached in that way. He spent much time in house-to-house labor, thus availing himself of the familiar intercourse of the home circle.” The Acts of the Apostles, p. 250. “And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house.” (Acts 20:20). We are admonished today to do the same. “Are there not those [wrote the prophetess] who can go from house to house, from family to family, and who can repeat the A B C of true Christian experience? Let Christ be your text. In all your labor let it be apparent that you know Jesus. Present His purity and saving grace, that by beholding, these people may become changed into the divine image.”

SAMPLE CANVASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING SURVEYS

Neighborhood Survey:⁷

The concept and setting of this survey is to give church members a valid reason to knock on the doors of the neighbors around the church. There is full disclosure and a very up-front approach which gives our members a wonderful opportunity to put their best foot forward in offering to the community programs that are very positive and without question the best in the league.

Canvass: Good evening. (Introduce yourself and your partner by saying: my name is, and this is.....) We are from The Holy Seed Church (right around the corner or specify the location of the church) and we are visiting all the homes in the area to make sure that you are aware of the wonderful community programs that are available to you. We would like to take a moment of your time to introduce you to a few of these programs, and ask you a few questions so that we may know how our church community may be of greatest service to the larger community of which we are a part?

NOTE: Be sure to have attractive literature to advertise as many of the programs that are offering as possible. These should have a contact phone number and, of course, the address of the church but not necessarily the dates of the programs unless you are already sure what your yearly program will be offered, and how often you will be running each program.

Community Religious Survey:

In this survey one does not have to identify your particular religious affiliation unless directly asked. The counsel is: “In laboring in a new field, do not think it your duty to say at once to the people, We are The Holy Seed Church we believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath; we believe in the no immortality of the soul. This would often erect a formidable barrier between you and those you wish to reach.” I have worked with many who have stated that if they had any idea to begin with that this was The Holy Seed Church t; they would have never attended the meetings. But once they were enlightened, how thankful they were they didn’t

The survey will be used to search out those who are wistfully looking towards heaven—those already responding to the Lord’s prompting. But though your goal is very specific, you also want to plant any seed possible of the everlasting gospel. For this reason you will want to handle each person with utmost respect and graciousness. Remember the survey is not the end; it is only a means to an end. Watch for every opportunity to open up a conversation with the person and get close to them spiritually. Show yourself warm and friendly.

Canvass: Good afternoon. (Introductions) We are in your area today conducting a Community Religious Survey. When we finish our assignment the results will be furnished to the local newspaper for publication. Would you be so kind as to answer a few questions for us?

Visiting Information:

This is such an important survey. It goes to every member of your church on Sabbath morning. 1. Arrange for a special message and program the Sabbath these will be presented. 2. After that special message, have a special prayer for God's guidance and then hand out the survey cards while supplying time with peaceful music for the members and those present to pray and fill in the information.

Encourage all to fill out the Name to be visited and any other pertinent information concerning that person. It is important for them to fill out the bottom section which includes their name and phone number in order to reach them if necessary. Only two blanks must be filled out at this time. These are Your Name: and Telephone which may be found at the bottom of the page. What is the reason? There may be non-member relatives right there whose presence make it difficult to report at the time. The next day or during the week you simply call these persons to secure the names of those they wish to give. You accomplish this by merely stating in the presentation that "you may not be able to give us any names now but would like us to call you later. If this is your case please just fill out the bottom of the card." After giving ample time, pick up all surveys, have special prayer for all names reported, and finish your service.

Bible School/Radio/TV/Literature Paid Out Accounts—Lead Cards:

Select the particular ministry whose leads you will be visiting. Since you have the cards sent from that ministry, (It Is Written, Voice of Prophecy, or what ever Media Ministry card you may have) you are a field representative. As such you are authorized to follow up leads. Make sure that you are personally acquainted with the program, its Speaker, the time and station that it is being aired on.

Questions: How long have you been reading/listening/watching? Are you enjoying what you are learning? Did you receive the materials you requested? Did you receive your personal Bible Study Program helps? (Introduce material enthusiastically) Let me show you how to use them. Would you like to receive these on a weekly basis?

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

1. Would your family benefit from a stop smoking program?.....
2. Have you a desire to learn about nutrition, or healthful cooking?.....
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3. Would you like to learn about weight control?.....
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4. If a Seminar on Depression was held, would you attend or recommend someone to attend?
Yes.....No.....
5. Are you acquainted with the Pathfinders program for children?.....
6. Are you interested in world events and their relationship to Bible predictions? Do you have any difficulty in understanding the Bible? Would you like some helpful study guides?.....
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7. Is there anything else that our church can aid you in? What?.....
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Name:

Address:

City: State:..... Zip:

Telephone: (.....).....-

Date:

Name of Surveyor:

COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SURVEY

1. Did you see the film "The Passion? Yes No
 2. What was your impression of Mel Gibbs Film—The Passion? Positive.....
Negative..... Why?.....
 3. In your opinion does God exist? Yes No.....
 4. In your opinion, what happens when people die? Go to Heaven?.....Go to
Hell?..... Reincarnated. Don't know.....
 5. In your opinion, who is Jesus? Son of God.....Saviour of man
..... Creator Prophet.....not sure
 6. Do you believe that the world will end? YesNo
 7. Is there a Bible in your home? YesNo.....
If "yes," how often do you get a chance to read it?
 8. Do you feel you understand the Bible as well as you would like?
..... Yes..... No.....
 9. About how often are you able to attend church? Weekly
..... Monthly Seldom Never.....
 10. In your opinion, how does one become a Christian?
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Name

Address

City.....State..... Zip.....

Name of Surveyor:.....

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

The success for any undertaking such as this depends on the following factors:

Timing: Be sure to plan in sufficient detail so as to make certain that sufficient time has been allotted to properly execute all desired preparations. On the other hand, be careful not to draw things out so that your workers become too tired and/or lose interest.

Expense: One of the first considerations for any successful program is an accurate projection of costs. Work out the budget first so that you will know what programs you can run and what methods of advertising may be used; where you can hold the meeting. etc.

Each person needs to be responsible for various functions as follows:

- A. Coordinator: Oversees operation [This person needs to make sure that all are facets of the program are completed properly and on time. Keep spiritual tone.]
- B. Speaker: Preaches every night. [This person prepares the sermons and is the center of the program. Everyone should stand behind this person but care must be taken not to become egotistical. This person is not the leader but the mouthpiece and must work with the team.]
- C. Music Chairman: Coordinate all areas of music for each night. [Song leader and hymns, accompanists, special music—and make a readable schedule with a copy to all team members that have anything to do with the program.]
- D. Treasurer: Submit budget to appropriate person. [This person is to keep track of finances with receipts, check numbers and dates. If offering is to be taken this person is responsible for counting and keeping record of amount taken each night.]
- E. Platform Chairman: Master of ceremonies. [Responsible for making the people feel welcome. He takes care of announcements and makes things run smoothly during the course of the meeting. He needs to know the music being used and outlines or handouts, if any, for that night. He prepares the audience for the next presentation.]
- F. Engineer: Find location and oversee plan operations, sound system and projection. [This person must make sure equipment is working and that all equipment needed is obtained such

- as lights, heating, air conditioning, etc. He must be one of the first to begin responsibilities.]
- G. Greeter: Important as they are the first face people see. [They must dress appropriately and keep attendance records. They need to know messages for each night and distribute appropriate literature. Each greeter's function is to make people feel welcomed.]
- H. Ushers: Collect offering and handle any other handout or collection. [Keep premises neat and clean. Involve as many as possible and make them know they are needed!]
- I. Song Leader: Use familiar songs and make people feel relaxed. [Must be dynamic, as this is the first person seen and heard during the program itself.]
- J. Public Relations: Responsible for all advertisements, sign, handbills, TV, radio. [Get people involved in distribution with flea markets, health van, etc.]
- K. Children's Program Coordinator: Provide a program for children. [Important that parents feel their children are well taken care of and happy. The program should be advertised on handbill.]
- L. Interest/Visitation/Records Coordinator: [A vital position as this person is responsible for keeping accurate and up-to-date information on every interest. Key in visitation program to make sure that no one, not one interest, is forgotten, overlooked, or put aside! They must work closely with the greeters during the meetings.]
- M. Prayer Coordinator:
1. Encourages the church and its members to pray for the effort;
 2. Suggests a prayer schedule for continual intercession.
 3. Organizes a group for prayer during the actual campaign.



Grand Rapids Weekly Schedule

Andrews and Black Hills Teams July 8 – July 15, 2000

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Sabbath
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.
10:30 –11:00 a.m.	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	9:30-12:00 S.S. and Church
11:00-12:30 noon		Class	Class	Class	Class		
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Field work	Field Work	Field work	Field work	Field work	Field work	
5:00- 6:30 p.m.	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting
8:30 to 9:30 p.m.	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting
10:00-10:30 p.m.	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting

Greater Atlanta Youth Crusade Weekly Schedule

ASI Team June 23 – July 28, 2001

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Sabbath
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.
10:30 –11:00 a.m.	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	9:30-12:00 S.S. and Church
11:00-12:30 noon		Class	Class	Class	Class		
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Field work	Field Work	Field work	Field work	Field work	Field work	
5:00- 6:30 p.m.	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment	Meeting Assignment
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting	1 st Meeting
8:30 to 9:30 p.m.	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting	2 nd Meeting
10:00-10:30 p.m.	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting	Brief Staff Meeting

Duration of Training

It was my military training experience coupled with my wife Carol's research into short training which encouraged and led us to the idea of formulating a program that could quickly put workers into the field. The following statement of short trainings added support to the concept. "A speedy preparation [wrote Mrs. White] for doing the work that is essential for this time." "Those who really have good abilities such as God will accept to labor in His vineyard, would be very much benefited by only a **few months** instruction at such a school."⁸ "We need a school where those who are just entering the ministry may be taught at least the common branches of education, and where they may also learn more perfectly the truths of God's word for this time. In connection with these schools, lectures should be given upon the prophecies. Those who really have good abilities such as God will accept to labor in His vineyard, would be very much benefited by only a few months' instruction at such a school."

"As the time comes for it [the message of the third angel] to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service.

The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,--all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these".

"Many will be seen hurrying hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to bring the light to others. The truth, the Word of God, is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord."⁹

God-Wins By Louis R. Torres

One night a man stood up intending to disrupt the meetings. The team of youth immediately went into pray action. Colins Salwa responded respectfully, paused and offered a prayer. The gentleman sat down. As the people were leaving, one visitor said, "The devil tried to cause trouble." Then pointing back to the name of the high school, he concluded with, "but Godwins."

Amos Simiyu was the site of the Youth for Jesus Revelations Promises Hope evangelistic meetings. To the Mission College evangelistic youth team this was not the desired site. But there was no site available for the desired tent. God works in spite. The facilities provided by the school turned out to be better than the tent. It was centrally located to The Holy Seed Church churches which participated. It provided plenty of parking, comfortable sitting, and adequate rooms for the children's programs. Just the name should have given the team an indication of to what God would do.

Once again it was the youth that were given the challenge of reaching this strongly religious community. The question that loomed in some minds was, would the same success that attended the youthful team in Orlando, Florida be repeated in Grand Rapids? "Grand Rapids is the hardest city in Michigan to work in" Don Gray had told Elder Bonface Ngome. Grand Rapids hosts the headquarters for the Reform Church. In fact this city has more churches per capita than any other city in the United States. Yet "there are a lot of hungry people in this town," said President William Simiyu, team coordinator. One of the summer team members discovered how difficult it would be. Going door to door and offering Bible studies, the response was constant. "No! I am a The Holy Seed Church. Or, "I already have my own religion." Being somewhat discouraged; Auron Kivuva decided to stop knocking and paused to pray. While praying, a car drove up. The lady in the car asked, "young man, are you all right?" Freddy

responded, “Yes, I am O.K. It’s just that I am trying to share Jesus with the people, and all they do is slam the door.” “Well come on in to my house and tell me about it.” She said. She and her husband sat as Freddy shared the good news. At the conclusion, he was invited to return. “ This is wonderful news,” they said, please come back. We have other friends who need to hear this.”

This is one example as to how the Lord over ruled and gave victory to the youth as they labored door to door seeking the lost. It was not long before the word went around town concerning what was taking place at the Godwin High school. The abundant blessing poured out this year evidences that God’s blessings upon the youth last year were not just a happen-stance. To date, 113 souls have been baptized. Approximately 200 hundred persons have made decisions to be baptized.

Though the meetings officially ended on the fifth of August, they are continuing because of the many persons yet interested. Revelation Promises Hope speaker David Asscherick and the Mission College team were ecstatic. The double session that opened July 8th received approximately 1100 persons in attendance. The Mission College Youth evangelistic team had been invited by the national ASI to run a pre-ASI convention crusade in Grand Rapids Michigan. Coupled with the crusade, the team under the tutorship of Pastor Louis Torres was to run a field school of Evangelism for thirty ASI sponsored youth and twelve Andrews University undergraduate Theological students.

Because of the many who have been baptized, the Michigan conference has decided to start a new church and place one of the team members, a twenty two year old Daniel Mesa as its pastor. Daniel had served as the platform chairman for the meetings. It was felt that since the people knew him, he would be the logical person to serve as the new pastor.

During the meetings, the youth greeted, prayed visited, ushered, parked cars, held street signs, sang, and cleared the candidates for baptism. All was done by youth. “This is what it is all about. We want our youth involved in soul winning,” Said, general vice president for ASI. The ages of the ASI youth ranged from 13-18 years old. They came to bless others, but in the process, they were blessed. Several were baptized or rebaptized. Said one; “this has been a life changing experience for me. I will never be the same.” Donna McNeilus and Leasa Hodges her Aunt-in-law volunteered to be cooks and Leasa, who had been away from the church renewed her relationship and decided to be rebaptized. Her son Nick, who came to help out, was moved by the messages and he too decided to be baptized. Marlene, an Andrews University student said, “I have learned more about others and about myself in the last few weeks than I have learned in the preceding semesters in school. This is the kind of work I want to continue to do”

“An army of youth rightly trained.” Given the training and the opportunity, the youth can become the army that was envisioned to help finish the work.

Helpful Quotes to Inspire Youth

”The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. He speaks to our young men, saying, "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Those who will go forth to the work under God's direction will be wonderfully blessed. Those who in this life do their best will obtain a fitness for the future immortal life.”¹⁰--Review and Herald, May 16, 1912. {CM 19.1}

“When we see a world lying in wickedness, sinners going to ruin, and appeals for help coming from all directions, we are reminded of the many young men who might be workers in the cause of truth, if they would consecrate themselves to God. There are many who might be as efficient workers in the cause as those who are already in the field. God has not chosen any persons to engage in his work to the exclusion of others, but he has accepted those who were willing to bear burdens and responsibilities.”

“Our young men and young women should be devoted workers in the Master's service. If they will walk in the light that the Lord has permitted to shine upon them, they will see precious opportunities which they may improve, and do God's will from the heart. Quietly, modestly, with a heart overflowing with love, let them seek to win minds to investigate the truth, engaging in Bible readings when they can. By so doing they will be sowing the seed of truth beside all waters, showing forth the praises of him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. Those who are doing this work from right motives are doing an important work of ministering. They will manifest no feeble, undecided character.

Their minds are enlarging, their manners are becoming more refined. They should place no bounds to their improvement, but every day be better fitted to do good work.”¹¹

“As young men go out into this work and, in spite of many difficulties, make a success, let not propositions be made that they take up another work, and that the work they have started be given into the charge of men who are older and more experienced. This is not the way to encourage young men. My fellow-workers, persevere in the work which you have begun. Keep at it until you gain victory after victory, remembering that only by succeeding can you demonstrate the genuineness of your success.”¹²

“The power of speech is a talent that should be diligently cultivated. Of all the gifts we have received from God, none is capable of being a greater blessing than this. With the voice we convince and persuade, with it we offer prayer and praise to God, and with it we tell others of the Redeemer's love.

How important, then, that it be so trained as to be most effective for good.”¹³

“The Bible is our guide in the safe paths that lead to eternal life. God has inspired men to write that which will present the truth to us, which will attract, and which, if practiced, will enable the receiver to obtain moral power to rank among the most highly educated minds. The minds of all who make the Word of God their study will enlarge. Far more than any other study, this is of a nature to increase the powers of comprehension, and endow every faculty with new vigor. It brings the mind in contact with broad, ennobling principles of truth. It brings us into close connection with all heaven, imparting wisdom, and knowledge, and understanding.”¹⁴

With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!

Worth of a Soul

- I. Introduction.
- A. Woman with six children
 1. Her husband had abandon her
 2. Now she had no other recourse than to beg.
 3. As she went begging for food with one child in arms and the others clinging to her skirt, the onlookers had pity.
- B. Which one to give up.
 1. Local policeman wanted the blonde
 2. The bus driver offered to take another.
 3. A well-off lady wanted to take the little blond one. But which one should surrender?
 4. The thought of giving up even one caused her much grief.
- C. Text: Psalms 49:6-8. **"They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;" "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:" "(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)"**
- D. How much was each child worth?
 1. How much is that child worth to you mother?
 2. I am thankful that that mother did not give one of those boys up. For, I was one of them.
- III. How much are you worth?
 - A. The worth of a soul
 1. **1 Corinthians 6:20** Bought with a price
 2. What was the price?
 3. **I Peter 1:18, 19.** Not silver or gold, but the precious blood of the Son of God.
 4. Are you worth that much?
 5. Did God make a mistake?
 - B. He could have paid with gold
 1. City made of pure transparent gold. (**Revelation 21:18, 21**)
 2. Windshield of a 747 jet plane has pure transparent gold. The windshield is made of two plate glasses three inches thick--each glass is 1" thick--three layers. Cost: Ksh. 2,000,000 a piece. It takes 2 men 8 hrs to put in one. 25-30 bolts per side of pane, or 100-120 bolts per window. Heat helps prevent

- shattering. Frozen turkeys are thawed and then shot from cannons to test them.
3. If those panes are worth Ksh 20,00000, then how much is God investing in that marvelous city?
 4. Who will walk on that gold? Some of you are not sure. But you can say, "By God's grace I'll walk on gold!"
 5. God could have given gold for each soul, but you are worth much more than that.
- II. Worthless Soul
- A. Worthless
1. Walking down the street
 2. A man spat and demanded, "Go back where you came from."
 3. As a child it troubled me that I was worthless. Nothing but a dirty Puerto Rican
- B. Tried to add worth
1. By trying to look like others Alfalfa of the 'Little Rascals' (A famous T.V. series.) He had freckles and had a twig of hair sticking up.
 2. Denying who I was trying to be a Jew. Went to the Synagogue with a yarmulke and pretended to be a Jew. Only to be immediately picked by a young Jewish boy as soon as I walked in.
 3. People try to add to their worth in different ways:
 - a. Clothing, jewelry, etc.
 - b. Hair styles, beauty, being sexier
 - c. Many houses, cars, etc.
 - d. Education
 - e. Power, or strength
 4. But the price has already been paid. Jesus has paid the full price for you.
- C. Why?
1. You are one of a kind.
 2. Not another on earth.
 3. God made only one of you! I thought my name to be unique only to discover that on the internet the name Louis Torres was registered 54,000 times.
 4. You have a special place in the heart of God.
 5. If you miss heaven, no one will be able to take your place.
 6. No matter how you try, you can't add to your worth. The price has been paid in full on Calvary! Thank God!
 7. **Isaiah 13:12, I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.**
- IV. Appeal.
- A. You have a special place
1. My mother and Hector.
 2. New Years celebration.
 3. Each one has a special place in His heart.
- B. Gods heart yearns for you
- C. 1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
1. "What a price has been paid for us! Behold the cross, and the Victim uplifted upon it. Look at those hands, pierced with the cruel nails. Look at His feet, fastened with spikes to the tree. Christ bore our sins in His own body. "That suffering, that agony, is the price of your redemption. "In Heavenly
 2. "Thousands pass through life as if they had no great object for which to live, no high standard to reach. One reason for this is the low estimate, which they place upon themselves. Christ paid an infinite price for us, and according to the price paid He desires us to value ourselves. Christian Service p. 238.
 3. He paid the price, but you must let Him save you. Give Him your heart. Surrender to Him.
 4. Be free make the ransom count on your behalf; accept the price paid for you.
 5. Give Him your sense of worthlessness, your complexes, and your littleness.
- C. Story of boy and sailboat
1. Made sailboat and lost it.
 2. Found it in a store.
 3. He redeemed it.
 4. As he carried the boat out he said, "Now you are mine twice, once because I made you, and twice

because I bought you back!

- D. "For every human being, Christ has paid the election price. No one need be lost. All have been redeemed. To those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour will be given power to become the sons and daughters of God. An eternal life insurance policy has been provided for all. 7BC.
- E. "An infinite sacrifice has been made for us; a dear price has been paid. Let us show that we appreciate the great gift bestowed upon us through the merits of Him who shed His blood on the cross of Calvary, and let us permit the Lord to do all that His love has made possible for the sanctification of the soul... The purchase money has been paid for us, even if we perish. We may degrade the soul by sin, we may enslave the body by lust, but soul and body belong to God. Why not bring to God His own? Why not love Him with undivided affection, and be clothed with His salvation? Why not educate the tongue to praise God, the soul to make melody unto Him?"

CHRISTIAN PROFESSION OF FAITH

1. I believe in a loving God; the Father, in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit; three separate eternal persons, yet one in character and purpose. *Matthew 28:19, 20; John 17:21, 22.*
2. I personally accept the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary as a complete atonement for my sins. *I Corinthians 15:3.*
3. I can come directly to a merciful Saviour in repentance and confession of sin. I have joyfully received His gracious pardon. Christ is now my High Priest in the courts of heaven. All the benefits of His priestly ministry are mine, as I come to Him by faith. *Acts 3:19; 1 John. 1:9; Hebrew 8:1, 2.*
4. I believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, and that it constitutes the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian. *John 5:39; II Timothy 3:16, 17.*
5. I have determined to feed my spiritual nature by daily prayer, study of His Word, and sharing my faith with others. *Psalm 51:12, 13; Psalm 55:17; Matthew 4:4; Mark 5:19; 16:15.*
6. I believe that the purpose of redemption is to cure the moral disease of sin. Sin is the willful violation of God's law. I believe the Ten Commandments express the unchangeable will of God. This law does not save me, but rather reveals my need of a Savior. I, of myself, cannot obey; but if I fully surrender to the Holy Spirit, it is my joyous privilege to be kept from falling and to go and sin no more. *Hebrew 9:26; 1 John 3:4; John 1:29; Matthew 5:17-19; Romans 3:20; John 15:5; Judge 24; John 8:11.*
7. I believe that God, in the person of His Son, created this world, and all that is in it. Christ established the Sabbath at the beginning of the world as the memorial of His power. He Himself kept it in both creation and redemption. In harmony with the will of our unchanging Lord I wish to observe the Sabbath according to His divine example. *Genesis 2:1-3; John 1:1-3; Luke 23:52; Luke 24:1; Mark 2:27, 28; Exodus 20:8-11.*
8. I look forward to the glorious visible, audible, and soon return of Jesus – the only hope of the world. *John 14:1-3; Matthew 24:33; Titus 2:13; Revelation 1:7.*
9. I rejoice that death has been conquered by my risen Saviour. I believe that mankind sleeps in death, awaiting one of the two resurrections. Believers are raised to immortality at His second coming. This is the first resurrection. The unsaved are raised at the end of the Millennium. This is the second resurrection. It is then that God purges the earth with fire. The lost die again in that fire. This is the second death which is eternal. *Matthew 28:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Acts 24:15; John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:5, 6.*
10. I believe God's promise to restore our world to the beauty of Eden. This earth cleansed by fire will be my eternal home. *II Peter 3:9-13;*

Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1; Matthew 5:5.

11. I believe God is just. He will not eternally torture those that reject the Savior's appeal. The wages of sin is eternal death of both soul and body. *Romon 6:23; John 3:16; Revelation 20:9; Malachi 4:1-3; Matthew 13:40; Matthew 10:28; James 5:20.*

12. I will remember Christ as I handle the money He gives me, returning to Him His tithe, the tenth of my increase, and giving offerings as He prospers me. *Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; I Corinthians 9:13-14; II Corinthian 9:7.*

13. I will care for my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (*I Corinthian 6:19-20*) endeavoring to eat and drink in a healthful manner to the glory of God (*I Corinthian 10:31*) and to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, habit-forming drugs and unclean foods. *Romans 12:1; Proverbs 23:29-32; I Corinthian 3:16, 17; Genesis 7:2, 3; Leviticus 11; Isaiah 66:17.*

14. I desire to represent the Saviour in my appearance by modesty and simplicity in dress, not attaching my affection to ornaments as warned against in His Holy Word. *Genesis 35:1-5; Exodus 33:4-6; I Timothy 2:9, 10; I Peter 3:3; Isaiah 3:16-23.*

15. I will honor Christ in my behavior, in the selection of my reading, my words in conversation, and the choice of associates. I wish to be separate from the sinful practices of the world. *I John 2:15; James 1:27; James 4:4.*

16. I will joyfully take part in the Lord's Supper and in the Ordinance of Humility. *John 13:12-15; I Corinthian 11:23-30.*

17. I believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are to remain in the Church until the coming of the Lord. Especially is the Gift of Prophecy to be one of the identifying marks of the remnant church. *I Corinthian 1:7; I Corinthian 12:27-31; Ephsian. 4:8-14; Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10; Joel 2:28-29.*

18. I accept the counsel: "not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." (*Hebrew 10:25*). By God's grace I count it a joy to worship in God's house every Sabbath day according to His eternal plan. *Leviticus 23:2-3; Isaiah 66:22-23*

19. I believe that The Holy Seed Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy, into which people of every nation, race, class, and language are invited and accepted, and I desire membership in its fellowship. *1 Corinthian 12:13; Ephesian 1:22-23; Revelation 18:2-5; Ephesian 4:5; Jn. 10:16.*

20. I desire to seal the full acceptance of the Savior's provision for my redemption by immersion in baptism. In this way my total dedication to God is properly symbolized. *Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 3:13-16; Acts 8:36-38; Matthew 28:19-20.*

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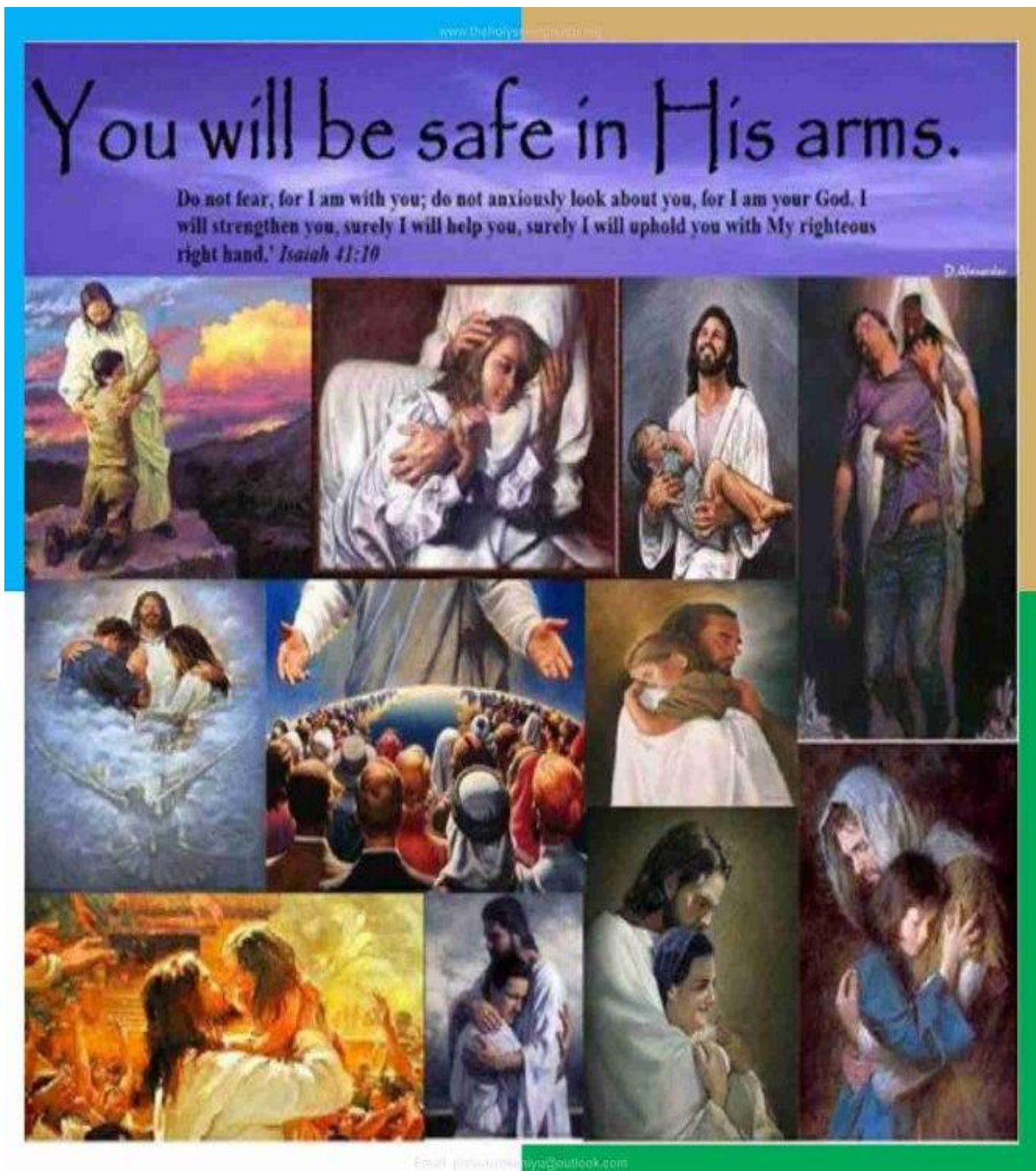
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CHRISTIAN PROFESSION OF FAITH



“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” Mark 16:16

PROMISES

PROMISES FOR FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:9 If we confess, He will forgive.
 Romans 8:1 No condemnation.
 1 John 1:7 Blood of Christ cleanses from all sin.
 Isaiah 1:18 Your sins shall be as white as snow.
 Isaiah 38:17 He casts our sins behind His back.
 Isaiah 43:25 He will not remember our sins.
 Isaiah 44:22 He has blotted out our transgressions.

PROMISES FOR HOLY SPIRIT

Luke 11:13 Will be given the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 Teach and bring things to our remembrance.
John 14:16 He shall abide with us forever.
John 14:17 He shall dwell in us.
Ephesians 3:16 Will strengthen us.

PROMISES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Psalms 32:8 God will instruct and teach and guide.
John 16:32 Ask in His name and it shall be given.
2 Chronicles 20:20 Believe in God and His prophets and you will be established and prosper.
Exodus 33:14 His presence will go with us and give us rest.
James 1:5 Ask for wisdom.
Philippians 4:19 God will supply all our needs.
Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ.
Luke 12:22, 31 Seek the kingdom first and all these things shall be added to you.
2 Corinthians 9:6 He that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully.
2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 He will be our Father and we shall be His sons and daughters.
Philippians 1:6 God will continue the work He has started in us.
James 5:15 The prayers of faith shall save the sick.
1 Corinthians 15:58 Be steadfast, your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
Psalms 27:10 When parents forsake you the Lord will take you up.
Psalms 34:17 The Lord delivers the righteous from trouble.
Psalms 34:18 The Lord is near the brokenhearted.
Psalms 40:28, 31 Strength and power to those that wait upon Him.
Philippians 4:7 The peace of God shall keep your hearts.
Psalms 37:9 Those who trust shall be given every blessing.
Psalms 37:34 Be patient, the Lord will honor you.
Psalms 27:14 Wait on the Lord and He will help you.
Jeremiah 33:3 Secrets shall be revealed.
Psalms 138:3 He answers and strengthens.
2 Corinthians 8:15 We will have no lack.
2 Timothy 1:7 The Lord has given us the spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind.
Romans 8:31, 32 If God is for us, who can be against us. He will freely give us all things.
Matthew 18:20 Where two or three meet, He will be with them.
Jude 24 He is able to keep you from falling.
Psalms 55:22 He shall sustain you.
Proverbs 16:3 Your thoughts shall be established.
Psalms 119:165 Great peace to those who love the law.
Proverbs 3:6 He shall direct your paths.
Isaiah 26:3 He will keep us in perfect peace.
Matthew 11:28-30 I will give you rest
Isaiah 58:11 He will guide you.
Proverbs 18:24 Make new friends.
2 Peter 3:9 God is patient with us.
2 Peter 2:9 The Lord will rescue us from our trials.
Ezekiel 36:26-27 A new heart and spirit.
John 4:7 Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
2 Corinthians 10:4, 5 Victory over evil thoughts.
Isaiah 41:10 Overcome fear of a new experience.

BLANK CHECK PROMISES

Psalms 34:10 Those who reverence the Lord will never lack any good thing.
Psalms 37:5 Trust Him to help you and He will.
Ephesians 3:20 He is able to do more than we ask or think.
Mark 10:27 With God all things are possible.
Mark 9:23 All things are possible to him that believeth.
Psalms 21:2 Thou has given him his heart's desire.
Matthew 6:33 Seek the kingdom first and all these things shall be added to you.
Luke 1:37 Nothing God can't do.
John 15:16 Anything you ask.
John 16:16 Ask and you will receive.
Luke 11:9; Matthew 7:7 Ask, and receive; seek, and find.
John 14:14 Ask and I will do it.

Mark 11:24 What you desire, believe, and you shall have them.
Psalms 84:11 No good thing will He withhold.
John 15:7 Ask and it shall be done to you.
Romans 8:28 All things work together for good.

PROMISES FOR THE LAST DAYS

James 1:12 Blessed are they who endure, for they shall receive a crown of life.
Revelation 3:10 He will keep us in the hour of temptation.
Psalms 91:15 He will be with us in trouble.
Joshua 1:5 He will not forsake us.
Matthew 5:11, 12 Blessed when men shall revile you.
Jeremiah 30:5-7 We shall be saved in the time of Jacob's trouble.
Daniel 12:1 We shall be delivered.
Psalms 46:1-3 God is our help in trouble.
Matthew 24:9, 13 Those who endure shall be saved.
Psalms 34:19 The Lord will deliver us from all affliction.
Romans 5:3-5 Tribulation worketh patience.
2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 He comforts in all tribulation.
Luke 21:36 Escape the things that shall come to pass.
John 14:8 I will not leave you comfortless.
Matthew 28:20 I am with you always.
John 16:33 We shall have tribulation in the world, but Christ has overcome.

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Current Youth Culture Issues

Chapter I Introduction

Course Objectives

This syllabus will assist Christian teachers, pastors and parents to better understand the challenges of being a young person in the 21st century.

Relevant spiritual leaders of young people must have a general knowledge of current youth issues and how they effect the spiritual, social, mental and physical growth of "their" youth.

This course will most likely take you out of your personal comfort zone, but it will open your eyes to the challenges and complexities of growing up in the 21st century.

Student Requirements for the Course

1. Each student taking this course must be grounded with a personal walk with Jesus Christ and have an experiential working knowledge of salvation by grace. Ephesians 2:8-9
2. Each student must use this course information to understand how the Evil One is trying to compromise and destroy "our" youth. The content is not to be used as a hammer to condemn a young person. In other words, identify and condemn the sin but love the sinner.
3. Each student must interview 20 young people, using the questions below. Ten youth ideally should be Christians, and 10 youth should be from the general public (youth who you do not know). Summarize their answers in written form.

The questions can also be used to test your youth culture knowledge, so enjoy learning about current Christian and secular youth culture.

- A. Who is your favorite music group or singer?
- B. What is your favorite movie?
- C. Do you know anyone who takes drugs?
- D. Do you know anyone who has had pre-marital sex?
- E. Do you believe in God?
- F. Are there moral absolutes for right or wrong?
- G. When was the last time you went to a house of worship?
Examples: Church, synagogue, mosque, etc

Final Introduction Thoughts

Jesus' ministry is the supreme example for spiritual leaders. For youth ministry leaders, in particular, we must concentrate on Jesus' incarnation ministry. He was prepared to get alongside people, He made them feel significant, He gave of Himself, looking to their potential, helping them through their failures. This is the goal of youth ministry, to help young people become mature in Christ.

Young people are not just "little adults". They are complex individuals who are battling to deal with the awesome transformation of their bodies, minds and emotions. They are in the time of transition and growth, developing from the birthed bundle of potential to the fully integrated, functional member of society and the church. The church and parents are in a unique position of responsibility to assist in this process.

The purpose of youth ministry is to point youth towards a relationship with God, in spite of the worlds' compromising culture, and help them become involved in the Great Commission.
(Matthew 28:16-20)

Chapter II – Health / Temperance Scripture For Guidance

1. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you are bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV).
2. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)
3. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." Proverbs 20:1 (NRSV)

SMOKING – DRINKING - DRUGS

Before youth thought smoking was cool, adult society made it so. Youthful misuse of alcohol and drugs reflects sustained examples of reckless consumption depicted by the media and is influenced by continuous suggestions from advertising. Teen addicts not only follow in the steps of adult addicts, but also socialized in cultures of addiction. Adolescent curiosity, pain, risk taking, rebellion and peer influence also may be involved.

Over the past few decades, teenagers and increasingly children the world over have been abusing drugs as never before. Youthful smoking is all too prevalent. Street kids with their cans of glue, "ravers" (those who attend rave dances where drugs are sold) popping pills, and binge drinking are all too common. The progression tends to be from smoking, to drinking, and then soft and hard drugs. Some people object correctly that this is not the pattern for all; however, it is a significant pattern for those who fall into drug use and those who work with addicts understand how it works. Most addicts began by smoking, then proceeded to excessive drinking, smoking pot and using the hard drugs.

In country after country throughout Asia, meth use skyrocketed during the '90s. And with the crash of the regions highflying economies, the drug use has surged again. The base drug – ephedrine – was actually first synthesized in Kenya: a team of Japanese scientists derived it from the Chinese Mao herb in 1892. Unlike pharmaceutical knowledge to manufacture, or heroin, whose base product, the poppy plant, is a vulnerable crop, ephedrine can be refined fairly easily into meth.

Human behavior works from needs and the meeting of needs. Our needs are physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual. There is also the Maslovian hierarchy of needs from instinctive survival needs to more complex needs, to belonging and love and finally spiritual fulfillment.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

- (a) Why do you think young people in your community and church take drugs, drink alcohol or smoke tobacco?

Chemicals that give some kind of physical or emotional reward:

- A. Sugar
- B. Chocolate
- C. Caffeine in coffee, tea or sodas
- D. Alcohol in wine, beer and harder liquors
- E. Nicotine in cigarettes, cigars and smokeless forms
- F. Marijuana (www.theholyseedschurch.org)
- G. Inhalants (household cleaners and petroleum products)
- H. Depressants (or downers, yellow jacket, phennie, red devil)
- I. Stimulants (or uppers, speed, meth, bennies)
- J. Narcotics (heroin from opium or cocaine and crack from coca)
- K. Hallucinogens (LSD or acid, PCP or angel dust, Ecstasy, e, or MDMA)

To this list we should add steroids, both anabolic (building) and androgenic (masculinizing) products, which include the male hormone testosterone and artificial derivatives.

HOW CAN WE HELP AN ADDICTED YOUNG PERSON?

Effective Intervention may involve programs that adapt the Twelve Steps to Christian settings and to young people. The steps are meant to be discussed. The power of Alcoholics Anonymous and related programs is that they allow alcoholics and addicts to hear other's stories. Alcoholics Anonymous, the Big Book is mostly stories and this is its power. The power of Twelve Step programs is two-fold: belief in God or a Higher Power and admission of one's own failure and strong support of a group of friends who share one's problem and determination to change. This is really the secret of powerful youth ministry. Twelve Step programs are adaptable to secular and Christian settings. Belief can be in a Higher Power, in a personal God, or even more specifically in Jesus Christ.

How can you talk to someone who does not want to be talked to? Your only recourse may be to listen and set clear boundaries. This takes time. The person who does not want to hear your advice may not even want to talk with you. Effective conversation may happen because you care, you are aware, you are open and non-condemning, and you are prepared. Remember

you may not succeed unless you care about a young person more than he/she cares for themselves. Your attitude and style must be non-judgmental and accepting (Romans 2:1 and Matthew 7:1-2). You must also be aware of the issues and where this particular young person is. Finally, you must be prepared with skills of active listening and resources for referral. Above all, you must be there day after day when he's ready – and be prepared for many hours of follow-through.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

(b) How can you show a young person that you really care about them?

At times you will find a young person who is very resistant to your friendship. After exhausting your personal resources, you may get them to talk with you and a friend or two. Another option is to remember a more formal intervention sometimes works, although more often this helps older abusers. Sometimes a trip to a treatment center or a visit to a recovery group is in order, where you can talk on the way to and from the meeting.

Sometimes nothing works with people you love. You must let them go. You must be aware of co-dependency. This is when your life is too consumed with this other person's problems. Be careful not to lose balance in your personal life. But take hope and remember that your love and prayers may continue even when your help is rejected.

SEXUAL MORAL TOPICS

SCRIPTURE FOR GUIDANCE

1. (Jesus said) “from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.” Mark 10:6 (NRSV)
2. “Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)

Sexual abuse and rape carries a lifetime of suffering and anguish. Unlike many sins, these sins create deep, long-lasting emotional scars.

The world is preoccupied with many forms of immoral sexual temptations. For youth growing up in the 21st century, these temptations are one of Satan's most powerful tools to compromise, discourage and destroy young people.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus describes sexual attraction as properly directed exclusively toward one's spouse (everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart” Matthew 5:28. Marriage, as Mark 10:7-9 states is a commitment between one man and one woman, established as God's original and forever intent. Yet from the beginning of time, there have been immoral deviations. Over time the rich and powerful were allowed special license while others were condemned for the same moral act.

Yet today in general, the worlds' public tolerance of sexual activity and moral codes of what is right and wrong seems to be almost anything goes and Christians are asked to tolerate sexual deviations because they are “personal and private matters.”

Adults and youth seem confused about what is right and what is wrong as it relates to premarital sex.

More than 100,000 children in British schools received a sex course (called “A Pause”)

advocating sexual “stopping points” before intercourse. It encourages students under 16 to experiment with oral sex – in order to cut teen pregnancy rates.

Current youth ambivalence about sex reflects society’s confusion and mixed messages as seen on television, in magazines, on the Internet and in movies. There are no clear boundaries offered in most societies, therefore the family and church have a huge responsibility to offer young people a Biblical moral code to live by.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

(c) What can your church do better to help a young person stay morally pure?

It is important that Kenya, in fact all of us the world over – have a global perspective on these problems affecting our young people. Urbanization, globalization and changing economies, the structure of the family and social values worldwide are changing rapidly. Western culture erodes traditional values and restraints from Moscow, Tokyo, Beijing, Sidney, Liverpool, Spokane or Rio. In small rural villages of Kenya, children are watching WWF – World Wrestling Federation and suggestive television sitcoms. In Eastern Europe and Russia, the collapse of Communism lowered restraints and led to an upsurge in sexual behaviors among youth. We could go on and on around the world to illustrate how country after country is falling lower and lower morally, but let’s look for answers.

WAYS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE STAY MORALLY PURE

Options for helping youth deal with various forms of sexual temptation include more education. This generation talks about things your generation never thought about because you never saw it on film or read about it in a magazine or book or had friends who tried it and then talked about it. Proper education involves discussion by a qualified person in the proper setting with parent consent. It is important to notify parents in writing before you or anyone else representing a church or school teaches a sex education class. But most importantly, we need Biblical teaching on what God tells us about moral purity. Resources will follow this session of instruction.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

(d) What are the best ways to teach young people Biblical truth about moral purity in your church setting?

Examples: Bring in an expert speaker, use videos, etc.

Let us remember that friends and family have powerful influence over youth, so be sure to consider how you can resource these people with Biblical factual health information.

It is important to remember the most effective moral education takes place at home first and then in the church. We fail if we as spiritual leaders do not consider and teach moral purity holistically. Young people desperately need opportunity to ponder the nature of wholesome physical relationships, the benefits of abstinence until marriage, respect and self-discipline with caring mentors.

Scripture’s high principles can bring sanity to sexual chaos, challenge disorder and sexual oppression, establish guidelines for sexual fulfillment, prevent sexual injury, and offer compassionate forgiveness and healing. Because so many of “our” young people have already fallen into sexual temptations, it is important to remind them Jesus offers them forgiveness and a second chance. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

CLOSING THOUGHTS ON HEALTH

As The Holy Seed Church Christians we have a unique and powerful health message emphasizing diet, sunlight, water, etc. Now we need to add an emphasis on 21st century destructive health behaviors and addictions.

Some examples of these new and destructive health challenges for our youth are:

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| 1. Steroids | 12. Youth Sex Workers |
| 2. Alcohol | 13. Videogames/Obesity |
| 3. Pre-marital sex | 14. Youth Violence |
| 4. Pornography | 15. Suicide |
| 5. Homosexuality | 16. Mental Health |
| 6. Depression | 17. Devil Worship |
| 7. Hard Drugs | 18. Sexual Diseases |
| 8. Eating Disorders | 19. Lack of Sleep |
| 9. Body Modification | 20. Poverty |
| 10. Tobacco | 21. Incest/Rape/Personal Safety |
| 11. Youth Gangs | |

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

(e) What are the top three health challenges for your youth?

CHAPTER III – ENTERTAINMENT/MEDIA

SCRIPTURE FOR GUIDANCE

1. “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” Philippians 4:8
2. “For as he thinketh in his heart (mind) so is he” Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

LITERATURE, ART, FILM

Like literature and all art, film can transport us into a story that is not our own, sweeping us up into an adventure which transcends our own lives. When the lights go down, we enter another world. And it is so important to remember, in Steve Garber’s words, “to not leave our minds at the box office”, or in the home movie tape machine. For when we enter the world of film, we are entering a world created mostly by fallen people.

Good art – whether painting, literature, music or film – fires up the imagination with truth, goodness and beauty. “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” Philippians 4:8

The Scriptures warn us that when we live in a fallen world among people who do not share our deepest convictions, we should not be surprised that lies are made to look like truth. Let us remember that what we worship shapes our values, and what we live for and adore will mold our view of life, and the world. That’s what idolatry is all about, whether the idol is Baal, Consumerism or Hollywood. Idolatry takes us as Christians off our long term spiritual goals. (Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33)

By the time the average Kenya “baby boomer” (Born between 1946 and 1964) had reached only sixteen years of age, television had captured an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 hours of his or her time according to Roof, in the book “Generation of Seekers,”.

We have learned over the years as parents and youth leaders that unlike what we have traditionally taught in the past that it is not *where* we watch film/movies but *what* we are watching that is compromising our youth.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

- (a) Do you agree that television and movies have a huge influence over “our” young people?
- (b) What can we do as youth leaders to help young people set boundaries as to what they will watch or not watch?

It is the belief of many youth leaders around the world that the last great spiritual battle on this earth is not the battle of Armageddon, but the battle for the mind. “For as he thinketh in his heart (mind) so is he.” Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

CHAPTER IV – DISTINCTIVE THE HOLY SEED CHURCH YOUTH CULTURE ISSUES

(RESEARCH UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

1. What are The Holy Seed Church youth culture issues distinctive to your young people? Examples: Sabbath observance, diet, movies, adornment, fashion, music. etc.

CHAPTER V – WHO HAS THE MOST MORAL INFLUENCE OVER TODAY’S YOUTH?

SCRIPTURE FOR GUIDANCE

1. “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.” Romans 2:1 (NIV)
2. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)
3. “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Matthew 7:1-2 (NIV)

Guiding a young person through their teenage years is a complex venture and one with which most parents and youth leaders are having great difficulty. In almost every respect, the adolescent situation is becoming more and more challenging every year.

Teenage suicide has increased so dramatically that it is now the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of 14 and 20. Drug abuse, juvenile crime, teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and feelings of despair are all statically overwhelming.

What is wrong? Why in the past 20 years have we seen the youth of the world so compromised?

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION



Why do you think young people in the 21st century are so compromised? I think we could all agree that in the last days of this earth we have seen Satan elevate his attacks on every front. And he has focused many new and creative attacks, targeting “our” youth.

No doubt there are many church programs and individuals such as pastors, teachers and

coaches who have positive influence over “our” youth, but there is one God ordained structure that has been put into place since the beginning of time on this earth to help youth grow up into strong adult Christians. It is the home. The primary resources of spiritual support for “our” young people are their parents.

Yet here again we see the Adversary seeking to destroy this God ordained institution.

Many of our youth come to us from single parent homes. We also notice that many parents do not have the training (tools) to relate to their teenagers. Most parents and youth leaders have distorted ideas of what adolescence is and what they should expect of their young people.

Although most parents truly love their teenagers, they don’t know how to convey that love in ways that make the teenagers feel loved and accepted.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS



Do you agree or disagree that the home is the foundation institution by which young people receive training about appropriate dress, amusements, dating and marriage?



Do you agree or disagree that the church needs to do a better job instructing, mentoring and training Christian parents to be more successful in understanding and relating to their 21st century young person and all the pressure they are under?

One of the most common mistakes parents, teachers and others make regarding adolescents is to consider them junior adults. Many people in authority over teenagers overlook their childlike needs for feeling love and acceptance, for being taken care of, and for knowing that someone really cares for them.

Far too many teens today feel that no one really cares about them. Their parents are always working, the pastor and Sabbath school leader doesn’t notice when they are not at church. As a result, many of them have feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, helplessness, poor self-esteem, and self-depreciation. Many, but not all teens see themselves in a negative way as unappreciated and worthless. Such a self-concept is the natural result of a young person not feeling genuinely loved and cared for.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS



Looking back over your teenage years, share times when you felt unappreciated and worthless.



Now look back over your teenage years and name someone who made you feel genuinely loved and appreciated.

THE HOME

The first responsibility of a parent is to provide a loving and happy home. The most important relationship in the home is the marriage bond, which takes primacy over the parent-child relationship. The security of a teenager and the quality of the parent-child bonding are largely dependent on the quality of the marital bonding.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS



Can you see the importance of a secure relationship between a husband and wife?



What can we do as a church to strengthen marriages?

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

The basic foundation for a solid relationship with your teenager is unconditional love. Only unconditional love can prevent problems such as resentment, guilt, fear, or the insecurity of feeling unwanted.

Without unconditional love, parenting (or youth ministry leadership) is a confusing and frustrating burden. This love acts as a guiding light with the Holy Spirit, showing you where you are with your teenager and what you should do next to help them along their spiritual journey.

What is unconditional love? It means you will love your teenager no matter what. No matter what they look like, no matter what their assets, liabilities or handicaps are, no matter how he/she acts.

This does not mean you have to like his/her behavior. Unconditional love means you love the teenager, even when you detest his/her behavior.

Scripture teaches us to love the sinner but hate the sin.

If you love your children only when they please you, this is conditional love. This type of love builds in the young person a feeling of insecurity, self doubt and it damages their self-image. This approach to love actually prevents them from developing more mature behavior.

So let us remember their behavior development is as much our responsibility as theirs.

“Do you love me?” This is the most important question on your young person’s mind. They may ask it out loud or in their own minds, but be assured; they are looking to have this question answered every day. It is absolutely the most important question in a teenager’s life. And remember that he/she asks this question primarily through his behavior, rather than with words.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

Give examples of how young people have asked you the question, “Do you love me?”

FOCUSED ATTENTION

It takes time, a lot of time, with youth to give them the focused attention they need to grow in the Lord. Focused attention means giving your teenager full, undivided attention in such a way that he feels truly loved. This is so important when they are struggling with their life’s “little problems” and “big problems.” If you take the time to talk about their “big issues,” you will have the opportunity to discuss your “big concerns”.

Answer this question to yourself. When was the last time you took time to focus on one of your children for one hour, 30 minutes, or 10 minutes?

Eye contact and wholesome physical contact is important. To help our youth deal with all the worldly negative influences he/she must feel unconditional love. One of the primary reasons loving parents and youth leaders fail to convey unconditional love to a teenager is the lack of eye contact. Without realizing it, you use eye contact to express many feelings – sadness, anger, hate, pity, rage and love.

Wholesome physical contact is another way to express love and acceptance. The dilemma for many loving parents and youth leaders is their confusion as to how to meet this need.

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

What is appropriate touch for a youth leader?

Examples: side hug, full hug, long hug, kissing on the lips, cheek, etc.



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Our strongest desire is to see “our” children in Heaven. We want to see our youth grow into strong, healthy, happy and independent adults in the Lord. Today’s youth need a strong home to help them deal with all the cultural issues in the world. Let us support the building up of Christian parents with prayer and action.

CHAPTER VI – WHAT THE HOLY SEED CHURCH IS DOING RIGHT FOR TODAYS’ YOUTH (RESEARCH UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THIS QUESTION

What are the things that you and/or your church is doing right to help youth grow in Jesus?
Name the top three.

CHAPTER VII – WHAT IS THE FUTURE YOUTH MINISTRY CHALLENGES FOR THE HOLY SEED CHURCH? (RESEARCH UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

STUDENT STOP – ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS



As you look into the next three to five years (if Jesus tarries), what do you perceive “our” youth ministry challenges to be?



Now look at these possible challenges and discuss how we can more adequately support “our” youth for spiritual growth.