



Exercise and practice

Have you ever wondered how fit you are to run a good race in Faith? Many athletes, after winning major races, stopped exercising and inevitably their bodies lost the ability to accomplish what they had once been able to do. In Christian living, this is not supposed to happen, in fact, quite the opposite is true.

As disciples, we grow spiritually through exercising the good works He has prepared for us to do.

But organizing evangelistic fairs, camps, clubs or any other program does not guarantee that we are doing our work well.

We can only be effective when we stay connected with our source of power, Jesus Christ.

In the same way, discipling children through clubs, helps them stay connected with Jesus.

At our club meetings we teach children how to understand and listen to what Jesus teaches them to do and how to practice His good work in their daily lives.

Alex Arias, Columbia



Praying

Kids are now back in school, but this year is different. The good news is, in response to the Covid-19 crisis, students seem more aware of the impact they can have on the world around them. God has heard and is answering our many prayers!

Let's continue to pray that...

- children will be responsive to what God is calling them to do.
- they will follow Jesus and put His good works into action.
- spiritually mature adults will be personally involved in nurturing their walk of faith.



The Family Corner

Here's a fun way to say thank you to God. Inflate a balloon. Then tap the balloon around to each other 5 times. After the fifth round, the person with the balloon will say something they are thankful to God for.

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Practicing Faith

Dear friends,

I want to share the great news with you, that even Covid-19 can't hinder God's work through Grain of Wheat's camps and summer activities! In the many countries we serve, we have adapted the size of our camps and our methods to continue bringing the Gospel to children. In places where this was not possible, our directors have developed creative ways to organize online "Stay at Home" camps. In this newsletter, we are excited to share with you not only our vision, but testimonies that bring to light how we put discipleship into action. We realize that discipleship is not just a theoretical idea or concept, but a commandment from Jesus for us to live out! This is not only for adults, Jesus also used children to illustrate what this looks like, which often causes me to consider my own example of discipleship. I hope you enjoy reading the testimonies in this newsletter. We thank you for your encouragement and ongoing support in every way.

God bless you all!

Rob Hondsmark
CEO





The Street Level Project

Yegor*, Ukraine

"I am 15 years old and have been going to church since childhood. My mother is a believer, but my father was not. Because he was constantly drunk, the atmosphere in our family was exceedingly difficult. He didn't have enough money to support us and didn't let us attend church either. I kept wondering: "What is life all about and is this all I have to look forward to?"

When my father hung himself, I was deeply traumatized and struggled with depression. I asked God if He had anything for me that would change my life. Soon after this prayer, I learned about the "Street Level" evangelistic project, and completely plunged myself into this ministry.



Every month we made tea, coffee, and popcorn to share with those we evangelized on the city streets. Visiting orphanages with special needs children had the deepest impact on me.

As I saw the problems of children with Down's syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and serious mental deficiencies, I was astounded to discover that they knew how to rejoice in God! The more I immersed myself in this ministry and served others, the more God replaced my pain with peace.

A big thank you to everyone who supports this project. Because of you, I am now looking forward to living out the good purpose God has planned for my life!"

Tasting a New Life

Petra*, 13 years, Hungary

"The leaders are so kind! You can talk to them about everything. In the crafts club I made a Christmas present for every member of the family. This is a lot of work because I have 5 brothers. In the meantime, I learned about the meaning of prayer and how it can shape a person's life. I even dared to tell my testimony because I felt safe among these people. I was very happy that I could talk to someone about the things at home. This is not easy for me and it was so helpful."

Vivien*, 12 years, Hungary

"In club activities I am learning more about how faith is put into practice. For example, after I spilled a spoonful of flour when baking cookies, nobody shouted at me. On the contrary: we put bits of it on our noses, fooled around and laughed a lot while cleaning up and finishing the cookies.



I am so grateful, that the leaders are so kind to me, because my life is quite difficult for me at the moment. I can talk to them about the issues I am currently struggling with. They teach me to apply Jesus' words to my life."

* Names changed for privacy reasons

