

Open Door at Lincoln Middle School



In II Corinthians 12 the apostle Paul says that, when he came to Troas to preach the gospel, that a “door was opened” unto him by the Lord. We know that the apostle was not talking in literal terms about a door. Paul was talking figuratively concerning a great opportunity to share the gospel that the Lord had brought about. The Lord was moving on the hearts of the people of Troas, and God wanted Paul to tell the people there that through faith in Jesus Christ they could be saved. The Lord has opened such a “door” today at Lincoln Middle School.

Schools that are a part of the Kansas City School district allow their students to stay after school to participate in various programs. These programs help the students with academics, provide recreational activities and help develop desirable character. Recently, Urban LIFE has been given an opportunity to implement an after-school program at Lincoln Middle School. In this program we are free to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord! Lincoln Middle has an enrollment of 525 students and we have an opportunity to share with

them the saving message of Jesus Christ; and we don’t just get to do this one time, but every Tuesday and Thursday. Here’s the plan.

On November 3 ULM will host a pizza party, and we will have some super-fun activities for the students at Lincoln Middle. At the end of our activity we will tell them about the new after-school program that ULM will have for them each week. Each day the youth will participate in a super-charged activity, will hear a solid Bible message, will be given an opportunity to trust Christ as their Savior. A caring adult will purpose to build a relationship with each student who responds so a mentoring ministry can begin. Please pray that God will use this opportunity to lead many unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.



Fun small group moment

PAL Center Outreach

Beginning each fall, the ULM workers conduct recreational and sports outreach activities at the PAL (Police Athletic League) gym. These outreach activities last for the duration of the school year and are a good way for the ULM workers to meet new youth in the neighborhood. Relationships are built, and the gospel of Jesus Christ is shared with the youth. Every Monday the youth are encouraged to put their faith and trust in the

Lord for their salvation. In September several new youth began coming to our senior high boys activities. During the first two weeks in October, six of the new youth prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior. Glory be to our great and merciful God! His goodness endures forever. Please pray that these youth will grow in their relationship with the Lord and in the knowledge of His Word.

We need your help!

- Monday PAL Workers 5:30 pm –7:30 pm
- Lincoln Middle helpers 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm
(Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- Ministry display \$ 1,200.00
- Van fuel \$ 5,000.00
- Case of Bibles \$ 250.00
- Embroidered logo shirts \$ 750.00
- Christmas party and gifts \$ 500.00
- Recreation equipment \$ 750.00
- College scholarships \$ 5,000.00

Will you give to cover the cost for one of these needs?



Boys Ministry at the PAL Center

“CHANGING HEARTS AND DEVELOPING LEADERS”

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Change that Lasts

The ministry of Urban LIFE is about change - not merely external or outward changes, but changes wrought by the power of God - bringing young people to a saving knowledge of Him and bringing them along the path of spiritual growth. Watching and reflecting on these changes brings both a sense of deep thanksgiving to the Lord for the work He has wrought and a feeling of deep humility and praise that the Lord has allowed me to be a part of this work.

One recent example is Adrian, a teenage boy who has been involved with our ministry for the past two years. This summer I picked up Adrian for church from the home of his friend Robert. He climbed on the van looking ready for church in his button up shirt, and Dockers and having his Bible, and a smile. This Adrian is very different from the one I met two summers ago.

At 11 years of age, Adrian began getting involved in the Urban LIFE activities. During Teen Church one Sunday morning he was being a constant disruption, so I asked one of the workers to speak to him in the hallway. After he was told that he needed to sit still and remain quiet during the service, he continued to grow even more defiant.

A couple of weeks later I invited him to go to summer camp at the Wilds of the Rockies in Colorado with seventeen other junior and senior high school students from our ministry. He gladly came. On the long bus ride to camp, however, Adrian began to have some major problems with attitude and with submitting to authority. It had soon escalated to the point that I called his home to inform his mother that things would need to change or we might have to send Adrian home. His mother wasn't home when I called, but Adrian saw that I was serious and began to obey well enough to stay on the trip.

What a difference that week made! On the bus ride back home after the kids began to bed down for the night, I noticed a light coming from under the seats. Adrian had wrapped himself in his sleeping bag and in his hands were a light and a

Bible. He was reading and memorizing some Scriptures that were given to him during camp. From that point, and for the last two years, Adrian has not been perfect, but he has put his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and has been growing in his relationship with His Lord.

This was evidenced again last Sunday. *Not only did he come to church prepared externally, but he also came prepared internally.* He sat quietly and listened well during Teen Church, but he really surprised me after the service. We made our weekly stop at Quick Trip after church so that the kids could get a snack and a pop. When I parked, everyone got out of the van except Adrian. When I asked him if he was ready to go in, he told me he didn't want anything. At that point I knew something was wrong! I encouraged him to at least get a drink. After a little more coaxing, he agreed. A couple of hours later I picked up Adrian again and a few others for camp. Adrian said, "It's not going to be the same without you, Mr. Asher." I assured him that I would go next year. Then he told me why he didn't want anything at Quick Trip earlier that day. Adrian told me that there were a couple of the newer kids saying they liked to come to church with me because I buy them snacks at QT. *"They are using you, Mr. Asher,"* Adrian said, *"and I didn't want to be like that."*

One of the kids who was going with Adrian to camp was AJ. He is a quiet, 15-year-old boy who comes to Teen Church. This was his first time to camp, and he did not have any close friends among those who were going. I saw when I dropped off Adrian that AJ was standing alone. I motioned for Adrian and his friend Robert to come back to the van. I talked to them about AJ and how this was his first time to go to camp. *They told me that they would befriend him and include him in their group.* Adrian has come from being the recipient of ministry, to being a participant in ministry himself. What a blessed *change!*

Tom Asher



Adrian and Robert at Camp

New Urban LIFE Foundation Fund

Urban LIFE recently opened the *Urban LIFE Foundation Fund* through the Servant Christian Community Foundation (SCCF). The SCCF is a part of the National Christian Foundation. SCCF facilitates the Urban LIFE Foundation Fund program, which broadens the ability and options for people to donate. Individuals or companies can swap taxes for charitable giving or even give inventory which the SCCF will help liquidate for our ministry, and it may be able to be written off as giving. Urban LIFE Foundation Fund is one way we are praying God will meet our current and future financial needs. If you believe that God is leading you to give to the ministry in this way, you may call us at (816) 795-5344 or mail the donation to the address below.



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