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Caring for children around the world

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Metro Kids *Inner City Surrey, BC*



Metro Kids Klub 2015

"SUPER SATURDAY KIDS KLUB "

Super Saturday Kids Klub is an action packed program specifically designed for all kids, including those with a short attention span. The format is filled with participation in music, games and contests – and it is loud! The final 20 minutes of the hour is a time of teaching and building Biblical values and principles to a room-full of under privileged children – and as they listen – all is quiet!

Approved Kids Klub workers develop relationships

with the children and families and connect with them in their homes during the week. Christmas is an opportune time during the year for visitation and meeting new families. Shoe boxes are prepared for girls and boys and delivered to families with children in the neighbouring apartment complexes. Something as small as a Christmas present at an apartment door can demonstrate hope to a struggling family and provide the basis to build a life-long relationship with those in need.

Often mothers will say, "I attended Kids Klub when I was a child and now I want my children to go," or "I know about Kids Klub. I see them doing programs in our apartment courtyard in the summer."



Linda, a long time worker, recently met one of the former Metro Kids bus drivers in a local store. He was with his daughter who attended Kids Klub as a child and now has her own children. Meeting Linda was a reminder that she now wants to begin sending her children to Kids Club. Wouldn't it be exciting to see the grandfather returning to drive bus once again – but this time for his grandkids!

CONNIXION FOR PRE-TEENS:

The preteen years can be a very crucial time of transition for many young people. The Saturday night activities are designed for those between being a kid and a teenager. Regular contact is maintained in person or by phone and free transportation is available for all events.



METRO MASTER'S COMMISSION:

Full time training for students 18 years old and up

This discipleship program challenges students in every area of their lives to become well-rounded and dynamic leaders. It is a formational experience for those who want to be transformed, to develop character and to play a vital role in influencing the next generation. The year consists of classroom learning, one-on-one mentoring, significant times of prayer and worship and training in various areas of ministry.



Students develop leadership skills as they interact with at-risk kids, pre-teens or youth within an intense bus ministry setting. Each class takes a trip to New York to participate in the largest children's outreach in North America, Metro Ministries. The year ends with a cross-Canada ministry trip and an opportunity to live out what has been learned in a variety of settings.



Sunday Line Fellowship "Church in the Park" was privileged to have Huldah Buntain and Ken Dobson share the continuing miracles of lives transformed throughout India as a result of showing Christ's love in tangible ways that meet the needs of the people. Sunday Line board member, Don Winsor, and president, Owen Manuel, and his wife, Lois, also graced us with their presence.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Key Scripture: Luke 24:6

*“He is not here,
He is risen!”*

Mary Magdalene is a woman mentioned in all of the 4 Gospel accounts. She is the woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons, and was one of the women who faithfully followed and supported Jesus and His disciples.

Mary Magdalene was the first person to arrive at the empty tomb while it was “**still dark**”, and when she saw that the stone had been removed, she immediately thought that someone had taken Jesus’ body from the tomb.

Mary first ran to tell Peter and then to John. The body of Jesus was gone, and she had no idea where His body could be found. Peter and John together ran to the tomb. The body of Jesus was definitely gone. Where were the guards? Who had moved the stone? What was going on? Neither Mary Magdalene, nor Peter, nor John understood that Jesus had risen from the dead. All they could think about was “who stole the body of Jesus?”

As John entered the tomb he looked closely, and this is what he saw: he could see the linen strips of cloth in which the body of Jesus had been bound, and he could also see the face cloth that had been around Jesus’ head, and then he realized what had happened, and then he believed (John 20:8). He knew that Jesus had risen.

When Peter and John left the tomb, Mary remained behind and stood outside the tomb, weeping. When she stooped to see inside the tomb, she saw two angels clothed in white. An angel was sitting at each end of the place

where Jesus’ body had been laid.

The angels asked Mary, “**Woman, why are you crying?**” She replied: “**They have taken my Lord away, and I don’t know where they have put Him.**”.... This was the darkest moment of her life; Jesus body had been stolen. Then Mary turned around and saw Jesus, but she did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. He looked different from the way she last saw Him - a badly beaten, bloody figure who could hardly be recognized.

Jesus asked: “**Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?**” Hoping this ‘gardener’ can help her she pleads with Him: “**Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.**” Jesus answered with only one word - “**Mary.**” It was the voice she knew so well. Mary immediately recognized that it was Jesus, and called out *Rabboni* (or teacher). In Aramaic *Rabboni* means much more than teacher, it means “Master”.

Mary has found Him and she wants to hold Him, but Jesus tells her that He must first return to the Father, “To my God and your God” and He tells her to go and tell the others.

Here is what is remarkable about this passage:

Jesus’ first appearance is not to one of the eleven disciples, but to Mary Magdalene. She was never one of the apostles. She will never write a Gospel. She will never become a great preacher or leader. But of all the people, Jesus chose to manifest Himself first to a woman.

From that day a cowardly group of disciples, who had all run away, suddenly changed - they would endure torture and martyrdom, refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus, and for the last 2000 years men and women everywhere have given their lives and suffered persecution and abuse because of Jesus.

It is the resurrection which separates all other belief systems from Christianity. Without the resurrection Christianity is dead. As the apostle Paul puts it: **“If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is also in vain.”** (1 Cor. 15:14)

The disciples and followers of Jesus believed in the resurrection because the evidence was compelling. In fact, the Resurrection was never publicly denied by the Jewish authorities. All they could do is say that the body of Jesus must have been stolen by His disciples.

So, why can you believe in the resurrection?

1. People may die for a good cause, but they will never knowingly die for a lie.
2. The death of Jesus was public. Roman records support its reality. Tacitus, the Roman historian had this to say about the Christians whom Nero blamed for the burning of Rome, he wrote: “Christ” had been executed in Tiberias’ reign by the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate in the “Annals of Imperial Rome”.
3. The death of Jesus was witnessed by people who were used to seeing that kind of death. There were many eyewitnesses to Jesus’ death. The Roman centurion thrust his spear in Jesus’ side and confirmed that Jesus was truly dead.
4. The responsibility for securing Jesus’ body was not left to His disciples, but to strangers...Joseph and Nicodemus were entrusted with the body.
5. The tomb had been sealed and guards were placed at the tomb.
6. No one believed that Jesus could be raised from the dead. Peter was so disappointed that he told the other disciples... “I’m going fishing” and the other disciples said... “We’ll go too.”
7. For 40 days Jesus showed Himself to as many as 500 people at one time.
8. A cowardly group of disciples, who all ran away from Jesus, had suddenly changed.

What does the resurrection prove? It proves 3 things:

First it proves that God was satisfied with Jesus’ sacrifice. In the Old Testament the high priest would be required to yearly make a blood atonement in remembrance of the Passover deliverance. When Jesus rose from the tomb on the third day, He didn’t just go into an earthly court. The earthly tabernacle was only a type or a shadow of the heavenly. As High Priest, Jesus presented His own blood in heaven’s throne room. Today we have a man in heaven who is the eternal high priest and makes intercession for us.

Second, the resurrection proves that Jesus destroyed Satan’s power. Satan had the power over death. The tomb is empty because death couldn’t hold Him and that’s why the fear of death is gone.

Third, a new order of life has been established. Jesus became the first born from the dead, so that many could become the sons of God. If we identify with His death, then we shall also identify with His resurrection.

Mankind is the only creature on earth that knows that he will die. We make plans for our education, our profession, our retirement, our travels and pleasures, but few people ever make plans for their eternity. The most important question we should address in this life is: where will we spend eternity?

One day we will all have a permanent change of address. Once we’re there we will never be able to change it. It is only in this life that we can make sure which address we will have. ***Aren’t you glad that God has provided each one of us with a better address?***

Thank you for helping us to make a difference in this world.

Blessings in Christ!

*Pastor Roman
and Pat Kozak*

