



# Be the Voice the Lord Uses

“How will they  
believe in Him whom  
they have not heard?”

—Romans 10:14



Dear Friends,

We recently celebrated Palm Sunday, the day when Jesus' followers praised him as he rode on a donkey up to the city of Jerusalem. The crowds were enthusiastically looking forward to what they thought Jesus would do. Wow, what a triumphant moment!

But what happened next? As Jesus arrived at a place that he could see the city... He wept. He then talked about how the people didn't understand, how "God would judge the city and totally destroy it because they did not recognize the time of Christ's visit." Jesus cried because he knew the people were lost. The Savior was here and they missed him completely.

Kids in our community are no different as most are completely lost and have no idea there is a Savior. They have never heard there is a way to be forgiven. Most don't trust anyone enough to listen.

Romans 10:14 says "How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" The question remains "Who will tell them?"

Will you? Will you consider mentoring a child?

You may be the voice the Lord uses to break through their lack of trust and unbelief.

Looking at the city,

Bud Amundsen

*Ministry Coordinator*

# God's Hand in Her Life

Four years ago I walked into the room I would be using at North Medford High School to interview new teen moms that wanted and needed a mentor. That was a day I will never forget, the day my world turned upside down and reality sunk in. I was very new at meeting and interviewing girls, but I had seen and heard a lot of stories. I knew that hard stuff was out there, but it just doesn't hit home until it is put right in front of you.

This was the day I met Crystal. She was 14 years old with a one-year-old little boy. She was already in her 2nd year of high school because when they found out she was pregnant at the middle school they sent her to the teen parent program at North Medford. As I sat and listened to Crystal I did the best I could to hold back the tears. Talking to her was like talking to a very small child as she was so innocent in so many ways. But someone she should have been able to trust stole her innocence at the age of 12. I cried and prayed and prayed and cried for a solid week after I met Crystal. This was the first time that I really questioned God as to why He thought for even a second I could handle the path that He had put me on.



Now four years later, Crystal has been what I call one of my “constants” as she has rarely missed a Thursday night Teen Mom meeting. It has been a privilege to watch her learn and grow into a strong young woman and a loving mom. Crystal asked the Lord into her heart a couple of years ago, but she has stumbled like the rest of us do and she has been lead astray by some that have crossed her path. Yet I know that God has a strong hold on her as I see her growing in her desire to know the Lord and to be a strong Christian woman. Just last week I was sharing a bible story and she piped in and helped me finish it. Wow, I was shocked with her knowledge and desire to share with the other girls! Crystal is going to be ok. God has His hand in her life and He is guiding and protecting her and her son. She is making good strong adult choices with her life and raising a really sweet little boy.

God has taught me so many things by placing Crystal in my life, not to mention all of the other girls that He has placed in the Teen Moms ministry. I don't question my place in this ministry any more. I know that God has placed me in the lives of these girls because I've “been there and done that”. God heals my heart and my soul a little more each day as He draws me closer to Him through the Teen Moms ministry.

Peggy Trowbridge,  
*Teen Moms Mentoring Director*

# A LIFE CHANGING

This last summer I met a young man by the name of Tyler (*assumed name*). Tyler is a 15 year old guy that is struggling with the pressures of being a teenager. Not long before I met him he had tried to take his life by overdose. I met Tyler about a week after this took place. We met at a local business and sat and talked for about two hours, and what I discovered was a young man trying to find his place in this world. I also learned that Tyler had been under a lot of influence from some friends to get involved with stealing and doing drugs.

Tyler and I talked about many different things and eventually he shared with me about his suicide attempt. Like many teens he had needed someone to talk to that would listen to his problems. Unfortunately he didn't find anyone and the suicide attempt seemed the best way to deal with his problems.

Since this episode took place, Tyler has received counseling, gotten involved in a church and is branching out trying to find new friends.

While his life still has signs of troubles and worries, he now has adults in his life that are concerned about him and his health, both spiritually and physically. He now has people in his life that will listen and not be critical. He will always have reminders of what happened, but he has come to realize that God is the best cure for the problems that come into our lives.

Tyler still has a ways to go but we have been able to make it past the first set of hurdles. Sometimes we get caught up in what the surface problem is and forget that deep down there is a young man or woman that is crying out for someone to listen to them.

I feel very fortunate that God has used me in this way and allowed me to be a part of Tyler's life.

Bob Stapp,  
*South Medford Area Director*

## Growing Up Without a Dad

It was the summer of 2008 and a single mom wanted me to meet her son. Later that week I met Albert (*assumed name*) and took him out for a milkshake to say hi and to get know him. Albert told me his ideas about God and church and school, but mostly he wanted to let me know that he didn't trust me to be around for very long. It seems that a lot of people had come and gone in his life. He even shared that he had been desperate for a male role model in his life, but had given up on the idea that one would stay around long enough to help.

We decided to meet once a week, to talk and play games and to see what God might have for him. For months, the talking was strained and he didn't seem to enjoy our time together. The games were fine as long as he didn't have to talk or get too deep, so we played games. I prayed for him often, hoping that God would soften his heart toward me. He came to Campus Life Club and even brought his friends, but he wouldn't let anyone get close to him.

For quite some time I felt as though we were not getting anywhere. Then one day on the way back from a Campus Life trip to Portland we had lots of time together because everyone else had fallen asleep. We got to talking and he told me what it was like for him to grow up without a dad. He shared how he felt cheated and unvalued. This was the start of something big for him as He had a chance to get all these things out that were welling up inside of him.

That moment was the beginning and not the end. We have continued to build on our relationship and I can see God's hand changing Albert. Little things like his grades and attitude are improving along with big things like trusting and faith. God truly is at work in the life of this young man and I am thankful to be a part of it.

Isaiah Gannaway, *Phoenix/Talent Area Director*



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