



Dear Friends of Good News Gang,

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My mother abandoned me the moment I was born. The state said my dad was not sufficient enough to provide for me, so I was placed into foster care. The Lord blessed me with two amazing families. From the time I was born until seven years old, I lived with people who were not my biological family, but they welcomed and loved me as though I was. My personal experience in foster care was awesome.... **The sacrifices and investments made on my behalf will never be forgotten.**

To this day, both families are committed, financial partners of Good News Gang. They understand the urgency of loving and caring for children who do not experience a healthy home life. They stood in the gap between life and death for me and many other children for years. The investment they made over 35 years ago in my life continues now as I serve the children of Detroit today. I am so thankful for the love I received when I had no voice. **Today, through Good News Gang, I have the privilege of doing the same for children who do not yet have a voice.** Unfortunately, many children do not have the positive experiences I had in the foster care system.

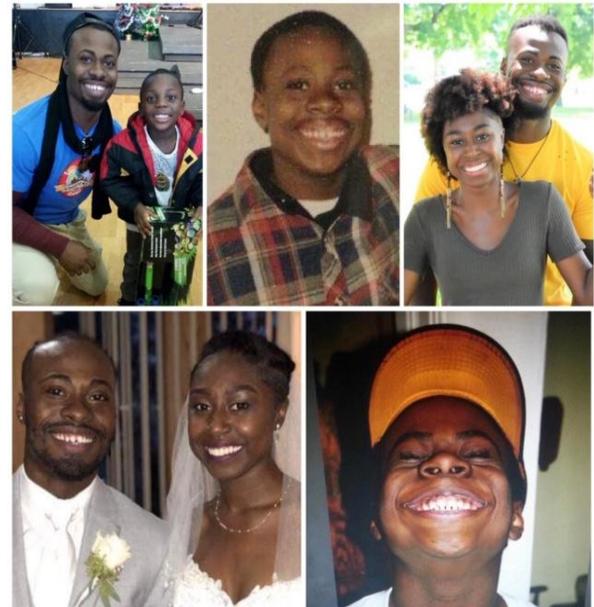
Meet Tyree....

As the youngest of five children, Tyree lived on the east side of Detroit with his loving parents. Due to his father's health restrictions, Tyree's mother worked.

At age seven, Tyree's life took a drastic turn. His father passed away. Tyree's mother turned to drugs as a way to cope with her whirlwind of emotions. Soon after, the three youngest kids were ripped from their family and placed into foster care.

Tyree recalls that night like it was yesterday. "It was a Thursday night, watching wrestling on TV and eating tuna fish sandwiches for dinner." Tyree and his brother went to one home where they endured extreme conditions -- things seven and nine-year-olds should never have to face. Tyree's sister was placed in another home.

Tyree says that "God, however, extended His hand of grace and mercy to him in the form of Good News Gang. The next summer he started going to Good News Gang. He loved it so much!" Originally, the fun, games and candy drew Tyree in. **"But it was the love of Christ that caused him to stay."** Good News Gang was more than a program to Tyree, it became a place of refuge. It was home.



Six years later, Tyree gave his life to Jesus at summer camp. "Good News Gang played such a huge role in shaping the foundation of who Jesus is in his life."

Life changed dramatically when Tyree and his brother were adopted by a wonderful couple at Good News Gang. Tyree says, "**We were loved and cared for in a way we had never experienced. Our new family truly became a tangible example of the love, grace and mercy of Christ.**"

Twenty years later, Tyree and his new bride, Chantelle, serve together side by side loving the children of Detroit with Good News Gang. **Tyree says that he considers it both a joy and a privilege to present Jesus to kids in the same way Jesus was presented to him.**

Chantelle and Tyree are expecting the arrival of their first child in September!!!

Since 1989, we have been in Detroit bringing the life, love and salvation of Jesus to thousands of children like Tyree. We believe it's better to build a boy than mend a man! We need as many as possible to sacrificially invest financially for us to move forward in destroying the works of the devil in Detroit. **There are thousands of children in Detroit that deserve an opportunity like Tyree, to know the love of Jesus and be surrounded by a dedicated team who will fight for them.**

Please won't you send the best gift you possibly can to help us payoff the building. Without a building it would be impossible to do what we do. We do not want to lose our building.....

A total amount of \$33,970 has been generously provided by partners and friends of Good News Gang since December 20th 2018. We are overwhelmed with gratitude by the outpouring of support. **As of Friday February 8th we are \$116,030 away from the miracle of paying off the building.**

We are believing that a community of believers will help us move forward in paying off the building so that we can continue rescuing precious children like Tyree. If you're not able to give the asked amount of \$500 (232 needed to pay off the building), will you do your very best? No amount is too small, mention: Building Payoff

How can you help Good News Gang reach the goal of paying off the building by March 1st?

Please prayerfully partner with us by giving a sacrificial gift of \$500 or any amount.

- **Using PayPal or credit card on our website at GoodNewGang.org/why-give**
- **Mailing a check to: Good News Gang, PO Box 10148, Detroit, MI 48210**
- **You can share our story with others by directing them to our website and/or facebook page**

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in putting your compassion into action. Philippians 2:1 - 3

Empowering children for Victory,



Matthew Cripps

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