



## *Rescuing, Restoring & Rebuilding one child at a time!*

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Dear Friend of Good News Gang,

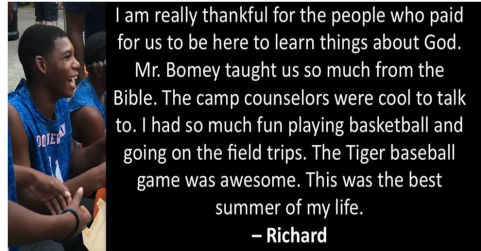
Recently I received an email from a friend about a story that gripped both of our hearts. It's a continual reminder of why we are here in Detroit and why we do what we do. An 87-year-old man sitting on his front porch was robbed at gunpoint just minutes from Metro.

The man is an army veteran and says he's leaving Detroit because of the violent crime. He's lived on the city's west side for nearly 50 years. With only a second grade education, he started a successful paving company and hired a lot of young men over the years. Many of them credit him with keeping them out of trouble. Three young men targeted the 87-year-old while he sat on his front porch near Linwood and W Davison Streets with a friend. He said the thieves asked if he would sell drugs to them. When he said no, they pulled a gun.

"I believe these kids grew up with no male influence, taught themselves to be young men unsuccessfully, understandably unsuccessfully," the man's friend said. "That's why they're running around the way they are." The trio robbed him of \$230.

He was a father figure to generations of Detroit men and lead by example. He's been working since he was eight years old. He put nine siblings through school before serving in the army. "I don't know about this young generation," the man said. A lot has changed in Detroit since the 60's when he first moved to the city, but now he says he's moving back to Georgia.

This story like many others unfortunately is a clear reason why it's critically important to reach precious children with the love of Christ and get the Word of God in their hearts. **It requires a relentless passion of devoted followers of Christ to be consumed with making an eternal difference.** Good News Gang seeks to combat the negative images of childhood poverty, gang violence, fatherless homes, educational decline, drug and alcohol abuse, and crime, which pervade the nightly news about Detroit.



I am really thankful for the people who paid for us to be here to learn things about God.

Mr. Bomey taught us so much from the Bible. The camp counselors were cool to talk to. I had so much fun playing basketball and going on the field trips. The Tiger baseball game was awesome. This was the best summer of my life.

– Richard



I am very thankful for all the people who donated money to the camp. I really loved having the camp counselors at the camp with us this year. All the field trips were awesome. All the drills were so hard, but Mr. Bomey encouraged us and helped show us how much we could really do. Mr. Bomey made this camp so fun. But the best part of the camp was when Mr. Bomey told us about Jesus and how much Jesus loves us. When I accepted Jesus into my heart, I went onto Instagram and put a paragraph about that and how I am going to do my best to live for Jesus.

– Dier



Before I was only going to come to camp for the 1<sup>st</sup> week because my family was going to go on vacation after that. But after that first week I loved it so much that my family changed their plans so I could go for the whole month. I loved the Bible study, basketball, the crazy water games and it has been very cool.

– Josiah

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I'm thankful for a team of individuals who are committed to providing an environment for young people to grow spiritually and academically. This year's summer school was amazing.

Everyday from Monday - Friday our students received assistance in reading, writing & math. Prayer, bible studies, extensive physical exercises, community service and basketball drills was part of the daily schedule. Lunches were provided everyday and every Friday the group went on field trips. There are additional pictures and a video on our facebook page about the summer school.



We are so grateful to all our friends and supporters who make it possible for us to go above and beyond in reaching, loving, teaching, mentoring & empowering precious children for victory in Christ.

***Together we are rescuing one child at a time.***

*Matthew Cripps*

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**Executive Director**



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