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Rise Up Children



On the Corner of Yorkship Square and Kearsarge Ave sits a building with two brightly painted murals. Pictured on one sign is a silhouette of children under a caption that says "rise up children." When I first saw this sign I thought to myself, is this just coincidental that this was pictured on the building that could be the home of the Jubilee Community Enrichment Center.

Thinking about the words "rise up children," the times when Jesus told people, including children, to rise up comes to mind. On one occasion a certain ruler came to Jesus and told him that his daughter was dead. He knew that only Jesus could say "rise up child" and she would rise. He pleaded with him to come to his house and touch his daughter so she could live. When they arrived at the house Jesus told those who were assembled there,

to lament her death, that the child was not dead but asleep. He knew there was hope for the girl. The unbelief of the mourners moved them to scornfully laugh at Jesus. They refused to believe that Jesus could say "rise up child" and the child would live. Imagine the momentary awe and silence when Jesus took the child by her hand and caused her to rise up.

There are many who mourn the plight of our children and have an earnest desire to see them rise up from the demise of their surroundings and from the conditions that would snuff life out of them. Even through exerting much effort and using many resources it seems to be a daunting task. At Jubilee Music Enrichment we are convinced that although social, cultural and educational development are important elements needed to cultivate our youth it takes something more to say "rise up children" and be effective. We believe that in order for our children to rise up, we must lift up Christ for them to see. Jesus confirmed this when he said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:14-16).

During our summer music classes, the Jubilee Ringers were divided into teams and challenged to write a song. They were asked to use one of their Bible memory verses. One of the students diligently went to



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work writing the lyrics for her team. Every day she came, her head was buried in her notebook as she busied herself writing. One evening each team was asked to share their progress. The verse her team chose was John 3:16. She proceeded to recite words that clearly explained what a child needs to do to rise up. My spirit began to rejoice. Jesus is being lifted up and she is seeing him.

When you say the word Camden, the perception of many is as a dangerous wilderness filled with poverty and crime. It cannot be denied that these dire conditions exist. However, when we lift up Christ in this city we know we can say “rise up children” and they will rise. H’m, I think we should write a new song to sing & ring – Rise up Children!

Prayer Requests



- We really need a building so please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the remaining funds needed for the purchase. We are getting closer to our goal and now need less than twenty five, thousand dollars. A prayer of thanking and blessings is continually lifted up for those who have helped in this endeavor thus far.

The other painting on the building depicts a flower rising through a bullet riddled helmet. The current owners of the building serve the city by cultivating various plants and flowers in community gardens. As our mission states, we endeavor to cultivate young leaders. The scriptures say “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:37-38) We desire that the Lord send us forth as laborers in the harvest fields of Camden.

- Please pray that the Lord will send faithful, Christian laborers to help with the ministry. We will need volunteers as we expand the ministry and reach more children.
- Continue to pray for the director and her family. Please pray that the director will have the strength, wisdom and time management to balance the business of the ministry while assisting her family with medical needs during this challenging time. Her sister Melody, who was a committed teacher, is facing serious illness and will not be able to serve this year. Also, her other sister underwent major surgery last month for a serious medical condition. Joy assisted with the program by giving craft projects, games and Bible verse. She always captivates children with her jokes and object lessons. Continue to pray for their healing.
- Pray that the Lord will supply our need for computers. Our current ones are over ten years old and during the past year most have stopped working properly. This summer, while working on song composition another one stopped working, so we have only one operational computer.
- Continue to pray that our children will excel in the programs, academically and grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for their safety and for their parents.
- Pray for us as we prepare for our fall and Christmas concerts. As events are confirmed a schedule will be posted on our website www.jubileeringers.com. An announcement for our Christmas Concert should be in the next newsletter.