

The Townsley Times

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“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.”



Dear friends,

What an exciting week we had with the kids from our neighborhood of Villa Claudia! Fifty-two kids enrolled in the Vacation Bible School. Almost all of the children, ranging from 4 – 12 years old, came from our neighborhood. Since we do not yet have a building in which to meet, we held it in our carport. We praise the Lord for the special ways in which He put everything together, and provided all the help we needed to make things go smoothly. We were excited to see the kids so enthusiastic and involved.

Our theme for the week was “Noah and I.” The three teams (Shem, Ham and Japheth) had a lively competition doing Bible memory work and other things to win points. We felt the kids put forth an excellent effort with their Bible memory, and were very attentive during the Bible story time. Among other things, the children learned how just as there was only one way for Noah to be saved from the great flood, there is only one way of salvation for us today. On the last day, it was a real thrill to hear several of them explain on their own the entire salvation message through the Wordless Book. When the week was over, the one complaint we heard was that “it was too short.” Praise the Lord! That is a problem we can resolve! Although we did not see salvation decisions, the seeds were sown and can now be cultivated. We are excited about having a part in molding these young lives with the Word of God while they are still tender and have not yet succumbed to the pressures and hardening of the world as have so many of the teenagers here.

As a result of the VBS, we have many more personal contacts, and we are now more recognized in our area because of our ministry. We are planning to start some ministries targeting adults soon, including at least one Bible study. We hope that this outreach with the children will have been a good stepping-stone helping to facilitate that ministry. Thank you for your prayers for the Vacation Bible School, and please continue in prayer for the Bible study and eventual formation of a church.

In His Service,

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