

## Karrie's Story: Connecting Foster-Care Children and The Fatherless to Their Heavenly Father Through Grace Martial Arts Group-Mentoring

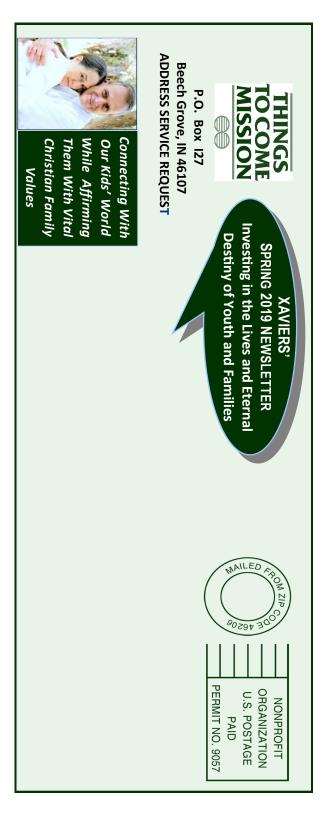
I would like to share a story of how building group-mentoring bridges to foster care and fatherless children has helped to inspire one of our outstanding young adult leaders, Karrie, to become a foster mom for two sisters - - ages 8 and 10 years old. Karrie is now a public school teacher. She began her martial arts training with us as a shy, introverted 10-year-old and now is one of our most exceptionally skilled Grace Martial Arts Bible Club leaders. Karrie's compassionate heart readily wins the trust of all children whom she teaches.

There are many reasons why children are in group foster homes. Some have no parents and are true orphans; some have been removed because of abuse; others have been sent there by the court system; still, others are emotionally disabled and unable to function in their own homes for a myriad of reasons. There are about as many reasons as there are children.

These hurting youngsters long for adult intervention and interaction that will give them hope, direction and support. They want safe and loving individuals who are there just for them and just because they care. "Is there someone out there just for me?" The answer is, "Yes! There is!" God claims these children as His own! He is calling and sending loving men and women to communicate His love that has been there all the time. These are the broken ones. God is the healing answer. Is God calling you to join us to pray that He will raise up more Karrie's to share their love, time and faith in the Gospel of the Grace of God.

#### **COMFORT IN TRIBULATIONS**

The Lord often uses our life-challenges to equip us with His qualifications for His ministries of comfort to others like ourselves. As we co-labor together with the Lord, He encourages and loves fatherless children through us. The Lord comforts and encourages hurting children through the Gospel and His love, acceptance and forgiveness. Through the power of God's Word, He often equips the abandoned, abused and hurting with the desire to comfort others with the same comfort that they have received from God. *Thank you for your faithful prayers, love and support.* 



# Grace Martial Arts Bible Clubs: Training Champions For Christ

Our nation's youths' and families' eternal destiny and well-being are being stolen by Satanic, evolutionary, postmodern, humanistic worldviews. We are losing our children and families to a wide range of life-destroying problems.

Because of the Lord's grace and your ministry partnership, the Grace Martial Arts Bible Clubs continue "to redeem the time, because the days are evil." We thank the Lord for your faithful ministry support. You are significantly helping to build vital Christian family values through the Life-changing message of the Gospel of the Grace of God for many children and families every year. Many never have read the Bible nor heard a Gospel presentation.



"He Who Wins A Soul Is Wise. He Who Trains Up a Soul Winner Digs A Well From Which Many May Drink."

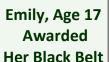
Joyfully In Christ Jesus,

Bob, Beth and Xavier Family

#### **Holding Firm to Teaching Biblical Family Values**

Our society has become desensitized to "the sinfulness of sin." This moral collapse has caused untold damage to our families. The proof can be seen in statistics that show that broken families are the rule, rather than the exception. This past year, the Grace Martial Arts Bible Clubs (GMA) have enrolled as many students from homes of single parents as we have enrolled from two-parent homes. Most of our GMA students have little to no knowledge of who the Lord Jesus Christ is before joining our after-school programs. Along with teaching students basic Bible lessons, our focus is to help the students' parents to assist in encouraging and supporting their children's Spiritual growth. As a result, we have been wonderfully blessed to have trained hundreds of Christ-centered student leaders throughout the Greater Tampa Bay Area.







Making An Eternal
Difference, One
Black Belt At A Time



It Is Easier To
Build A Child Than
To Repair An Adult.



Prayer and Bible Lessons
Are A Part of Every
Class Session.



#### **Investing in the Lives & Eternal Destiny of Youth & Families**

A Grace Martial Arts instructor often becomes a student's trusted mentor. It is important that the instructor expresses respect and love that is consistent. The instructor/mentor lights up the child's world! It

is through that illumination that the student senses God's love and often is drawn into a Life-changing relationship with the Lord.

Your ministry partnership has been vital to giving youth and families **Real Life** with **Real Purpose**. Thank You!

In Christ's Love, Grace & Friendship,

Bob, Beth & Xavier Family



## **Grace Martial Arts: A Powerful Evangelistic Ministry Tool**



Our challenge is to lead children to know the Lord and His Word so well that they will readily employ Biblical principles and will make wise lifestyle choices.







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