



Dear Friends:

**There are hurting kids right in our own city who need your help!**

**Did you know that nearly half of our youth who attend North, East or Lincoln High school as freshman will never graduate?** These kids are facing huge struggles and have lost hope stemming from abuse, neglect or a lack of genuine love and guidance. Without hope, they drop out of school, abuse drugs or alcohol and continue to make bad decisions, often ending up in prison.

**Our society has written these kids off as useless and unchangeable. Yet God views them as His children who are crying out to be loved and need a reason to care.**

**Freedom for Youth Ministries has boldly set out on a course to rescue our lost and hurting youth in our inner city, and we need your help.** Boys, instead of looking to the gangs for acceptance, are discovering their God-given talents in areas such as woodworking, welding and mechanics. Young girls, often abused and without fathers, are finding God as their true "Abba" while learning such things as art, cooking, sewing, music and computers.

**To continue our programs, we are trusting that God will call His people to action. Stop and ask yourself, "Is God calling me to join His plan?"** Most all corporate foundations do not help fund Christ-centered causes, and government agencies may provide support if you are willing to refrain from freely sharing the gospel. We will not compromise our mission. Our programs must be funded through the body of Christ.

**Please consider sponsoring a child in our "Adopt-a-Kid program" to show them that they are loved and there is hope.** The enclosed information shows the impact your monthly, tax-deductible gift can bring to one of the hurting kids we serve. If God is asking you to give back this holiday season, will you consider helping one of our kids?

Yours in Christ,

Mark D. Nelson  
Executive Director

PS: May the true meaning of Christmas fill you and your family with joy this holiday season, and may you pass this joy on to others in need. **"He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."**

Acts 14:17