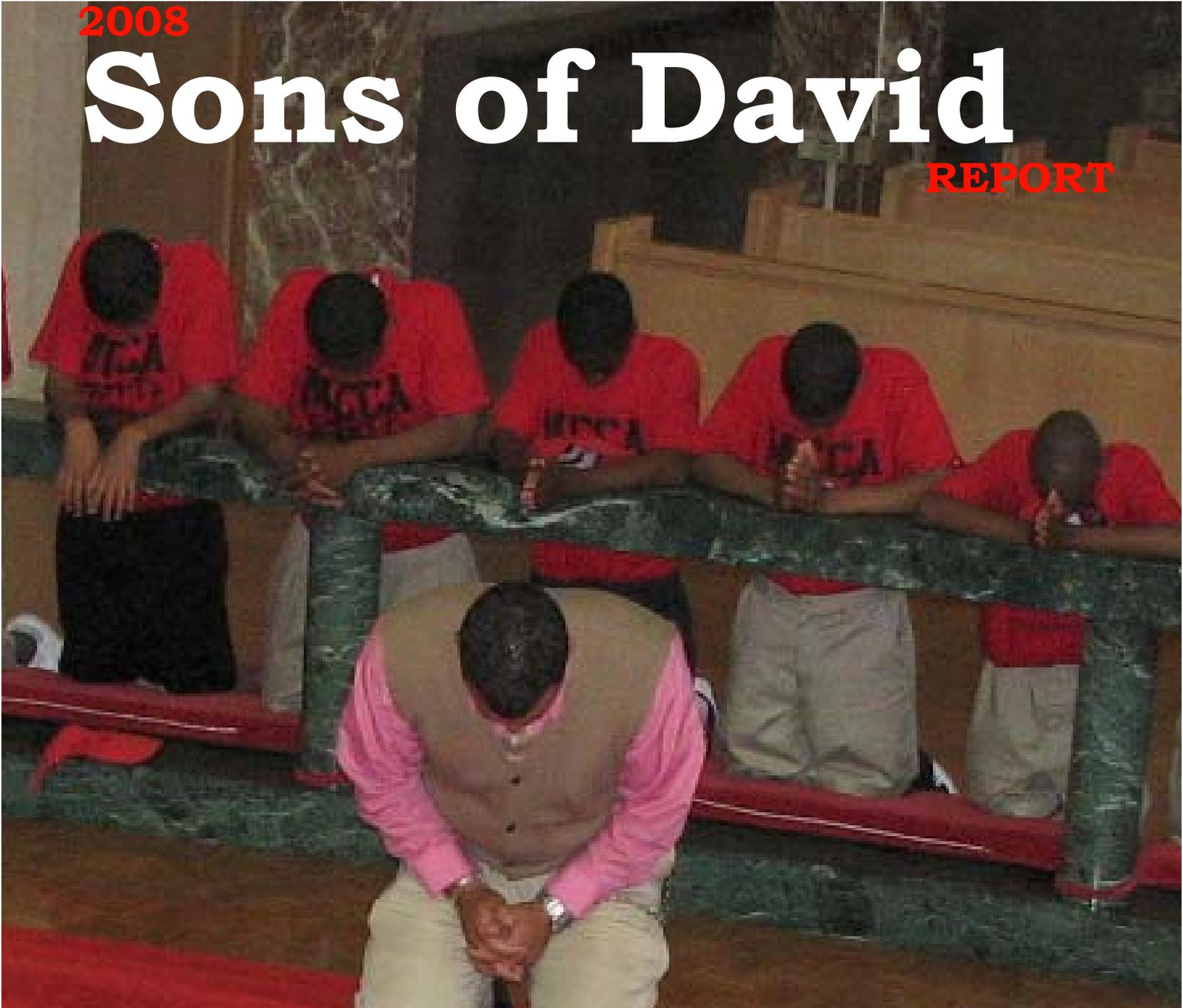


Christian Programs For Inner-City Children

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Sons of David

REPORT



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Program Highlights

Program Outlook

The Sons of David (SOD) program is designed to give young men the opportunity to experience a life changing mentor/mentee relationship with adult coaches and business men. After receiving leadership training youth are able to serve as peer mentors and educators to other disadvantage inner-city youth. The primary goal of SOD is to share God's Word with age-appropriate methods to young men, providing a platform for the Holy Spirit to produce heart changes and a ministry mindset, which will lead them to serve their community and the world.

Mission

Train up disadvantaged young men to become leaders in their family, school and community.

Benefits

Young men have the chance to be part of a small team hand selected with the potential to be peer leaders and community advocates for change. Youth benefit in the following ways:

- A. Enhance individuals understanding of the opportunities available on a national level
- B. Broaden individuals understanding of cultural and racial expressions of Christianity
- C. Sharpen individuals understanding of the importance of education and college requirements
- D. Eliminate individual ignorance's, stereo types and racial tensions
- E. Youth will be exposed to career and educational opportunities outside of their community
- F. Youth will teach leadership and bible principles to other peers through Bible studies



Scheduled Activities

Weekend Adventurers

Each weekend SOD's train other peers and youth on community service projects throughout the state in our Team Collection program. Each SOD and youth has to complete service hours to attend camps and programs throughout the year. The SOD's will help train new participants and pair up in teams to help each peer raise the team's daily goal. During weekend trips all youth participate in team activities, bible studies and church invitations to showcase our program and enjoy programs put on by other ministry partners.

Coaches Retreat

Each season MCCA coaches and the SOD's are treated to a three day weekend of fun and enjoyment at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. MCCA provides this retreat to refresh our team of students and adults after each season and before we kick-off with state and national travel.



Midwest Missionary Trip

Each year Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hartland, Wisconsin host missionary trips to St. Paul, Minnesota for teens interested in world missions. The SOD's traveled with them this summer and were housed at a local college for the week and help package meals for the Feed My Starving Children program in Somalia. Youth also visit inner-city camps for three days to help facilitate bible studies and other programs. The trip culminates with a visit to the Mall of America and some other fun activities for the team.

East Coast Quest

MCCA hosts one national Vision Quest trip each year. This past summer youth visited east coast cities. The SOD's traveled to Pennsylvania to visit Penn, Villanova, Temple and Kutztown Universities. In New York youth visited the Statue of Liberty, the World Trade Center plot, Harlem, Central Park and Time Square. They spent a day at the beaches of Atlantic City and Wild Wood, New Jersey. The last part of the trip was spent at Dorney Park Wild Water Kingdom in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Career Awareness Camp

Students stayed on the Marquette University campus for a week of exposure to careers available to minorities in the transportation field. Each day they attended employment workshops and team leadership seminars geared to help them identify personal preferences. SOD's also had the chance to traveled to different employer sites throughout the state to learn hands on knowledge about jobs in transportation.

Dear MCCA

I have 2 young men in my care and since June 2008 they have been in the Sons of David program. Prior to being in the program they both have had problems with self-esteem, lack of interest in school, suspensions from school and disrespect toward adults and others. Coach Williams and Rafeal repeatedly told me that as time moved forward I would see changes however small but positive changes and they were right. The SOD program has given them a sense of pride in being Black young men. The changes I see most is respect not only for themselves but for adults and the new friend's they have made here.

Darryl was the type of person that joked around and liked to just be silly. Since being with the SOD program and getting positive direction from the coaches, Darryl sees its time to let go of the childish behavior and step into the shoes of becoming a respectable and serious young man. He is now exhibiting this newly adopted behavior in school and is benefiting from it.

Both of them have begun attending church regularly and are participating in reading the bible. The changes I have seen over the last few months have helped me as a guardian tremendously. Before the SOD program they both seem to feel as though the world owed them something. Being able to go out into the community, participate with other young men and working towards helping someone else, they are less angry and feel as though they are contributing to this society. I'm very thankful and grateful for the opportunity to have them in the program and to have found mentors for my boys.

Sincerely, SOD Parent

Sponsoring Young Men & Male Role Modeling

“Male role models set positive examples, fostering hope and excitement in young men as they grow into adult life. Mentoring provides encouragement toward a healthy equilibrium of all life's aspects, harmonizing spiritual, physical, academic, and social growth.

As young men learn to balance these elements of life, they become better equipped to make smart choices that will positively affect society.

It is important for all young men in the central city to have mentors; these opportunities should be available to all our sons, regardless of where they live.”

**John Kasdorf, CEO/President
Kaztex Companies**

Below: Sons of David teens having lunch and visiting with John Kasdorf at his Waukesha office prior to leave on a 10 day Vision Quest Trip to the east coast.

