



Family Circus Children's Ministry Update
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“Putting Money Where Your Mouth Is”

Hello again friends,

When I was a young child I liked to play with marbles. My parents frowned on us playing ‘keepsies’, explaining that it was a form of gambling. However as a kid, I liked to brag about how good I was, and then another (often older child) would challenge me to put my money (marbles) where my mouth was. In other words he would demand that we play ‘keepsies’ and the winner or the best player would take home the marbles. I learned the hard way why my parents did not want us to ‘gamble.’

Now that my hair has turned white, I hear another voice telling me to “Put money where their mouth is...”



It rips at my heart to see the kids sleeping on the sidewalk. I’ve attached a picture taken this week of two girls and a couple of other kids—whom I assume were siblings—whom were sleeping on the sidewalk outside the bank with cardboard as their bedding. 5,000 kids are reported to live on the streets in our town and the numbers are growing. Some by choice, while others are abandoned. We currently have over 2,000 malnourished kids coming to Family Circus every week and, with the help of friends, “We are putting money where their mouth is...”

This afternoon we are anticipating the arrival of a forty foot container to be unloaded at Family Circus. It contains many pallets loaded with food: complete meals, dried peaches, and vegetables from Convoy of Hope, BGMC, Feed My Starving Children, and donors who’s names I don’t even know, including children in the USA who cared enough to give and help other children to have food to eat.

The Family Circus cafeteria and bakery are nearing completion. The wiring is going in and soon we will have a city transformer installed. That means that when the children come to Family Circus we will be able to provide complete meals (as God brings in the resources and friends put their money where their mouth is).

We are excited. It’s been a long awaited dream... We know that the need is great and we are doing what we can to reach out and help.

This past Sunday, when I stood up to lead the kids in singing, a little 8 or 9-month-old child with a burn was crying in the clinic. Our nurse was having to clean off the antibiotic that had been used in a dangerous manner. The family had removed the antibiotic from the capsule and sprinkled it on the wound. The medicine was also killing the flesh, turning it into a glass-like substance. Our nurse taught the proper way to use the antibiotic while she administered proper medication and a bandage. The moment the 8-month-old girl heard Sandy and I beginning to sing with the kids, she looked up and started smiling, waving her hands to the motions of the song... The Bible says, “Out of the mouth of babies and infants He has ordained praise...”



We are delighted to be a part of a great group of friends who help make all this possible...

In it for the King & his kids,
Darrell & Sandy Blatchley

P.S. We are building a castle as
a ministry center to expand
what we are able to do for the
children and their families.
Funds for the castle and to pay
off the property are high priority.
(More information on our
website.)



P.S. For an update on the FC
Restaurant/bakery please go to www.familycircus.org

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pictures for our email updates. Check them out on-line
when you have time www.familycircus.org

Let us know what you think. Thanks!!

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us at familycircus@agmd.org to join the list. We enjoy
hearing from all our friends.

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