

Seeing Children as God Sees Them

When you look at children, what do you see? Do you see them as secret weapons in God's heavenly arsenal? Do you believe God can use them to impact our world?

Here's how God sees the role of children in praise and spiritual warfare: "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger" (Ps. 8:2).

At the World Prayer Assembly in Indonesia in May 2012, 15-year-old Daisey told her story. Daisey is from Surabaya, the second largest city in Indonesia, and she grew up in a part of the city filled with prostitution, gangs, and drugs.

But local Christians saw the children as part of the answer to the plight of the city. These believers began to train the children in prayer. They taught them how God could give them power to pray and to see their community transformed. What began with ten children meeting once a week to pray for two hours, grew to 20 children meeting two times a week. They prayer walked their community and invited God to come. They prayed over neighborhood maps, praying the Scriptures and agreeing with God's plan.

One by one the brothels began to close. A national newspaper wrote about the transformation of the community. Today it is a safe place for children to play.

Do you believe God can use children? In Indonesia tens of thousands of children have been trained as intercessors. In neighboring Singapore a movement called Arise is raising up children in worship and prayer.

In Chennai, India, God called Anton Cruz to see destitute children with new eyes. Today, as part of the Royal Kids Ministry, more than 8,000 children are a spiritual force in their community. They even have their own television program watched by two million children each week.

In Bihar, India's poorest state, God is using orphan girls as world-changers, full of joy and love for God. Praying with them has changed the way I see children today. Whole villages have come to Christ through their witness. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matt. 19:14).

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