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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support! I can't tell you how you are all a blessing to me. God is blessing and helping me, and I have no doubt you all have a part in that. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man (*person*) availeth much." James 5:16. I'm thankful we can be righteous because of Jesus, and I'm thankful God answers prayers!

God has been answering my prayer for the young teen ladies in our church. The teens have not had a Sunday school class of their own since the pandemic, and because of space issues in our building, we lost a classroom.

The teens have been going to adult Sunday school for a couple of years now. God began to burden me greatly for our young people. I began to pray God would allow me to teach the girls, so we have started a "Young Ladies Encountering Jesus" group for teens 13 years up to 20s. We have two meetings a month on Saturdays. We either do a special activity like going to an "Escape Room," bowling, etc., or we stay at church and play games. We always have a Bible lesson and sometimes dinner. I thank God for the young ladies that come. Would you please pray for me, for wisdom in working with teens? I have worked with every other age group, but teen ministry is my area of least experience. I know God can do a GREAT work in their hearts, and I can't wait to see Him transform lives. Please pray for tender hearts. Also, pray for our young men and that God would burden someone to work with them as well. We really need a family to come work in the teen ministry who have a heart to see them grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As for the children's ministry, we just had our annual "Children's Day" event.

This year we had a Photo Scavenger Hunt.

The kids were divided into four teams, with two adult helpers to drive them around, looking for photos and activities to complete from a list. For example, the list had "all the children on a slide," so the team had to drive to a park nearby, race to the slide to take a picture, and then complete another activity or find an object on the list. The first team back to complete everything won Chick-fil-A gift cards.

Then we all watched a slideshow of the photos they sent in. We also had a lesson about children in the Bible. God thinks children are important!

I believe the kids had a good time doing something new this year!

We have started our choir back up since the pandemic as well. We are starting with singing hymns and learning how to sing parts. Please pray for us and wisdom for me as I lead the choir.

As for my Children's Ministry Training Seminars, I officially started in April. I began at Worth Baptist Church, my home church. Around 60 children's workers were in attendance. We started with the importance of teaching kids Bible doctrines.

Then we talked about tips for improving children's ministry, like how to minimize distractions and unruly behavior.

We ended with a lesson on how to tell an exciting, vibrant Bible story. I had excellent feedback from our great workers at Worth. They are already doing a terrific job, and even still, we can all improve more for the glory of God! And it's always good to be reminded of things we once knew and practiced. If you are interested in your children's workers receiving this training, please feel free to email or call me.