



## REACHING A LAND IN NEED.

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Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

Maybe you don't think of going to battle when you head to church on Sunday mornings, but looking back over this summer's Sunday School program, I have to say that I feel this is where the battle is fought for people's minds, one-on-one or in small Sunday School groups. A lot of people have told me that they want a large church with programs, and I don't discount the fact that it's wonderful to have a lot going on. But there's something to be said for small churches. At one point, I was my youth group. And although I didn't have many big activities like laser tag or hockey games, I reaped the benefit of having a lot of one-on-one time for asking hard questions and learning from more mature Christians. I wouldn't trade that experience for the world! I hope we've been able to do that in our Sunday School program here. We work with what we have, large or small!

I am almost sad that we have come to the end of our study of The Case for Christ. It's been such a personal challenge to present the materials to children, and yet I'm glad we've done it. Sometimes, I can see that the children are really thinking. One of them has even talked with her parents, and they have asked my pastor to visit and help her understand whether or not she's saved.

VBS was a challenge this year. The skit person caught a terrible cold the day before VBS started. However, she soldiered on and did a great job of modifying her character to fit with her almost-lost voice. Some of the object lessons didn't work, we had some materials go missing in action, and some surprise helpers showed up without calling ahead of time. It could have been stressful, but the Lord reminded me that He is in control, even in these circumstances, and He helped me decide to just go with whatever happened. And do you know, we all had a good time, we were able to teach the children, and they loved it.

In personal news, I am an aunt! Actually, I've been an aunt for nine months, but my nephew decided to finally make his appearance, and I am so happy for his parents! I can't wait to actually see him. He definitely needs some cuddle time.

### Requests:

- \* Salvation of Sunday School children
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### Praises:

- \* My nephew!
- \* Privilege of teaching Sunday School

With the end of the summer Sunday School program, we're returning to a "normal" schedule, and I am planning on going through the book of Judges with my class. We are going to fight a lot more battles! Your prayers are especially appreciated.

- For a People in Need,

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