



## Spring 2011

### **Auction**

Mark your calendars for CRM (annual) auction on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at New Life Church. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$200 for a table. To RSVP, please contact Tyrone at [tyrone@casinoroadministries.org](mailto:tyrone@casinoroadministries.org)

### **A New Goal**

One of CRM's parent's has decided this year to model the importance of education by going back to school to receive a degree. This parent approached me, four months ago, to ask about volunteering at homework club to help other children. (This parent has three children who attend three of our clubs during the week.) My response was an excited, 'Yes, you can.' Then the parent replied, 'I'm not sure if I'm really the right person to help anyone with school work. I can barely help my kids at home. They have to read things to me.' I asked this parent to make a six week commitment to show up each week, help younger students by reading stories to them and listening to them read. After the six months, we'd talk about the experience.

Last week, this parent pulled me aside to share that his goal of going back to school to get high school diploma! As we talked, I saw the biggest smile on his face as he talked about how the program would help him get his high school diploma, prepare him for getting a job and, most importantly, allow him to help his children with their school work.

It is such a blessing to walk alongside and witness people begin to transform the destiny of their family tree. This dad attends our church on Sunday's. He hasn't attended regularly, but when he comes he's engaged in the service and learning so much. I'm very blessed to know this family and I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in and through his family.

### **Supporting our kids**

One of my students told me he's dealing with some tough things at home. He doesn't see positive examples of people working hard at home. He's frustrated that his mom doesn't have a job and they are getting evicted.

As I listened to him, my heart broke. Then he said, 'Tyrone, I'm just a kid...I can't do anything to fix it.' We both cried as we embraced each other. I told him as adults we don't always know what to do. As believers, we can take our worries and fears to God and trust him to comfort us. He doesn't always answer in a day, week, month or years, but he listens and cares about us so much.

No, my conversation didn't fix his circumstances. But, having someone to talk to and cry with was what he needed. I'm so thankful God has given us, through CRM, opportunities to share life – the good, the bad and the painful times with our kids and their families.



### **Inside the life of Tyrone**

This has been a season of changes in the McMorris household. The change has centered around the growth of our son, Samuel. Samuel's a year and a half (18 months for those who count in months) and keeping us busy. He loves to workout with me in the mornings, sing Christian rap songs with me (His favorite song is 'They Callin' by R-Swift) and making us laugh.

Suzanne and I had the chance to attend a marriage retreat at the end of January. This was a great time to talk about marriage, spend some time alone and spend time with other married couples. We had such a great time!

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