



# Downtown Ministries

## Newsletter

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**"I'm just a kid. How am I supposed to know about this?"**  
(Billy N.)

We sat in an lazy circle, facing one another on two beds. With me were Frances, one of her sons, Billy (11), Maria (9), Franchesca (15) and a neighbor, Andrea. We were in an undersized motel room which is home to Frances's family of six.

Our Mother's Day devotional was done. I began speaking with Billy's older sister, his mom and Andrea about knowing Christ as Savior. As Billy listened he became agitated and animated. When I answered his questions about the necessity of being born again, becoming a child of God, he said, "I'm just a kid. How am I supposed to know about this?"

My answer was, "I'm supposed to tell you."

He was intense. This was so important. What if he'd been left out? He and Maria read through some verses in Romans with me. The three of us held hands as Billy and Maria accepted Christ as Savior.

This was the best present their mom, who is suffering from Hepatitis C, could ever hope to receive!



Pictured right are Billy and Maria moments after they received Christ into their lives. I told them it was their spiritual birthday and I would be returning with Bibles and suggested readings for them.

Billy was particularly interested in how to avoid the pitfalls of gangs and how to deal with mean people. His sister has her own fears. Hopefully they will grow in the Word and grow up to be strong in the Lord.

### Camp Days Are Coming

It would be great if these children could be included in DTM's day camp program this summer. Whoever is enrolled, we look forward to ministering to the needs of children who are looking for answers and S P A C E outside, fun and friendships.

My heart aches for children like these. I know you care too. You care about their spiritual, physical, social and emotional lives. I know because you've given, previously, to help ensure