

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. - Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Seems like I start a lot of these newsletters by apologizing for one thing or another. This time I am apologizing for not getting our newsletter to you before the end of 2007, but 2008 was in a real hurry and we were slowed by some family illness and several other things. But hey, for first time in four years we actually put out a newsletter every quarter in 2007- not bad.

I know that I should be writing about all the things that have gone on this past year with our ministry, because 2007 was an awesome year for the ministry but I just have to share this story with you.

I have had the great privilege of seeing literally thousands of people come to the Lord over the past ten years, but I want to share a story with you about one very special encounter with the Lord. On September 30th of this year, after Kim and I had put the children to bed, I heard Kaiden yelling for his mom. I figured like most nights he was just looking for an excuse to milk one more minute out of his day but within a few minutes Kim was now calling for me. When I entered Kaiden's room he was sitting up in his bed and it was obvious that he had been crying. I sat down next to him and asked him what was up.

The words that followed may have been some of the sweetest words I have ever heard. Kaiden looked up at me and through his tears, he said, "Dad, I want to give my life to Jesus, and I have been trying for the past four nights but I just don't know how."

I knew that Kaiden had been struggling with this whole process. After vacation Bible school this summer, Kaiden admitted to his mom that he wanted to go down to the front of the church, but in his heart he knew that it was only because his friends had gone, so he did not go. He shared with me that He believed in Jesus, in His life, His death and His soon coming return, but he was not truly willing with his heart to give over complete control of his life to the Lord. You can imagine- Kaiden is the one who is left at home when dad boards a plane to Africa and he is the one who watches me emotionally fall apart often times after returning from preaching or after a conversation with someone who is truly broken. He has seen me in those faithless times when the bills are stacking up, and he has heard the stories of those murdered while following God. He has asked several times about Abraham agreeing to sacrifice his son in order to obey God (you could hear the concern in his voice and literally see him making a "get-away" plan), and he understands full well that following Jesus is the narrow road. For the three or four months before September, Kaiden had known that God was speaking to Him, that God wanted him to surrender everything, that God truly loved him, but Kaiden was counting the cost.

In Luke 14, Jesus describes this very process by comparing it to a man that sets out to build a tower. He says that if the man did not first sit down and count the cost then he could be made a fool when he has laid a foundation but is not able to finish the project. I want to tell you that as we travel from church to church week after week, we see this very thing. So many persons having declared one thing with their lips, but having never understood that in order to follow Jesus, you must

surrender it all. Kaiden and Kim and I talked for a long time after that and then I asked Kaiden if he would like to pray to make Jesus the Savior and Lord of his life. As he began to pray, Kim and I both lost it. He confessed to being a sinner, and asked God to give Him forgiveness because of Jesus dying for him. Then he said the words that I will never forget. He said, "God (like they were old buddies), I guess what I am trying to say is, I want to follow you with my life and wherever you go, I will follow you." I was a mess - laughing and crying all at the same time. Kimberly was speechless and both of us were humbled beyond emotions. I

told him that at that moment in heaven the angels were throwing a huge party because of his salvation - the picture is our collective jump for joy that one more sinner has come to repentance.

I believe with all my heart that Kaiden meant what he said that night, and my prayer is that whatever comes, he will always follow the Lord. We are praying desperately all three of us for Kait Bug and look forward to her day of redemption.

I was wondering today what the conversation between God and his son must have looked like when they were discussing Jesus coming to the earth to

die for me and you. This past season is the time of year when we celebrate the decision that Jesus made to come to the earth. I know without a doubt that He counted the cost, and I am forever grateful that He was willing to follow God with His life. You see Christianity is not a bumper sticker, a secret prayer or a country club membership - it is a life committed to following the Lord wherever He may take us. Think about that as you begin this new year. Are you following Jesus the way He followed His father, with all of His life?

2007 has been an awesome year following the Lord but it was you following the Lord to support us that made it all possible. We are so grateful for you, for your prayers, and for your incredible support of this ministry. I wish I had the right words to convey how much your prayers, encouragement and financial support has meant to us - I wish I could write each of you that have supported us and share the timely stories of your support. The Lord has proven his faithfulness over and over and December 2007 marked the 4th year of Katalyst Ministries. Can you believe that? In my soul, I am convinced that the best is yet to come. I hope and pray that God blesses you the way He has blessed us by you.

Hey, take some time today to kiss somebody on the face, to laugh at something that is not all that funny and to bless someone with a smile. Tell the people you love today that you love them, tell the Lord that you love Him, and then live a life that proves it. Kimberly, Kaiden, and Kait send their love. (long live the Mohawk)

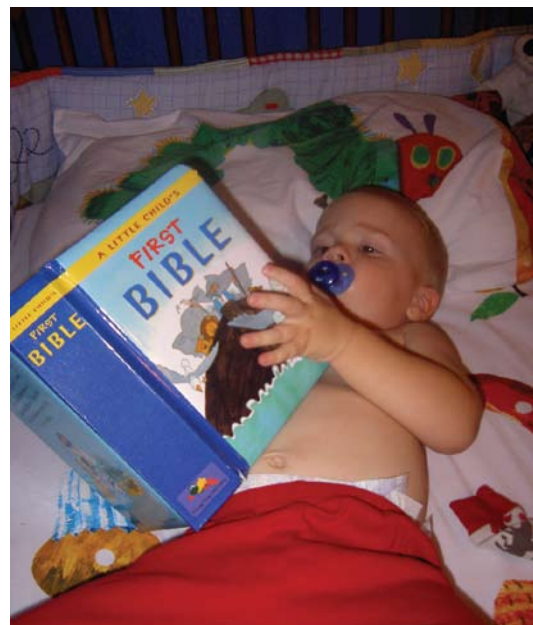
Love Jesus

Love You




ANDREA HONEA

My son Layne, who is 20 months old, just celebrated his 2nd Christmas last year. Each night as we tuck him in, Jon and I pray that God would reveal Himself to Layne in a way that a one and a half year old boy can understand. We have prayed this earnestly nearly every day since he was born. I am continually amazed at how God hears our cries to Him and answers us. Layne loves when we hold hands and pray and seems to understand that during that time we are quiet (for the most part!). When we pray with him at night he lays still and relaxed. I could pray for 10 minutes and he would just lay there. (If you know Layne, you know that he doesn’t do much laying around!) If we forget to pray before a meal, Layne will remind us by grabbing both of our hands. He loves to look through his little Bible and point to the picture of Jesus on the back cover. Then he turns to the second to last page that has the same picture and points out Jesus again. He flips the pages back and forth saying, ‘e-sus’ I am so grateful that God has given him, even at his young age, a desire to pray and to ‘read’ the Bible. Since Layne has been born, I have lived in a new wonder of the great sacrifice our Father God made by sending Jesus to this earth. How wonderful it is that our Emmanuel has come! May we never loose the wonder of the incredible gift He has given us. Having just celebrated Christmas, this old hymn’s word have still been ringing in my head.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan’s tyranny, From depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o’er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

O Come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here, and drive away the shades of night and pierce the clouds and bring us light! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

O Come, Thou Key of David come, and open wide our heav’nly home, Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

O Come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind, Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, Fill all the world with heaven’s peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

- Thomas Helmore, 1854

‘Behold a virgin shall...bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.’ Isa 7:14 I hope these words bless and encourage each of you. Thanks to each of you for another year! I hope this new year is wonderful for you and yours!

Andrea Honea

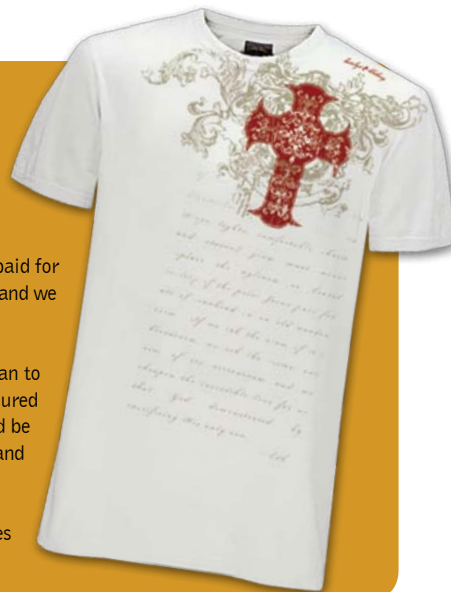
THE KROSS T-SHIRT

Yes, this shirt is super cool, but one of the things we are serious about at Katalyst Ministries is trying to create clothing that really says something. We want you to have to think about what you are saying to the world when you put our shirts on. The Kross t-shirt includes a powerful statement about a serious subject. The quote on the shirt says,

“ Stage lights, comfortable chairs, and stained glass must never replace the ugliness or brutal reality of the price Jesus paid for all of mankind on an old wooden cross. If we rob the cross of its bloodiness, we rob the crime, our sin of its seriousness, and we cheapen the incredible love for us that God demonstrated by sacrificing His only son.”

Think about that for a second. Over the years, we have watered down the message of the cross – doing everything we can to make it sound less horrific and make it look less nasty. But we need to remember that the brutality of the wrath God poured out on Jesus that day is equal to the mercy and love that God had for all of mankind. When you see a cross, you should be reminded that the sacrifice that God made for you was real and that the blood shed there was the key to your freedom and eternity. Keep the cross ugly – it is a bloody reminder that God truly loves you.

To get your very own Kross t-shirt, go by Patti’s Party here in San Angelo or drop a check in the mail to Katalyst Ministries for \$18. Include your shirt size and return address.



We would like to acknowledge how grateful we are for our awesome Board of Directors. These men and women have been faithful to this ministry for years and have given us much needed advice and encouragement. We wouldn’t make it without you guys and gals!



Rody Chesser

Rody met Kevin several years ago on a mission trip to South Africa. They share the same heart for discipling believers and reaching the lost. Rody is married to Wendy and they have three children, Kyra, David and Katie. Rody and his family have recently moved here to Angelo to pastor Hillcrest Baptist Church. Rody is excited about the vision of Katalyst and wants to be a partner with a man of God called to reach this generation with the gospel.



Tiffany Clark

Tiffany and Kevin have known each other since they tumbled together when they were 9 years old. They went to rival High Schools in West Texas and have remained friends over the years. Tiffany went to ASU here and Kimberly and her have been great friends since. Tiffany is married to Tim Clark and has a brand new baby boy named Preston Tanner. She wants to serve on the board because she believes whole heartedly in the vision God has given Katalyst.



Jimmy Villers

Jimmy and Kevin have know each other since 1996 when Kevin had Jimmy’s daughter Shannon in his youth group at Glenn Meadows Baptist Church. Jimmy is married to Brenda and they have two grown children, Shea and Shannon. Jimmy has been a faithful board member since 2003. He desires to serve on the board because of the impact he has seen Katalyst make. He is awed by the passion that Kevin has for the Great Commission and the aggressive style that he has for reaching the lost.



Lee Floyd

Lee and Kevin met at Glenn Meadows Baptist Church in 2001. Lee is the BSM director for Angelo State Universtiy. Since they met, Kevin and Lee have partnered together in ministry work for the BSM. Lee is married to Rhonda and they have 2 kids, Micah and Megan. Lee feels lead to serve on the board because he agrees with the vision of Katalyst and likes Kevin’s approach to ministering to small churches.

Zach Spurgers

Zach has known Kevin since they were in college together (a long time ago!) At the time, they didn’t get along so well...(sports will do that to people!) Years later, Kevin baptized Zach and they served side by side in ministry. Zach serves on the board simply because he believes in the vision of Katalyst. He loves and believes in the heart of the entire Kirkland family and wants to serve beside them in showing Jesus to anyone that they can. Zach is currently the Youth Pastor at the Christian Church of San Angelo.

Mills Caraway

Mills and Kevin met in 1997 at Glenn Meadows. Mills was the youth Pastor when Kevin started attending the church. Kevin was working at the hospital at the time, but started helping Mills out with youth work. A year or so later, Kevin became the youth pastor. They have continually been partners in ministering to others. Mills feels specifically lead to serve on the board to offer Kevin encouragement Mills is married to Cherri and they have 2 teenagers, Taryn and Dallas.

**The level of disunity in the American church is a direct indication of the lack of spiritual maturity in the American Christian.
- Kevin D. Kirkland, 6/10/2007**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2008

25-27 Katalyst Weekend, Colonial Hill Baptist Church
Synder, TX

February 2008

1-3 Disciple-Now in Forney, TX

7 the Way - Texan Hall, ASU Campus

8-10 Disciple-Now at Mimosa Lane

22-24 Katalyst Weekend, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio

March 2008

6 the Way - Texan Hall, ASU Campus

7-9 Disciple-Now, Joplin, Missouri

April 2008

3 the Way - Texan Hall, ASU Campus

4-6 Katalyst Weekend, Faith Baptist Church, Artesia, NM

25-27 Katalyst Weekend, River Hills Baptist Church
Corpus Christi, TX

the Way is back

The Lord has made a Way once again. Starting on February 7th, we will meet once a month on the first Thursday of the month in the community room of Texan Hall on the ASU campus at 7 p.m. Ornan's Floor we lead us in exalting King Jesus and we will share in the word of God. A time for exalting Jesus and no one else.

Katalyst Ministries is a non profit incorporation established by God for the purpose of advancing His Kingdom by exalting Jesus Christ above all things, especially us. We are governed by a board of directors, inspired by the love of Christ, held accountable by the living word of God, and lead by the movement of the Holy Spirit. We exist to be a catalyst for change, growth, unity, and revival in the Kingdom of God. It is our great honor to share with the world the powerful, life giving gospel of Jesus Christ.