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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
*Romans 10:13*

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Inner City.

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# The Bus and Van Ministry

## Evangelizing Disadvantaged Neighborhoods

Dr. Bob Gray of the Longview Baptist Temple had a wonderful [bus ministry](#). They would take a bus for an hour and a half one way to pick up kids and bring them back to church another hour and a half for Sunday School. The First Baptist Church in Hammond Indiana had a bus ministry under the late Dr. Jack Hyles reaching thousands of children in Chicago. Many churches around the country have bus and van ministries to reach the disadvantaged children in run-down neighborhoods.

The question that arises when people do not want to have a bus ministry is "How else are the children and their parents going to get the gospel and teaching from the Bible?" They are sure not going to get it from the public schools secular humanist curriculum, as a matter fact they will get just the opposite. In the same way Jesus went to the poor, churches have to be willing to do the work of reaching the poor neighborhoods of America.

Although Sunday Schools can teach character to children in some ways, they are more importantly good for teaching the children and adolescents to **respect God**. Once a child learns this he can be taught critical Bible principles that he can carry with him for a lifetime. He can learn how to have a personal relationship with Christ and get his prayers answered which will help him to do something greatly productive with his life. Many bus kids go into the ministry and become Sunday School teachers themselves, missionaries, pastors and evangelists.

The world is going to turn the children away from God, whether rich or poor. Sometimes poor kids learn behaviors that destroy their lives later on. The world is not concerned about God in the lives of these children. But God is what they need to be prosperous. Jesus said *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* (Hebrews 13:5). Once these children and their parents get saved, Jesus will always be with them. The power of God to perform miracles in the lives of these children and their parents can help

them in their neighborhoods, at school and in other areas of their lives. Jesus said in John 15:7: *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.* What

better way to learn what the commandments of God than to go to church. And a sound bus ministry will encourage them and make a catalyst for them to come to church.

Bus and van ministries require a lot of work. Usually the driver and bus captain have to get up very early Sunday morning to inspect the bus and begin the trail from house to house. Sunday school children need permission slips if they are going to get baptized or even ride the bus

(permission form their parents if their parents do not ride the bus). Sunday school promotions also help to interest the children in the bus ride. You can view some of the fliers I have for Sunday School promotions in the ad below. A good bus promotion excites he children to ride the bus and come to Sunday School to learn about Jesus. Sometimes they might otherwise not want to come.

The world does not want God's people to have Sunday School Bus Ministries. They want those children to learn in the public school under the philosophies of secular humanism. The world does not want children and their parents from run-down neighborhoods to get saved. There are a lot of odds against the bus and van ministry, but if we just keep going we can reach the children.



(photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) The bus and van ministry of a church is the backbone of reaching the poor in numbers. Children and their parents line up with excitement to ride the bus to church and hear what the Sunday School teacher has to say from the Bible to help them live a better life and glorify God. It takes a lot of hard work and organization to run busses or vans, but the children will appreciate it.

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