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Over the course of the summer, Regina and her girls built beautiful relationships with others in their community as their hearts were also softened toward the gospel.

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So when the parents heard about Communion Chapel’s Feed and Read summer program, they attended an orientation meeting to learn more. And they liked what they heard: volunteers would work with the kids each midday, Monday through Friday. And the kids would receive a free lunch.

“Would you have a reading program for 30 minutes where they would read, do word recognition, eight recognition,” said Mark Viers, who with his wife, Gloria, serves as local team director for the inner-city ministry of Cru in San Antonio. The couple decided to partner with the reading outreach to launch Cru’s new presence in the south Texas city.

The reading program uses the Bible to improve the students’ skills. “Do you read anything other than the Bible?” Jerry asked the pastor. “Because we’re not into this Jesus religious thing.”

“Do, we’re a church, and that’s the book that we’re reading,” the pastor kindly responded.

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Elder Cora Smith, with Christian Fellowship Refuge Ministries, a partner of Cru Inner City, brought one of the Easter Bags to the home of Diane, Jaseon’s grandmother. While visiting with the two, Cora gave Jaseon the simple white bag filled with goodies.

When Jaseon opened the bag, he glanced inside, pulling out the bead bracelet and the book. “4 Keys, 4 Kids,” a gospel presentation designed for children.

As the women chatted, he soaked up every word of the booklet before his grandmother called him to the table to eat.

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