

## Your **COLO**RFUL Legacy Sowing Beads of Faith!



**D.J. sat alone as the other children gathered by age at nearby tables.**

The 8-year-old was the only one in his age group and Miss Ruby couldn't abide that.

She quickly pulled up a chair next to him ... and the two began chatting.

"I was suddenly very aware that God had ordained this one-on-one, heart-to-heart conversation."

D.J. and all the other children were at New Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church as part of a joint Easter outreach with Cru® Inner City. The children were divided into small groups by age and every child received an Easter Bag filled with candy, toys, and a brightly beaded gospel bracelet. The excitement was palpable!

Through their impromptu conversation, Miss Ruby learned that little D.J. knew who Jesus was but had never made a personal profession of faith. That prompted Miss Ruby to pull the gospel bracelet out of an Easter bag. The bracelet features colored beads, each symbolizing a different aspect of the salvation story. She discussed each color and what it meant with D.J. *He was enthralled.*

"We talked about God," Miss Ruby said. "And we talked about the kinds of problems that people have when they don't know Jesus. D.J. was so enthusiastic, like he was craving the Good News and wanted to know more."



When Miss Ruby finished explaining the bracelet, D.J. prayed and received Christ as his Savior.

At the end of the session, when the families were reunited, D.J. used the beaded bracelet to share the gospel with his own family. His great-grandfather, who had been contemplating his spiritual standing in

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recent weeks, decided to rededicate his life to Jesus and was baptized on Easter Sunday!

“I’m so elated,” Miss Ruby shared. “It brings tears to my eyes just thinking about how attentive D.J. was and how a simple bracelet provided by Cru Inner City could spark such transformation.”

**It all started with a simple paper bag ... a colorful beaded bracelet ... and your support of our annual Easter Bag outreach. Thank you for praying and continuing to stand with us as we transform the inner city for Jesus!**



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