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We had a great September kick off with lots of new smiling faces and tons of enthusiasm from the kids and moms alike. I love to see when the moms join in the singing and do the song motions alongside their children such as marching to the tune of "Father Abraham" or "I am in the Lord's Army". Who said that you can only worship God on Sundays and in a church building? Another thing that brings me great joy is to see the moms taking notes during the children's Bible lessons. God is soooo good! But, it's not all good that we sometimes encounter. One of our young single moms was constantly on the phone and wearing a huge smile on her face. I teased her about being in love. She said no, it's just a friend she met on the internet who was going help her travel to the United States and get established there for free! As I listened to her I realized that she was buying into lies and deception; and that she was well on her way to making the most tragic mistake of her life.

It really bothered me a lot... the more she talked, the more I knew that she would end up as just another victim entrapped in drug addiction and the sex slave trade. I asked her and her cousin to talk with me in private. I recently saw a very informative documentary concerning human trafficking and I was able to give her a detailed chain of events of what was in store for her if she continued on this path. I pleaded and strongly warned her as a father would beseech a wayward child to stop and realize where she was headed. I shared with her how much God loved her and that He had a plan for her life and for her children also. I said a lot of things to this desperate single





mom and her cousin in our brief sober moments together. Something seemed to touch their hearts because they both kept bobbing their heads in agreement with me. Praise God, she is no longer receiving phone calls from her "friend" and she is no longer believing the lies. Instead, she is focused on caring for her kids and serving alongside of the other joyful moms here at the Children's Center.

Together we are Life Savers,

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