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Change... Are You Sure?


By Rev. Rick Rosati



During the 2008 election I saw a video collaboration of the presidential candidates saying the word “change” during their campaigns. The video was over 3 minutes long and included a number of candidates and a variety of speeches. “Change” was sort of the catch phrase for the election, everyone promised it and it seemed like everyone wanted it, but did they really? On a regular basis I hear people complain about this or that, suggesting that if things changed the situation, institution, or person would really be better. What many miss with that statement is that change always begins with us. If we really want to see a situation, institution, or person change for the better then we must begin to change ourselves. Change the way we see these things, change the way we understand these things, and be the example of change that many of us want to see and others.

Here lies, the issue. As much as many of us want to change and want to see change, most of us rarely pursue it ourselves. We’d much rather be comfortable with things “not the way they could or should be” and complain about them, rather than take positive steps to become part of the problem so that we can become part of the solution. Yet this is exactly what Christ did,

Phil 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Phil 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, Phil 2:7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness...

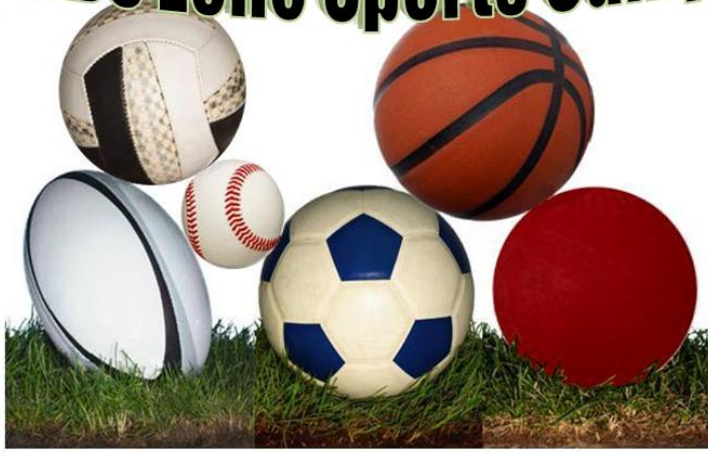
You see Christ allowed Himself to change form in order to meet the need at hand, creations redemption. What things in our lives need redemption? What situations, institutions, and people need change in their lives so that they are closer to God’s desire for them? Are you and I willing to become part of or involved with the “problem” at hand, or are we too comfortable complaining about it? 

Looking at the
Years with the

Rosati's



KIDS Zone Sports Camp



Schedule:

July 6th— Volleyball

July 13th—Flag Football

July 20th—Soccer

July 27th—Basketball

August 3rd—Kickball

August 10th- Softball/Baseball

Wednesday's From July 6th until August 10th beginning at 6:30 pm 📅

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- ☞ No Kids Church or Sunday Night Services during the months of July and August
- ☞ Wednesday Night Dinners during the months of July and August are back on the schedule thanks to those who have volunteered!! If anyone who is currently not cooking on Wednesday Nights and feels led to get involved, see Pastor Ken Otto or call the church office.
- ☞ VBS closing program will be held during the morning worship service at 11:00 am. Ya'll Come Now Partners!
- ☞ The Alliance Men, BAMM, will be meeting on the 14th of July and the 11th of August at 6:30 pm
- ☞ BAMM Men's BBQ Fundraiser will be July 22nd and the cost will be \$7.00
- ☞ Teachers don't forget you have a meeting on Sunday August 21st at 1pm will lunch preceding the meeting at 12:15pm
- ☞ The 20's Ministry continues to meet on the first and third Saturday's.
- ☞ Don't Forget! If you have signed up for Landscaping here at the church, check the schedule for your dates.
- ☞ Kids Zone on Wednesday Nights will be having Sports Camp beginning at 6:30 pm each Wednesday for July and August.
- ☞ The Youth will be meeting at the home of Willie and Cindy Koffroth Sunday, July 17th from 6pm—8pm.
- ☞ Family Fun Nights will be July 24th and August 28th beginning at 6:30 pm
- ☞ There will be a Children's Ministry Committee Meeting on Monday, August 1st at 7pm 📅

Partner with Alliance Workers to Save Children's Lives

June 20, 2011

By pediatrician Brett MacLean, serving at Koutiala Women's and Children's Hospital, Mali, West Africa

One in five children never reaches the age of five in Mali. Since Koutiala hospital opened its doors there in 2006, thousands of little ones have escaped death because of Alliance peoples' partnership with dedicated workers like [Dr. Brett](#) and his wife, [Sheri](#), a family nurse practitioner. In the following adapted excerpt from the MacLean's recent update, learn how you can help rescue children—from your desktop.



Fatoumata "before" treatment: she had become wasted and delusional

Awa was desperate. Fourteen-year-old Fatoumata, her only child, was gravely ill.

When Awa brought her to the hospital, the teenager was wasting away. Despite constantly eating and drinking, she didn't have any strength to get out of bed except to go to the bathroom every hour.

Thankfully, we were able to [identify Fatoumata's illness](#). She is the first juvenile (insulin-dependent) diabetic that we've diagnosed here.

We asked the family to pay the first \$100 as an investment in Fatoumata's care, and then we offered to cover the rest of her future expenses through our work fund. Within a few days of starting her insulin, life returned to Fatoumata's countenance.

Extreme Challenges

Childhood-onset diabetes is an illness that requires extreme exactitude—a controlled diet, precise quantities of refrigerated insulin injected at least twice a day, and blood sugars analyzed and interpreted to make necessary insulin dosage adjustments.

Now imagine that scenario taking place in one of the poorest countries of the world, where patients and their relatives are mostly illiterate, electricity is rare, and food availability depends upon the time of the year in relation to the harvest. But there is hope.

A New Name

During the past four months she's been hospitalized, we've been able to help Fatoumata learn to read; she's also been trained to give herself insulin shots, and check whether her blood sugar is elevated. She has interacted with our staff—all followers of Christ—and she now desires to follow Him, too.



Fatoumata "after" with her mother, Awa.

Fatoumata even wants to change her name to Elizabeth—an outward sign of her inward change.

Our heartfelt thanks go to you for your gifts to the [Great Commission Fund](#) (GCF), which allows us to give gravely ill children, like Fatoumata, quality care instead of sending them home to die.

What You Can Do Right Now

Pray! Pray that Fatoumata will be able to manage her diabetes well once she leaves the hospital. Pray for Koutiala staff workers to daily experience the Lord's peace, wisdom, and strength as they contend with limited resources while treating numbers of children with life-threatening illnesses. Give to the [Great Commission Fund online](#). In doing so, you partner with Alliance workers, like the MacLeans, to rescue children from death and share Christ's eternal hope with them and their families.

Learn More

Read another gripping article by Dr. Brett about how the GCF is helping to [save Malian orphans' lives](#).

Just several years after Koutiala hospital opened its doors, a remarkable [5,000 babies](#) had been delivered successfully.

Check out the [Koutiala hospital Web site](#).



Peds building
Pediatrics building front

Family Experience: Ready, Set, Serve!

Here are some ideas to spark your thoughts about the many areas where families can volunteer together:

- **In your neighborhood**—Plant flowers for a disabled neighbor, clean up trash at a park, show an elderly person how to use a computer, have a lemonade stand or garage sale and donate the proceeds to charity, offer occasional after-school or evening child-care for neighborhood parents, set up a lending library of Christian videos.
- **In your community**—Serve at a soup kitchen, collect gently used stuffed animals for hospitalized children, read to or tutor students after school, hand out free ice water at area functions, stuff envelopes for a charity that does regular mailings.
- **At church**—Wash toys in the nursery, wash windshields in the parking lot on a Sunday morning, arrange a workday just for families, visit shut-in members.
- **Across the miles**—Gather needed items during national or global crises, ask your children's pastor about child-centered service projects such as Operation Kid-to-Kid (www.group.com/ok2k/) and Operation Christmas Child (www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.asp), sponsor and pray for a child overseas.

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SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Sunday, July 24th

Sunday, August 28th

Come at 6:30 pm to join us here at the church for a night of fellowship, family, and fun!



Games for everyone!

Eats for the tummy!

Bonding for the Family of God!

The Many Benefits of Volunteering

Christians serve in response to God's love for us. But serving also helps children learn responsibility, leadership, critical thinking, problem-solving, self-respect, self-discipline, self-motivation, and tolerance. When we teach children to serve, we're also teaching them to become servants for life because children who serve become adults who serve. Consider these statistics from *Engaging Youth in Lifelong Service* (Independent Sector):



- Two-thirds of adult volunteers began serving as children.
- Adults who volunteered as children give more money and time than adults who began serving later in life.
- Across incomes and age groups, people who volunteered as children give and volunteer more than those who didn't.



Teachable Moments

Charity begins at home. When you assign household chores, let children know they're helping you. Thank them for their willingness to pitch in and for their positive attitude about serving.

Serve anonymously sometimes. It's nice to be recognized for our service, but that shouldn't be our motivation. Remind children that everything we do is for Jesus, who knows our hearts and rewards our efforts.

Give a service challenge. At the beginning of the week, challenge family members to complete one act of kindness for each family member during the next seven days. Afterward, celebrate all the good deeds and share ideas about more ways to serve one another



Discussion Starters

Children will experience lots of emotions while volunteering. Get them talking about service with these discussion starters and debriefing questions:

1. Talk about what you liked and didn't like about this time of serving. What felt good? What surprised you?
2. How do you suppose these people felt when we helped them?
3. Talk about a time when someone helped you. How did you feel, and what did you say or do in return?
4. What are some ways you make a difference by helping at home? at school? at church?

Generation to Generation

RAISING CHILDREN OF FAITH

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Planning is key to becoming intentional!

In Barna Research's findings, they discovered that parents are not intentional about passing on their faith to their children. They found that: Parents are not so much unwilling to provide substantial training to their children as they are ill-equipped to do such work. According to the research, parents typically have no plan for the spiritual development of their children; do not consider it a priority, have little or no training in how to nurture a child's faith, have not related standards of goals that they are seeking to satisfy, and experience no accountability for their efforts.

The old adage "those who fail to plan, plan to fail" applies to the heritage process as much as anywhere else. Good intentions won't get it done. Someday is not soon enough. You must create a plan to drive the actions which make giving a heritage intentional rather than accidental. This is especially true for those who have no solid model to follow; those who seek to break a negative cycle and replace bad with good. A good heritage just doesn't happen; it must be carefully and lovingly planned.

So, to challenge your thinking, work through a plan that addresses these areas for both you and your kids - be age sensitive:

1 - What will I do daily? - What will you do on a daily basis and what do you want your kids to do?

For example; as parents, you should be seeking to have "quiet time" with God where you study God's word so you may know the truth that you need to teach your children. Pray, pray as a couple, pray with your kids at meal times, times of leaving the house, bed time or times when they are overly happy or worried – always pointing them to God as the source of goodness and hope. Table devotions- bring the family together at meal time and have a SHORT, age appropriate devotion before prayer.

2 - What will I do weekly? - Create meaningful faith experiences and chat by scheduling weekly Family Nights to bring the entire family around God's word and learn how to apply God's word. *Get free Family Night ideas at www.heritagebuilders.com*

3 - What will I do this year? - As our children grow each year, it provides us opportunities to create and celebrate Spiritual Milestones. These could be a spiritual birthday, a weekend away talking about preparing for adolescence, a purity ring commitment date, or even a Rite of Passage ceremony. The point is to create spiritual traditions in your family that will help move your children through the maturation process. It will provide you a very strategic plan so you will know what you need to do each year.

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Make It Real | *Don't feel guilty about your parenting!*

You make tremendous sacrifices for your children's healthy development. You accommodate their needs, wishes and personalities constantly. Don't let them make you feel bad about insisting on room for your needs and personality.

Most children know how easy it is to make their parents feel guilty. It's like shooting fish in a barrel! Some children will make you feel guilty for their 7:30 bed times. Some teens make their parents feel guilty for their curfew requirements, or perceived intrusions into their privacy, such as asking about their friends or "stalking" their social network postings.

We say "STAND YOUR GROUND!" Parents are entitled to have family routines and policies that work for them. Don't get manipulated into feeling guilty.

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Kidology Corner | *Family Devotions for Mealtime*

Here is a Family Meal Devotion from Kidology.org. Find more in the Family Devos Zone!

1 - Let's Play: Paper, Rock, Scissors! As a family, play Team Paper, Rock, Scissors. Either divide up boys vs. girls and huddle to determine your weapon of choice, or you can all play as individuals and the majority wins, but you'll have to discuss your own rules as it can get confusing. Have fun and may the best hands win!

2 - Let's Talk: When have you been afraid? What scares you?

3 - Let's Read:
John 14:27
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

4 - Let's Think: In a game of Paper, Rock, Scissors, it's a matter of luck who will win, no matter how much you try to guess what your opponent is going to do. In life, luck isn't enough to get by. You need something better, and that is why you have God. God knows everything and He is with you through everything. He knows what is happening everywhere and He never has to guess! Often when you hear the word "peace" in the news they are talking about there being no fighting. But when the Bible talks about peace, it is talking about the ability to be calm even when there is fighting or turmoil. The Bible says we can have "peace that passes understanding" because God can help us to trust Him even when things look scary. (Phil. 4:7)

5 - Let's Do: Make a list of things that your family might be worried or concerned about and then pray and ask God to give your family peace about those things.

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