



Many thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to our new Bible Room, it has been a tremendous blessing. We are also blessed with a labor of love from Debbie Perry, Living Word Church, who used her talents for the mural that you see above. The scene of Jesus with the children reminds the children that a friend loves at all times, Proverbs 17:17.

To reinforce the Bible story of God's call to Samuel we played a game where we formed a circle and tossed a squishy ball around. As each child caught the ball he or she yelled out "I'm listening Lord!" Our new Bible Room provides the hands-on experiences, through music, games and art, that makes Jesus come alive in the children's hearts.

On the playground, some of the children playfully inform the staff, "You can't catch me!" But in fact, they want you to chase and catch them. One kindergarten girl wanted an older staff member who does not move like he once did, to chase her. Knowing that chasing this little speedster was out of the question, he acted like he could not hear and yelled back, "What? Come closer. I can't hear you!" The girl took a step closer and repeated "You can't catch me!" Since she was still too far away, the scene was repeated and repeated with the girl moving closer and closer yelling "You can't catch me!" Finally, the girl was close enough and was "caught," and laughter broke out and she was asked, "Now what do I do with you?" Her reply was "Let's do it again!"

This little story reminds me of James 4:8: Come close to God and He will come close to you. God loves it when we come toward Him, but unlike the slow moving staffer, He hears us from afar and is there in a flash to meet our needs. Again, we thank each one of you who helps the children take one step closer to God.

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Our Christmas Store will be opening in 8 weeks! HELP! We are accepting your new and “gently” used items on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 to 5 and Tuesday and Thursdays from 1 to 5 at 710 N. Forest. It means so much to the children to have a gift to give to their mother, father, siblings, or grandparents at Christmas time. Thanks for helping to put a smile on their faces.

CAN YOU BELIEVE—ANOTHER CHALLENGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Once again, we have the opportunity to build on your donations. We have a very generous contributor who has pledged \$2 for every \$1 that is donated to Cherry Street Youth Center between now and November 27, 2008. What a wonderful Thanksgiving gift! This challenge will provide the money Cherry Street needs to keep the lights and heat on, to buy spaghetti, peanut butter and peaches to fill little stomachs, and to pay staff the wage they need to keep body and soul together while they minister to these precious little ones.

At this time, the price of food and gas and utilities is rising for all of us. Charitable giving throughout the U.S. is down, Cherry Street is no exception. That is why responding to this Challenge is so important. We have the opportunity to double the dollars you give — up to \$10,000. That means if our supporters donate \$10,000, our challenge benefactor will turn it into \$30,000. That will buy a LOT of peanut butter.

We turn to you time and again, AND time and again you have responded to keep Cherry Street caring for children and teaching them the word of God. This month, we are teaching that Jesus is our best friend and we know you are our best friend too! Your generosity is making an impact for the Lord throughout our community. At 5 o'clock these wonderful children leave Cherry Street with smiles on their faces and God's word in their hearts! They arrive home and turn into little missionaries all over Chanute, sharing with their families what they learned at Cherry Street!