

# HIS KIDS MINISTRY

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Dear Friends,

Susan and I would like to wish you a blessed Happy New Year. May His peace, love, joy and power be with you in 2008. May it also be a year of revival and new beginnings!

It was 23 years ago, Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> when I read about two 15 year old girls who committed suicide by shooting themselves. That's when God put in my heart to reach the youth with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to share this article from the Baptist Press with you dated Oct.8, 2007, "Youth Suicide Climbs At Alarming Rate"

The number of youth who take their own lives increased by 8 percent in a period of one year, the largest single-year rise in 15 years, according to a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Scott Stevens, director of student ministry at Life Way Church Resources, told Baptist Press it's not uncommon for youth ministers to hear teenager's voice thoughts of suicide. "Teens face challenges of many kinds, not to mention the pressures of a performance-based existence where often the only time they feel accepted is when they excel in their performance- in athletics, academics, etc., "Stevens said. The most significant increase was found among girls ages 10-14, an age and gender group which saw suicides rise 76 percent from 56 per 100,000 in 2003 to 94 per 100,000 in 2004. Hanging and suffocation were the most common forms of suicide in that group, accounting for 71.4 percent of the deaths. A Centers for Disease Control survey found that 17 percent of high school students said they'd seriously considered suicide in the past 12 months, 13 percent said they had created a plan to commit suicide, and 8 percent said they had tried to kill themselves.

This is why I believe it is vital that HIS Kids Ministry continues to bring the hope of our Lord Jesus to our youth. The hope that Jesus loves them and that they are very precious to Him! The hope that Jesus saves, heals, and sets young people free! Everyone needs the hope of Jesus in their lives! Jesus is the one who can restore their life. Jesus is the one who can and will take the storms out of their life and replace them with His peace that surpasses all of our understanding. Young people need to know that Jeremiah 29:11 is for them. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## RADIO OUTREACH

On Saturday January 5, 2008, by the grace of God, HIS Kids Ministry began our 17<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting HIS Kids Music Outreach Radio Program. We continue to bring the hope of Jesus through His Word and His music. Be sure to listen in to **HIS Kids Radio Program every Saturday afternoon 1:00-2:00 on WSMA 90.5 FM.**

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## HIS KIDS WEBSITE

HIS Kids Ministries Website, [hiskids.org](http://hiskids.org) continues to reach people all over the world for Jesus. Our site statistics computer program allows us to track what countries people are from that visit our website. To date HIS Kids website has reached people from 43 different countries and each month God keeps adding to our list! Also HIS Kids Radio Broadcasts can now be heard 24/7 on the internet. Just go to the on air section of our website and download one of our broadcasts.

## THANK YOU

Through the years of ministry, by the power of our Lord Jesus, hundreds if not thousands of young people have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior at various HIS Kids Ministries outreaches. To those of you who partner with HIS Kids Ministry we sincerely thank you so much for your continued financial support and your prayers. Because of Jesus and people like you, HIS Kids Ministry is able to continue the work God has called us to do. We look forward to exciting days ahead in 2008! HIS Kids Ministry is a full time local ministry and we depend on your prayers and financial support. You can send your tax deductible gift to HIS Kids Ministry, P.O. Box 1061, W. Hanover, MA 02339. May God bless you all and keep pressing on, ***“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Phil 3:14***

Yours in Christ,

John Pennio  
President and Founder