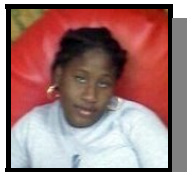


8th Street Community Church Prayer Newsletter

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Note from the director of our after-school program:



Hello, my name is Shanell Harris. Everyone calls me Ms. Nell. I am the director of the ESPM after-school program here at 8th Street Community Church. I am writing this letter to ask for your help in any ways that you can in order to keep the ESPM after-school program running.



Four years ago, I first volunteered for the program and after that year I was asked to become the director. Though I am the sole director who is always on site, I work with the

pastor and other church leaders to ensure that the children get what they need. I have seen so many children who struggled through the school year needing help and even just courage to participate in class. By having the ESPM after-school program, we have been able to encourage many kids who struggled in school with academics and also with making friends. I believe that ESPM provided and helped our kids with a lot of new skills and opportunities. The program provides homework help, tutoring, and we had field trips and other activities that our children and I came up with together, which gave the children something to look forward to each and every day after they left school.

So I first want to thank all of you who have been supporting us in different ways, and I am asking everyone to help



out with any donation you are able to make to help make another school year successful for ESPM. Together we can see the ESPM after-school program come up on 4 years. Feel free to comment or ask any questions by emailing me at: Shanell.Harris28@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Ms. Nell

Postscript from Pastor Andy:

What does our fallen, wretched state look like when it comes to education? When I stop and think, I am crushed by the complexities and sin patterns that contribute to a failing educational system. Won't you pray for the overall picture to change? At the same time, won't you pray for those individuals who come face to face with Ms. Nell each day. Isn't Jesus the answer to our educational system, too? What would HE do? What does Jesus want for our children? I ask that as you pray, to envision our after-school program to be a seed for more down the road. Much more.



Mark 10.14

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.