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Dear Friends:

There are so many problems in our troubled world that it is tempting to throw your hands in the air and give up in despair. "What can I do to really make a difference?" It's a good question that deserves a good answer: We can all do an enormous amount of good by mentoring a child!

The future can literally be changed by changing the life of a child. And for 31 years now, Aslan Youth Ministries has been living proof of why this is true. The lives of thousands of children have been changed through the ministry of Aslan; and our mentoring and tutorial programs have been one of the cornerstones of our success. Studies have shown conclusively that as little as one hour of mentoring each week can be the deciding factor in whether or not a child succeeds in life or fails. Here is an excellent example of how this has proven true at Aslan!

John is the oldest of four brothers who grew up in a single-parent home in the Red Bank area. He was a handsome, intelligent young man with a wonderful and loving mother. John aspired to greatness, but he needed a little help along the way. In high school we paired John with Gordon, a wonderful Christian tutor who was an engineer at AT&T. With Gordon's help, John graduated from high school and enrolled at DeVry Institute of Technology. Things were going well, until John's mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. His mom was his life, and as her health rapidly declined John's grades at DeVry began to fall. When she died, John was placed on academic probation and given 6 weeks to improve his grades or leave school.

Aslan went to work and immediately called Gordon. We asked him to once again step in to help John through this very difficult time in his life. And that's exactly what happened. When John was preparing to graduate, Gordon encouraged him to apply for a position at AT&T. John was hired, and he quickly became a rising star in the company. During the mid-eighties, John developed one of three guidance systems that were under consideration by NASA for the Space Shuttle Program! Now, almost 25 years later, he is a Senior Technical Staff Member for International Operations at AT&T ~ regularly traveling all over



the world to help solve difficult communications problems. Without Aslan's guidance and Gordon's investment of time and energy on John's behalf, it is unlikely this extremely gifted young man would have ever achieved the greatness that he has. If you're still wondering if you can make a difference, we'll ask Gordon to give you a call!

Those of you who don't live in our neck of the woods here in New Jersey can't come and tutor an Aslan child. However, through your giving you can have a wonderful impact on our tutoring and mentoring program. Right now we have almost 100 children who each need their own personal mentor and tutor. How many of these kids will be another John ~ or Kerry, Cheryl, Ebony, Chris or one of so many other Aslan graduates who are out there changing our world for the better? The answer to this will depend on two things ~ others like Gordon who care enough to spend time with a child in need and wonderful people like you who give so that Aslan can continue the good work that we do.

Most sincerely,

Craig

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Aslan Youth Ministries
Still changing the world . . . one child at a time!