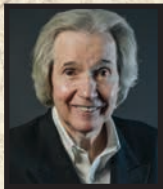


# WHO IS IN CONTROL?

FROM PASTOR BILL



This has been a very difficult year for people all over the world. Here in New York City, the pandemic, lockdowns, protests, riots, and shootings have all added to the chaos that defines life for too many. The ones who suffer the most are always the children. They're forced to live in a world they didn't create . . . and it is up to us to shine the light of God's love to lead them through.

Last month, I sat down in a park near Metro headquarters to teach a group of kids how to read. Some of our staff helped with games and phonics flashcards. We all laughed a lot (with our masks on, of course). For many of the kids, no one had ever just sat with them to make learning fun—to make them feel special. I read a book to them about a king who had lost his valuable ring and what he had to go through to find it again. Then I led them in a salvation prayer to ask the King of Kings into their lives.

It may seem like such a simple thing, but for that hour we spent together in the park, it felt like the love of Christ took

us out of the chaos and into His presence. Isn't that what we all need right now more than anything?

A.W. Tozer said, "While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who hasn't surrendered His authority." Never forget that. Turn off the news. Turn off social media. Open the Word of God. Play some worship music. Let His presence fill you with peace. Take confidence in His promises that He will never leave you! Not now, not ever!



**WON BY ONE**  
**KENYA**  
**CRITICAL**

**WON BY ONE SPONSORS** make a life-changing difference for children all over the world. Right now, thousands of kids in Kenya face desperate circumstances and are in critical need of sponsors. To find out more, visit [MWC.org/WBO](http://MWC.org/WBO).



Your generosity will help Metro continue to provide an opportunity for children to establish a personal relationship with God and the life-changing experience that comes with it. Please rush your gift today to provide as many Boxes of Love as possible for hungry kids and families.

# He Doesn't Cook Like Mom

*Helping kids through grief*

After Luis and Damian's mother passed away, their dad had to take a second job on the weekends to help cover expenses. The boys took comfort in attending Metro Sunday School, and our staff spent extra time with them to help them through their grief. Luis, the older of the two boys, talked often about his mom's delicious cooking. Even though Dad didn't cook quite as well as Mom had, the boys were overjoyed when they received a Box of Love and a turkey from Luis's Won By One sponsor. We also deeply appreciate the commitment of our Won By One sponsors to help in such a tangible way!



## Inside Metro

*Staff Highlight: Alistair Perumal, Chief Operating Officer*

I am so grateful to be part of this ministry and to see the expansion that has taken place over 40 years. In the midst of the pandemic, we have been pressed to constantly adapt our outreach to meet needs.



Thanks to the faithful generosity of friends like you, we've been able to provide more than 650,000 meals to struggling New Yorkers since April.

The holidays can be difficult for the kids and families we minister to, so thank you for standing with us in this most critical year, and *thank you* for sharing in the spirit of Thanksgiving through our Boxes of Love outreach!

## Looking for Something to do as a Group?

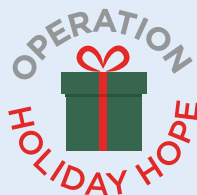
*Join our Special Stocking Project!*

Our Operation Holiday Hope outreach is just around the corner . . . and one of the highlights for Metro Kids is receiving a lovingly made and stuffed Christmas stocking!

**GATHER:** Just gather a group of friends, a bunch of stockings to decorate, some small gift items, and stuff away! You can find full details as well as stocking patterns (if you choose to make your own) and some simple, fun decorating ideas at [metroworldchild.org/stockings](http://metroworldchild.org/stockings).

**SHIP:** Leave plenty of time for shipping since all stockings must arrive at our New York office by **November 16, 2020**, so we can prepare for Operation Holiday Hope activities.

A simple gift of a Christmas stocking can mean the world to a child who has never received such a blessing. **Now is a great time to start making plans for a Christmas stocking party!**



## PRAYER NETWORK UPDATE



Your prayers truly make a difference! Please join with us as we pray . . .

- For the health and safety of our children, families, and missionaries around the world during this pandemic
- For God's providence in basic needs like food, shelter, job opportunities for parents, and more
- That the work of the ministry will continue effectively despite the challenges
- For new doors to open and creative ways for ministry to continue as we serve people in this different environment
- For God to give Pastor Bill abiding strength, anoint his words, and keep him safe

Amen! Thank you.