



Back 2 Basics: A Teen Ministry

“Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.” ~ Psalm 27:10

Just imagine for a moment: You are a 13- or 14-year-old child who has lived a life of physical, emotional, verbal and sexual abuse. You have been abandoned and neglected for as long as you can remember, and now, through no fault of your own, you are sent to live in a group home with five or even 15 other teens who have experienced just as much, if not more cruelty. Your basic needs, such as food, clothing and shelter, are provided through the system as best as they can, but any semblance of a family (regardless of how dysfunctional and violent) is completely gone.

You hear about the little children who are adopted into loving families or who receive many wonderful ministries and you wonder why teens such as you are forgotten. You wonder if anyone will even remember you on your birthday or what you will do on Thanksgiving or Christmas, if anything. You are no longer a little child, but you are also not yet a capable adult. You want to shout, “DOES ANYONE EVEN CARE ABOUT ME?” You did not cause this situation but here you are. Will anyone tell you that you are valuable and loved? Will anyone teach you there is a source of peace and love when everyone else abandons you?

The primary goal of Back 2 Basics (B2B) ministry is to provide a consistent and reliable source of hope, love, attention, affirmation and guidance concerning social and life skills for teens who feel they have been forgotten and abandoned. B2B intends to offer a stable and enduring relationship as these children move through various stages and places in life. B2B offers help to any teen (or any person) made known through daily life or introduced through

existing relationships. Many times these are teens living on the streets in shelters, residential treatment centers, mental health facilities, individual foster homes or any environment where they may need assistance.

B2B provides many opportunities for voluntary participation in activities including:

- Clothes, shoes, coats and weekly shopping trips to Milagro Resale Shop
- Backpacks and school supplies
- Eating out at nice restaurants to learn and reinforce social skills and manners
- Skating, bowling, carnivals, concerts and more
- Animal therapy at the Panther Creek Horse Ranch
- Weekly trips to the beauty salon
- Opportunities for interested teens to attend church services and youth groups
- Wholesome and positive entertainment through books, movies and music
- Ways to serve the community and others in need
- Summer youth camps
- Christmas presents, activities and parties

Back 2 Basics also holds regularly scheduled birthday parties loaded with gifts, games, activities, food, music, treats and more. For more information, to volunteer or make a donation, visit B2Bministry.com.