

CHILDREN

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school children beg on the street for cash. "The unemployed and the poor are the ones who are most likely to be exploited," Kessler explained. "Bangladesh is a steady source of immigrants for families." "Baltimore is a city where women are leaving, looking for a better life. You must have a job. Miss, a woman named Jane. Will you please speak English. She set foot on the ground. When they taught her to expect a small child can easily

The sidewalk outside the palace-like Sonargon is one of the most lucrative spots for these young beggars. The children are careful not to venture too close to the gates because the guards, armed with billy clubs, are likely to hit them in an effort to chase them from the premises.

"It's a sad fact of life that childhoods like Sahana's are often the norm throughout much of the developing world," says Kessler. "Many poor kids don't have the luxury of just being kids. Their parents are too poor to support them."

The situation is far from hopeless, however. Throughout Asia and the rest of the developing world, CARE is providing loans and business training that makes it possible for poor people to become successful entrepreneurs.

These programs make more than \$2 million in loans easily available and provide education in cash management, accounting, and business skills. The new businesses create jobs and stimulate economic growth.

"Organizations such as CARE are committed to helping break the cycle of poverty," says Kessler. "One sure-fire way to reach our goal is to provide solid business opportunities to enterprising people everywhere."

...ods of time by individuals and families in nearly four out of five of the survey cities.

Nearly one-third of the cities reported fewer supermarkets in low-income neighborhoods in 1991; two of the cities reported more.

Requests for emergency shelter by homeless families have increased by an estimated average of 17 percent; while five cities did not experience an increase in requests by families, no city reported a decrease.

Across the survey cities, the composition of the homeless population is estimated to be 50 percent single men, 35 percent families with children, 12 percent single women and three percent unaccompanied youth. Children comprise 24 percent of this population.

An estimated 29 percent of the homeless population in the survey cities is considered mentally ill, 40 percent have substance abuse problems, and seven percent have AIDS or HIV-related illness. An average of 18 percent is employed full- or part-time, and 23 percent are veterans.

Officials in just under half the survey cities said there was evidence of a positive sentiment toward homeless people last year; those in 42 percent of the cities said that public sentiment had become negative in prior years.

XMAS STORY

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At Capernaum, the disciples asked Jesus, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God?"

Jesus, taking a child in His arms, told the 12, "Whoever accepts one such child in my name accepts me, and whoever accepts me accepts not me but Him who sent me."

Unless you change and become like children you will never enter the kingdom of God. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of God."

Along the way from Capernaum, Jesus and His disciples came to a village where a group of people from the village and many others had gathered to see and hear Him.

The three children who some 28 years ago talked to the angel were there with their children.

Small children, pressed through the crowd and went to Jesus. Some of the parents admonished their children not to push and shove one another.



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LIBRARIES

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Since 1974, the company has awarded \$40 million in cash, equipment and in-kind services both through the UNCF and through direct assistance to both private and public historically black colleges.

"We are proud to accept this contribution from AT&T," said President Prezell R. Robinson. "The specific commitment shows AT&T's concern for the growth and development of historically black colleges and universities."

Other AT&T Foundation programs focused on increasing minority representation in science and engineering careers include support of NACME (National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering) and an AT&T minority Ph.D. scholarship program.

The United Negro College Fund is the largest fundraising organization in the United States. It provides support for 41 private, historically black colleges and universities. Since its founding in 1944, the UNCF has raised more than \$700 million for higher education. The organization is known by its motto, "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste."

OBSTACLES

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University to conduct the first study.

The N.C. Institute of Minority Economic Development, a three-year-old, private, non-profit organization, studies policies, trends and traditions that affect minority business development in North Carolina. It is one of a handful of African American "think tanks" in the nation and the only one that focuses exclusively on economic development issues.

The Institute constitutes one segment of a three tier minority economic development strategy the N.C. General Assembly supported about three years ago. The strategy seeks to document that African American business operators play important roles in North Carolina's economic health. Architects and advocates of this strategy want to enhance the state's environment for expanding those roles.

The other segments of the strategy - Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and Minority Owned Credit Unions-focus on attracting capital, leveraging money, and creating business opportunities along with jobs. The Institute functions as the research and development arm of that strategy.

By collecting, compiling and analyzing empirical data, the Institute's staff reveals barriers that curtail business growth in the state's African American and ethnic minority communities.

The Institute's newest study is an important part of that operational agenda.

Jesus took into His right hand the hand of a little girl and into His left hand the hand of a little boy.

With small children clustered around him—some sitting at His feet, some clinging to Him, all looking up at Him, entranced by a halo only they could see—Jesus preached salvation.

He said all who come to God like children will find the way to Heaven and a little child shall lead them.

He commended as cardinal virtues love, charity, compassion, and godliness, and he proclaimed two new commandments.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind," Jesus said.

"This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The love of which Jesus spoke is love without guile. It is the smile of an infant and that of a young mother when she takes her newborn in her arms.

To love as a child loves is to love and be loved by God.

At Christmastime these centuries since the angel appeared to the children and told them the meaning of the star, the message is renewed:

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"We decided to launch our own annual study," Harris explained, "because the U.S. Census Bureau study, which they do every five years, gives us an economic snapshot of what was. That means corrective efforts based on five-year-old information will always miss the mark. That's like firing at the spot where a moving target was five minutes ago."

Though the latest Census Bureau study doesn't provide current data, it does indicate some problems, according to Harris.

"We extrapolated our conclusions from the latest Census Bureau study that includes information for businesses owned by blacks and firms owned by women," Harris continued. "While that data tells us what happened, it doesn't tell us clearly enough why it happened and what can be done about it. We obviously need more current data and need to have it more quickly."

The Census Bureau's data for firms owned by blacks and women provides statistics for 1987. But the study wasn't released until December 1990.

Here's what happened. Women owned enterprises have been the fastest growing group of firms in the United States for the past two decades. Nationally, from 1982 through 1987, the number of firms with paid employees increased by 87.1 percent for black owned companies, and 98.4 percent for companies owned by women. In North Carolina, data showed increases of 100.3 percent and 102.7 percent respectively.

In sales and receipts, women owned firms nationally grew by 242.8 percent, while black owned companies reaped increases of 147.7 percent. In North Carolina, women owned firms grew in sales and receipts by 364.1 percent, while black owned companies showed increases of 77.3 percent.

The Census bureau data reveals similar disparate comparisons in employee growth and payroll increases.

The disparity itself isn't historically significant, but the growing gap suggests unacceptable trends, according to Institute staffers. Over the years, black business owners have consistently said that inequitable market sector opportunities, along with insufficient capital and equity pose critical barriers to growth and expansion.

So the Institute's annual study won't focus entirely on providing the bad news more quickly, but rather on determining the specific causes of the consistent barriers.

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Don't fret about tomorrow, just do your best today.

Clay Harrison

INVITED

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Raleigh Police Department is Maj. Ken Johnson. According to Maj. Johnson, the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit officers and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

As part of the on-site assessment, the public and agency employees are invited to offer comments on the police department's services and performance at a public information session Jan. 13, 1992 at 7 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Raleigh City Council chamber, Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett St. The public information session will be broadcast live on the City of Raleigh Public Access channel 10.

The members of the assessment team are: Lynn S. Rowe, Chief of Police, Cape Coral, Fla., assessment team leader; Maj. Charles B. Wiley, Charleston, S.C. Police Department; and Capt. Barney E. Crews, Jr., Jackson, Tenn. Police Department.

Once the commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the full commission, which then will decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Maj. Johnson said.

Accreditation is for five years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

Individuals who cannot speak at the public information session may speak to a member of the assessment team by calling 890-3034 on Jan. 13 and 14 between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as those made at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the commission's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Raleigh Police Department Administration Division, Room 303, Municipal Building Annex, 110 S. McDowell St.

Persons wishing to make written comments about the Raleigh Police Department's ability to meet accreditation standards may write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., 4242B Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, Va. 22030.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation, contact Beth Denniston, Director of Communications, 800-368-3757 or 703-352-4225, or Maj. Ken Johnson, Raleigh Police Department Accreditation Manager, 890-3035.

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