



## Action Required

One of the many goals of On Track Ministry is to build young leaders and the best way to learn an action is through an action. Through the years we have teamed up with the racing series that we work with to raise money for the Baptist Children's Home, The Adopt-A-Marine program and now Children's Advocacy Centers.

Kids Racing for Kids, the World Karting Association & On Track Ministry have developed a partnership for the 2008 George Kugler Manufacturer's Cup Series to help children in need. A total of \$20,000 will be donated by Kids Racing for Kids to children's shelters during the 2008 racing season.

Kids Racing for Kids is Founded by Tim Self of Applied Mechanical. Their mission statement is to help abused children across the U.S. while instilling charitable values in young racers. This is a win, win program that will teach the value of caring to our young drivers plus help those who need a helping hand.

The four winning junior drivers from Daytona's Kart Week (held December 29 & 30th, 2007) Cody

Robinson, Trenton Walko, Jake Cole, and Tommy Anderson will be donating a total of \$4,000 (provided by Kids Racing for Kids) to Pat's Place, a child advocacy center in Charlotte, NC, during the 2nd stop of the George Kugler Manufacturer's Cup Series race held at the Lowe's Motor Speedway the weekend of February 28th, 2008.

As we head into this New Year, don't forget to help others along the way. In 1 John 3:17-19, the Bible teaches us this great truth: "But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help – how can God's love be in that person? Dear, children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before the Lord."

Action requires few words,



To learn more about Kids Racing for Kids, visit their website [www.krffk.org](http://www.krffk.org).

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## We Want to Hear from You!

If a particular article in our newsletter touches your life, let us know about it. Maybe others would like to hear how God is working in your life too. We will not share your name, just your comment. Please send all submissions to [News@ontrackministry.com](mailto:News@ontrackministry.com)



Michael writes: *"Thank you for what you do for all the racers on and off the track. More than that, thank you for your encouraging newsletters. Sometimes your encouraging words are just what I need to hear."*



## Lisa's Lines: Don't Get Burned

I pray you are experiencing a wonderful 2008! As we attack this New Year our plates are already quite full. With the list of things to do in the house, getting the kids back on track for school after such a long break, getting into other activities like sports and band, it can get very hectic. I'm not a fan of the hectic lifestyle so you'll frequently find me stopping to "smell the roses" so I can collect myself and gear up for the next task. I've got to do that to keep from getting too overwhelmed and shutting down altogether.

One of our newest activities for school involves the reading of and listening to old, classic literature. It's edifying and relaxing. I like the way the writing used to have such interesting sentence structure and vocabulary. But what I like even more is that the writers weren't afraid to cover tough subjects (like child abuse) and they filled their stories with examples of good and bad character traits. From reading these we can quickly identify the qualities that are good and bad, and further decide which we should emulate.

When we talk about learning lessons, everyone can learn from their own mistakes. We know not to touch the hot stove because we've all been burned by the heat. But it takes a very mature person to learn from the mistakes of others. As parents, we like to tell our children what to do or not do based on our past experiences because we want to spare our children from certain consequences. However, what most likely happens is that the child will have to try for themselves to test our theories. As they get older, they may be more inclined to listen to your advice if you've gained a reputation of being right about those stories you tell.

In life, we have many opportunities to fail. Likewise, we have many opportunities to succeed. Which we do depends greatly upon where we go for advice and if we listen to those who've gone before us. The Bible is full of examples of those who have done it well and even those who have really messed up. We can quickly identify the faults of even the greatest characters because God has seen fit to lay them out so clearly. All of this was done for our benefit – so we could learn from the experiences of others. He wants to tell us how to avoid getting burned.

Everything we do has consequences. Our job is to make sure that we attempt to do those things which will bring glory to God rather than bring shame on us, Him, and His kingdom. As you contemplate your reading choices this year, might you consider enjoying a classic, along with some of the great Old Testament stories from the Bible? I pray they bring inspiration to your life to live a richer life, full of godly character that will lead to a year of service to others.

Heb 12:1 NIV: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Or The Message version: "Do you see what this means--all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it..."

In His steps,