

Reaching Kids THROUGH OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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Jimmy arrived early that Saturday morning at **Fincastle Baptist Church** in Fincastle, VA. He was filled with excitement and wonder about the Kids Outdoor Zone (KOZ) ministry the men of his church were starting. His mom told him he was going to learn hunting, fishing, survival skills, and how to build a campfire—an amazing offer of adventure and fun for a nine-year-old boy! And his heart needed some adventure, as his home life was a struggle. Not only did the men offer outdoor skills that morning; they also gave each of the boys his own Bible. Sitting down beside Jimmy, one of the KOZ leaders began a conversation with him about the Bible, life, and faith.

Another boy (Carson) also found his way to the KOZ group. His heart needed that Saturday morning each month as well. Carson's dad decided to join his son one Saturday. He wanted to see what the ministry was all about. He found a community of men who were loving and intentionally training and discipling his son. He also found a community of men who cared about him too. Carson's dad soon became connected to the men of KOZ and Fincastle. Just days prior to the writing of this article, he accepted Christ during a phone conversation with one of the Fincastle KOZ men.

What would the world be like if every boy had a godly man mentoring and discipling him? What would happen if every man had a community of godly men around him—men focused on the rescue of this generation as well as the next. Could this be the issue of our time?

Many of society's ills, in fact, are magnified by wounded, hurting, or angry boys and men. There is no demographic that is not positively transformed by godly and courageous men living on mission. In these past few months, the fatherless and fathers and sons from the community and church of Fincastle Baptist KOZ have experienced that very transformation! ■

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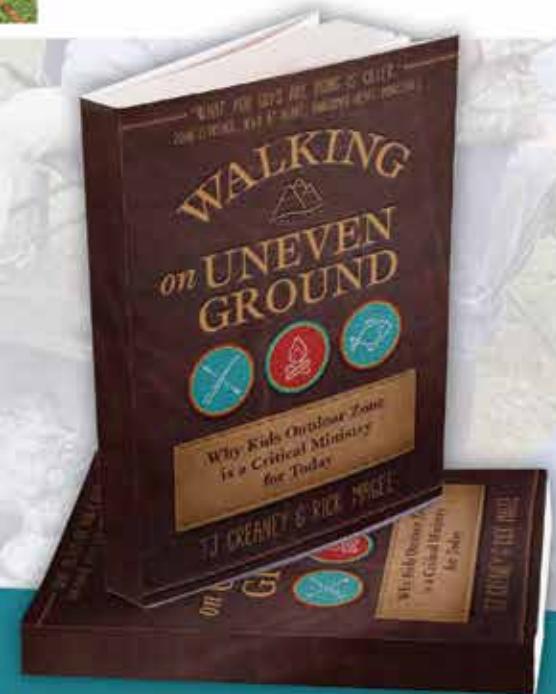
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