



## **PRAISE REPORT/REQUEST**

### **Thursday, December 8, 2016**

This Wednesday, a young boy, Damian, only 16 years old, came to the center for his first time. He came with a young woman, 19 who had been coming for months. This concerned me, because a boy that young, usually can't make it on the streets. The older youth take advantage of him physically, sexually and by taking all his money and property.

After lunch, I was able to talk to him. He was in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and had a 3.5 GPA when he ran away from home. As he described his family situation; he lived with his mother and several other youth, a brother, a sister and several cousins. His dad had left the family years ago and he had no contact with him. He felt that he wasn't getting any attention from his mom, and she was never there when he needed her. I talked to him about my concerns; told him true stories about two other 16 year olds, who ended up in the hospital, after being beaten, robbed and abused by the older homeless youth. I encouraged him to contact his mom, to see if he could return home. I also had him meet with Billy and Loyce, our two counselors. Later he did call his mother and they agreed to meet. We prayed and then he left to see his mother. He did not return to the Center that afternoon.

Today, Damian did not come to the Center. His so-called "girlfriend" came and I asked her about him. She said that he had reconciled with his Mom and had returned home. Praise GOD!!!!