

## **The Vehicle God Choose**

Recently, Pastor Joe Cortese of Crossroads Tabernacle, the church members and most of it's staff and volunteers, gave Manna of Life Ministries 20 tickets to the play 'What Child Is Dis' so we could distribute them to our homeless patrons.

We picked-up our patrons from one of the local shelters we serve and returned to the church for the play. When we arrived I noticed one of the homeless men was approached by a church member. They hugged enthusiastically and the homeless man was thrilled. They spoke for a while and when the church member left I saw our patron with his head in his hands so I asked him if he was alright. He replied, 'That guy's from my old church.' I noticed he had been crying, but crying (as we say in Christian circles) tears of joy. I asked him how long he had attended the church, and he said, 'I was raised at the church.'

The evening came to an end and all our patrons enjoyed the play; one of them even cried. I guess the Holy Spirit was at work, tugging at his heart. I spoke to our church member that had known the young man. He told me that the young man had come from parents who had not taken care of him; they had abandoned him at a young age. He had actually lived on the streets since the age of 16, and was mentally challenged.

The good news is he has been coming to our church consistently since the play. In retrospect I see that there is more than one way to minister to someone in need of the Lord. This time the vehicle that God choose was the arts.

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