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Since beginning this internship there are several areas that deeply concern me. For one thing, there is a lack of volunteers in the children's ministry. This is an area where the need to serve is greater. Furthermore, the children ages range from four to twelve, and in order to maintain adequate supervision, I and the Director, along with teens that also volunteer, are the only ones working in this area. There are usually, thirty to fifty kids in attendance, of various ages and having two adults is challenging, trying to maintain an orderly environment with this many kids. Due to this, the teens are utilized to assist with serving snacks and supervising bathroom breaks, for the younger children; so that we can maintain an organized environment, especially, since all of these kids are being taught in the same vicinity.

Moreover, another issue is that the number of teens assisting must be limited. This is why recruitment is essential for this ministry. Although, they are helping, at times, they are distracting and too playful. Although, they are included in the classroom lessons, and participate, there are times, when there are too many teens assisting, creating more confusion and distractions. Because of this, the Director and I have discussed how to alleviate this issue, without our teens feeling rejection. Therefore, we have placed an initial limit on the number of volunteers and as others come in, it is communicated how they will be assigned going forth.

For the most part, I am excited about learning how to interact with these kids in this much need area of ministry and teaching them biblical principles. Most of all, my developing more insight regarding the organizational and administrative duties for ministry is essential for me in understanding church structure. Therefore, I am praying that the Holy Spirit stir up the creative gifts in me, to impact and assist in improving this ministry; by soliciting more laypersons to volunteer and give me more revelation in preparation for my future mentoring goals.