



## Carter's Journey: God Sees His Sheep

*by Pastor Lynn Brownlee*

One of the great advantages of running 11 bus routes for Kids Klub through Langley and Surrey is that we are able to keep in contact with children, even when they move around.

Carter\* is a young boy whose family was in poverty and turmoil. The family was evicted from their apartment, and had to move around quite a bit, but our team at Kids Klub was always able to find out where they lived and keep inviting him to attend.

His Bus Captain noticed that something was often going on at the home. Many times she would visit and invite Carter to attend Kids Klub that week, only to find the house in an increasingly disheveled state. Often, his mom wouldn't answer the door even though it was clear she was home.

Finally, one day the Bus Captain was able to speak face to face with Carter's mom. She learned that Carter was no longer living there and had been placed in foster care. His location was unknown. Sadly, we moved Carter's name onto our inactive list with the note "in foster care; location unknown." We were sad that he would not be able to attend Kids Klub anymore.

But God knew exactly where Carter needed to be and found the perfect foster home for him.

Mira\* is an amazing foster parent who has been connected with Kids Klub for the last 15 years. Even though she is Hindu, she loves the message of God's love and the value of every child that we teach in our Christ-centered program. She has sent every one of her foster children to our Kids Klub program, as well as our preteen and youth programs.



One day, Mira called and said, "I have a new foster boy living with us. Can you pick him up for Kids Klub?" Of course we said yes and informed the Bus Captain for her neighborhood to stop by her address.

Later, the Bus Captain told me, "The new boy on my bus said he has been to Kids Klub before."

I looked up his name on the bus list and the name "Carter" leaped out at me. Could this be the same child? Sure enough, I pulled up his old location and information and it was him! God cares so much about His precious lambs that out of all the foster homes in the lower mainland, Carter ended up in the one home run by a loving woman who always sends her foster children to Kids Klub.

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### Help us reach more kids!

Your support is vital to keep us on the road and mobilize staff to care for all the "Carters" in our area who need this kind of consistent care.



**343 Homes visited each week**

Our caring staff and volunteers provide weekly contact and personal invitations to each child.



**18 Total Bus Routes**

We offer free rides to every child, preteen, and youth who attend our weekly events. Our buses drive over 1000 KM a week!



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*and Silent Auction*

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*Wednesday,  
November 5*

7:00 pm  
CLA Conference  
Hall  
21277 - 56 Ave.



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ABBOTSFORD

*Thursday,  
November 6*

7:00 pm  
The Salvation Army  
Cascade  
Community Church  
35190 DeLair Road



Please join us next month for our annual Dessert Night and Silent Auction.

Held on **Wednesday, November 5th** at CLA in **Langley** and on **Thursday November 6th** at Cascade Community Church (Salvation Army) in **Abbotsford**.

It's going to be a great night filled with inspiring stories, delicious desserts, and great deals just in time for Christmas shopping at our Silent Auction!

To reserve your seat, scan the QR code above, go to [www.metrokids.ca/dessert](http://www.metrokids.ca/dessert), or call Mike at 778-878-4463! And if you have an item you'd like to donate to the Silent Auction, please reach out to Mike at [mbrownlee@metrokids.ca](mailto:mbrownlee@metrokids.ca) or the above phone number.

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Jesus reminds us of this kind of care in Luke 15:3-6, "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'"

Today, Carter is a regular at Kids Klub every week. In spite of his difficult early childhood and some behavioral challenges, the message of God's love is sinking in. Just last week, out of the blue, he looked up at me with his little round, freckled face and said to me while I was walking with him down the hall, "You know what? God wasn't in a rush when he made me. He took His time because He wanted to make me perfectly." I was blown away by the confidence in his little voice.

Carter is exactly right. No matter what feelings of abandonment or rejection he experiences with his family of origin, he is recognizing his value as a child of God.

Psalm 139:14 says: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Carter's story is a beautiful reminder that God sees every child, knows their needs, and He never loses one of His sheep. At Metro Kids Society, we get to be part of God's relentless pursuit and love for His kids. And it's because of your continued support that we can keep reaching these children, no matter where their journey takes them.

*\* Names changed for privacy.*

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