

The

Messenger

Russell Anderson, Pastor

Mission Statement

July 2023

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

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From the pastor's desk, Pastor Russell's Rambling,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul started many of his letters in this manner. As the moving truck gets us to McCutchanville, I will be eager to worship with you all on July 2.

Over the next few weeks, I, along with Denise, my wife, and Denise's brother David Rose will enjoy getting to know you all. We encourage you to stop and visit as we learn about the wonderful community of McCutchanville.

Denise and I look forward to ministry and where God makes a path for the church and our lives. I pray we will grow closer to the love of Jesus and work as disciples of Jesus Christ in growing the kingdom of God. I look forward to worshiping with you, to digging deeper into God's word in Bible study and prayer. I feel very strongly God has invited and led us to come and be with you. Jeremiah 29:11 God has great plans for us. Not to harm us but help us prosper. I am sure God will bless our efforts as we pray and fellowship together.

God has many great things planned for McCutchanville Community Church's ministry. Over the next few weeks, as we get to know each other, please share your vision of what God is doing and how we can help the love of Jesus Christ to work. I know Pastor Greg has been a well-loved and wonderful pastor. The shoes will be hard to fill. With God's help Denise and I will serve God and love you all. Again we look forward to meeting, worshiping, and beginning a fun time in ministry.

We ask that you are in prayer with us for the ministry God leads us to do.

Love and God's Blessings,

Pastor Russell



Pastor Greg preached his last sermon June 25, 2023 as Pastor of McCutchanville Community Church. There were tears and cheers! Of course, the Davis family is not saying “goodbye” . . . friends just don’t do that. We simply say “see you soon”.

But it is time that we say “thank you” for your undying devotion to MCC in the seven years you have led us. You came out of a short lived retirement because God called you to us, and we are so very grateful He sent you our way. Cory said it best when he gave us the definition of an oxymoron: Part-time Pastor.

Given that a week has 168 hours, you must have worked at least 167 hours each week. We have felt your prayers, we have appreciated your guidance, we have blossomed in your love and have been shepherded with your patient kindness. And now, you are retiring . . . again!

You have sat in hospitals with us, comforted us as we said goodbye to our loved ones, married our children, baptized our infants and became a member of our families. No matter the time of day or night, you have prayed with us and for us and counseled us as you led through prayer.

You have flipped pancakes every February, served for every carry-in dinner, grilled “out on the lawn” when we had a tree, led “Tuesday Chapel with Greg and Teresa” for God’s Kids, attended all graduations and programs, assisted in Tuesday Night meals, volunteered at the food trailer, and so much more. You were both always ready with a smile and a word of encouragement.

We pray that you enjoy your second retirement and are able to get needed rest. Thank you, Davis Family, for always being here for us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Abundant Blessings
Your MCC Family

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR

We are full of anticipation and excitement as we welcome Pastor Russell, his wife Denise and her brother David Rose.

As a church family, we have been taught that each believer receives the exact gift and resources he needs to fulfill his role in the body of Christ. This “faith” can be thought of as a resource provided by God. As we each use our gifts to carry out our unique roles, God gives us everything we need in order to use those gifts effectively.

Romans 12:3-8 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. -- Romans 12:3-8, New International Version

As we greet Pastor Russell, we must willingly use our gifts to support him, his family, and McCutchanville Community Church. The strength of MCC comes from each of us. Let us rejoice as we welcome the Anderson family.



June 2023 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Tue Meals	Total Checking Deposit
4	57	\$425.00	\$3,165.00	\$100.00	\$3,690.00
11	63	\$250.00	\$1,491.00		\$1,741.00
18	58	\$600.00	\$6440.00		\$7,040.00
25	73	\$20.00	\$1315.25		\$1,335.25

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

In the Bible, scholars claim that God created the world in six days and used the seventh day to rest. Because of this, the number seven is used to illustrate an idea of completeness throughout the Bible. Why the mention of seven? Teresa and I depart MCC following seven wonderful years in ministry with you. We give thanks for every opportunity during those seven years. I have often said, that we would serve at MCC for two years, seven years ago. God seems to have a better sense of timing than I do, and we have been blessed because of that.

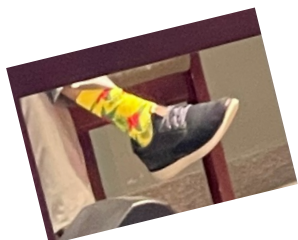
On our last Sunday with you, we were given a very special send-off with kind words, much encouragement, many hugs, friendly faces, wonderful hymns, including Marcella's "O Holy Night", special cards, and gifts, with an amazing monetary gift. And we also loved the evening out provided for our family at the Log Inn. I can't say thank you enough, so I offer this prayer of Thanksgiving penned by Paul to the Church at Ephesus:

Thanksgiving and Prayer: Ephesians 1:15-23: For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

May you continue to serve Him, and serve others, in the name of Christ,
Pastor Greg & Teresa



Best wishes and greetings came from South Korea on Sunday, June 25th! Sun's family sent a lovely bouquet to accompany their retirement wishes.



We are going to miss those colorful socks!

Marcella Mills sang Pastor Greg's favorite Christmas song "Oh Holy Night". Most everyone in the audience had tears in their eyes.



Barb Doty delivered gifts and well wishes from the congregation to Pastor Greg and Teresa. (more pictures on p. 14)



JULY

Robert Holder	2
Martha Lease	3
Sunmi Davis	10
Kemper Lease	11
Charles "Chaz" Burris	16
Dean, Cindy A.	24
Dean Hubble	27
John Turner	30
Pastor Greg	31
Jonathan Tapp	31



JULY

Keith & Debbie Kinney	10
Frank & Julie Morgan	25
John & Mardee Rea	23

Are you planning an event and would like to use the Fellowship Hall or the gymnasium?

Check out the church calendar on our website:
mccutchanvillecc.org



Mark your calendars for a Salem Church of Darmstadt Bus Trip on Wednesday, August 9th to the Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, IN to see "The Sound of Music". All ages are welcome to attend this popular musical. This is a matinee show which starts at 1:00pm (ESAT). Dinner will be served prior. Total cost of the trip will be \$80, which is based on if there are 48 people attending. For questions and to sign up, contact Robin Schmidt at 812-499-5097.

Vanderburgh County Fair

Senior Day 2023

(For persons 55 and older)

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 am-1:00 pm

\$10.00 admission-MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

(Includes Gate Admission and Meal Ticket)

Tickets are "first come first serve" and can be purchased a SWIRCA or The Vanderburgh County Purdue Extension Office.

Deadline for ticket purchase is July 21.

Additional Information is on the bulletin board in the coffee area



God's Kids

Immediate



Opening

Aftercare 1:30-5:30 M-F Supervises during nap time. After children get up from nap, help serve a snack and supervise until pick-up.

Starting August 2023

Classroom Teacher 9:00-2:00 T-Th
Manage classroom of preschool age children using provided age-appropriate curriculum. Must have a minimum of a CDA or be willing to obtain.

Send resume
to :terri@mccutchanvillecc.org

Fall session (August through May) we follow EVSC schedule.

Summer session: We are closed the last week of May and reopen for June and July.

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TUESDAY EVENING CARRY OUT

July 4: No Meal

July 11: Chicken Noodle Soup

July 18: BBQ Potatoes

July 25: Chicken Salad/fruit

UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE –

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS IN EVANSVILLE

The following are items that are needed to give to the homeless individuals and families that Jennie sees out on the streets of Evansville.

Nutritional breakfast bars
Bottles water
T-shirts new or used. Adult sizes medium, Large, XL
NEW panties for women.. Size 7 or 9
NEW briefs for men. L, XL
Bras for women-used, clean. S through XL
Sweatshirts for men or women. USED M-XL
Blue jeans for men and women. All sizes Clean
Long sleeved heavier shirts. M-XXL
Used, clean winter coats
Gloves. Must be clean
Warm, pull on hats. Clean or new
Neck scarves
Feminine products for women
White or colored crew socks for men and women.
Blankets, new or used, clean
Used shoes for men and women in good shape
Bar soap for bathing
Small to Medium size shampoo bottles
Toilet Paper
Clean, used towels and washcloths
Packages of Hand sanitizer
Small packages of Kleenex
Underarm deodorant
NEW disposable razors
NEW toothbrushes
NEW tubes of toothpaste-small to medium
Used backpacks in good condition
Clean sleeping bags
Small Bibles and/or New Testaments
Small CURRENT devotional guides (Our Daily Bread, The Upper Room, or something similar)

Items can be delivered to the Aldersgate Church Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00. You can also order some items from Amazon and delivered to the church address.

Thank you!

Amazon address- <https://a.co/bBRUAMg>

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

"Unto the Least of These", Matthew 25:40 (Jesus speaking)

Ministry to the homeless and anyone else in need

Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816

5130 Lincoln Ave.

(The weekly "Street Talks" are attached at the end of this Messenger)



Prayer Requests:

Kristy Georgesen, Mary Moore, Victor Doty, Don Skelton, Joe Haseman, Jim Smith, Silas (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson), Jean Woods (Jand and Jerry's friend) Jane Bennet's father, Jenny Taylor, Ruth Ann Hyatt (Helen Finke's friend), Debby Phares, the homeless and addicted community, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, Our church, all area schools and universities, God's Kids, Amy Dubber, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel (Dada) and John Carlos Cadet, Fad'Ellie Romain (Fadou), MCCutchanville Firefighters, God's Kids Program

Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the

Messenger? 812-867-5735

Call the church office at 812-867-5735



Did you know? Inviting your Facebook friends to like our Facebook page is a quick and easy way to help us get the word out to more people about the great work we do!

The greatest needs for each of our programs are always changing. If you have any new or gently-used items from the list below that you would like to donate, please bring them to the UMYH campus or email Shelby at spowell@umyh.com

* Utility Cart, Hand Mixer, Bath Towels, Dish Cloths, T-Shirts (Boys and Girls),



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JULY
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 25 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship	June 26 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00	June 27 1:30 Gym Reserved	June 28 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym res. 6-8	June 29 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	June 30 1:30-3:00pm Gym Reserved	July 1 Gym Reserved 1:00-4:00
2 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship Communion Sunday	3 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-	4 1:30 Gym Reserved 	5 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 Gym Reserved	6 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	7 1:30-3:00pm Gym Reserved	8
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STREET TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to the Evansville Homeless

June 3, 2023

Hello everyone!

I never cease to be amazed at how God is working in this ministry for the homeless of Evansville-"Unto the Least of These", (Matthew 25:40). It seems like miracles keep on happening! Let me relate some of these to you. AND I will also relate some situations to you where earnest prayer and Divine Intervention are definitely needed.

A couple of weeks ago, one of our team members came up with approx. 30+ blankets that he had picked up at some garage sales he visited over that weekend. In fact, some of them were smelling "musty" so he and his wife washed ALL of them before they even brought them over to me! Also, he came up with at least 8 nice backpacks for us to distribute, along with some other separate items. I am STILL overwhelmed AND very thankful for ALL of these donations! Many of the above have already been distributed to our people! Thank You, Dear Jesus!

The "God is Good" national refugee program which has a center here in town gave us a HUGE box full of brand new sunglasses along with other items. The sunglasses have practically all been distributed to our people. We took them to all of our local shelters AND to homeless individuals on the streets. Another item the above mentioned organization gave us that is a "knock-out" for our people is blue, rubber bracelets which have the following written on them-"God is Good"! These are a favorite for everyone we see! Everyone is wearing this bracelet VERY PROUDLY! We are thrilled, right along with them, when they receive one of these bracelets and place it on their wrist. Even people who don't have one already DEFINITELY ask for one when they see us coming. WOW!!

The Lions Club of Southern Indiana gave us approximately 40 sandwich size bags of hygiene items, holders for eye glasses, as well as other personal necessities that we have been distributing around town. A BIG THANK YOU to this organization for this contribution AND for caring about the homeless in our area. Another "WOW" is in order here!!

Now, regarding some of our experiences we have had with our people over the past couple of weeks:

We made our usual trip around town on Monday, May 22nd, and have some experiences to report to you AND for which we are requesting prayer. At the Salvation Army, we were pretty busy. Several of our people were eating their lunch in the ally behind the Dollar General Store right across from the S.A. but they quickly came over to see us when we pulled up and parked. Many of these men started out just by wanting a hug. We obliged and then continued our mission work with them. The S.A. has a nice lunchroom to eat in but these guys decided to eat outside for some reason. Anyway, we were able to help several of them. We DID see Michael (that we have mentioned to you before) AND he seemed to be in a better mood. He actually smiled and spoke quietly to us. He appeared to be dressed in a more clean manner than before. I'll share more about his progress (or lack thereof) to you shortly.

After visiting with our people at the Salvation Army, we made our usual trip downtown to the Mets Bus Station. If we see anyone in need out on the streets anywhere, we try to stop and help them as we can. At the Bus Station, we were quite busy. We somewhat have it "clocked" as to when the largest crowd of

people who might want lunches are there so we can serve them first. We are starting now to take 25 box lunches (instead of 20) with us from the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need at the bus station. We are VERY APPRECIATIVE of how the Salvation Army lunch staff prepares these lunches for us to distribute.

While downtown on that Thursday, we had to make a traffic stop at the corner of MLK Blvd. and the expressway turn-off. There was a lot of traffic coming and going right then. We looked over to our left and saw a woman sitting on the sidewalk with a sign saying she needed help. We ALWAYS try to stop when we see anyone in need if it is safe to do so. In this case, we did-AND, to our surprise, the woman sitting there was Christy-a woman in her 30's whom we have seen several times over the past couple of years. Christy delivered her 4th child just this past year. All 4 of these children are in child custody somewhere around our area. BUT, she is NOW PREGNANT again! #5!! We couldn't really speak with her because of all of the traffic in the area. Occasionally, we will see her over at the United Caring Shelter. We will continue to watch for her and discuss her situation with her and make referrals as we can. Just as an FYI, this "Street Talk" is being sent to the social work dept. at the ECHO Clinic AND to Aurora so we are hoping someone from one of these sites can help her. Oh, Dear Jesus! Be with this dear woman, her unborn child, AND all the others she has had and have been placed elsewhere. Oh, my.....This makes my heart ache!!

On Memorial Day, we didn't take the van out. Rather, Jesus and I went in my car. We decided we would take some needed items over to the House of Bread and Peace, located on Chandler Ave. downtown. We took the following to the women and children (22 women and 5 children) there at the moment:

Sun glasses, several blankets, hand sanitizer refills (larger containers), Lions' Club gifts for each woman as needed, three bags full of donated, clean loungewear, Bibles and other Christian pamphlets. By the way, the HBP REALLY needed rolls of paper towels. Because we knew about this, we took several with us to give to them. One more thing to mention here-as some of you know, the shelter had quite a water drainage problem in their building over the past 6-8 weeks. All of this has now been repaired, so everyone is really thankful for that.

While I was getting some of the above mentioned items out of my trunk for the House of B and P, a young woman pulled up in front of the building and said she needed some money. She had 2 small children in the back of her car. The staff person from the HBP went over to the car and told the woman they didn't have any money they could give to her. She immediately drove away. I have NO idea just what the situation was regarding this Mom and her two young children. I am sure this is NOT an unusual occurrence at our area shelters. Oh my!!

One more thing I want to update you on. Since we first started this ministry, we have hoped that we could start a small health care clinic probably at the Salvation Army. Well, it has HAPPENED!! One of our team members, Jane Kratochvil, is a family nurse practitioner who is doctorally prepared in this field of health care. Under her direction, we now have a small health clinic at the Salvation Army which is open for any of our people to make use of. It is open every Thursday, over the lunch period (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and is staffed by Jane. We are VERY appreciative of the Salvation Army working with us to get this started. I am including here bits of the E-mail Jane sent me about this-"there is really a lot of interest in this medical thing that we are doing at the S.A. Of course, I get a half a dozen people wanting to have their blood pressure checked. But, I also have been able to go over their medicines with them. There have also been ones needing help getting affordable prescriptions, needing help finding a podiatrist, needing an optometrist that accepts Medicaid, etc. And then there is a lot of interest in foot care. Every day, I have provided foot care to 2-3 people including callus sanding, toenail trimming, soaking, wound care, and a lot of patient education." (per Jane K.) Jane also says that she has had health care contact with Michael, the young man we have mentioned to you before at various times. This is a VERY MENTALLY ILL young man. Has had a HORRIBLE childhood-Mom is strung out on drugs of all sort and his Dad is in prison (for life, I believe). I have had some conversational encounters with Michael, also. Somewhat frightening, to say the least. At one point, he saw me from a distance and wanted to come over and give me a hug. He was smiling, so the situation looked hopeful..... (just as an FYI, it went well!).....

Everyone-please be in EARNEST PRAYER for all of us involved in this ministry AND for all social services, community services, health care providers, etc. who deal with our people on the street and/or in correctional facilities. So many of our people have very similar, TRAGIC backgrounds in their lives. We SO VERY MUCH want the BEST for them and their families. Please watch over them, Dear Heavenly Father. Thank You so very much!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-499-4172 or 1-812-479-7490

June 9, 2023

Hello all!

I always enjoy writing everyone an update about our homeless ministry which many of you are participating in. I truly believe we are touching many lives here locally with kindness and the Love of Jesus! The following are some of my thoughts and comments about this past week.

Pat, Sue, and I started out last Monday by going out on the Northwest side of town to the Fresh Start Recovery Program which is a shelter operated by the VOA-the Volunteers of America. This facility is located on the corner of Buente Vista and Kratzville Rd. Presently, they have 12 women housed there (recently released from prison), along with 4 small children. We shared several items with them-particularly clothing and hygiene products. One note I want to mention here is this-ofentimes, these women need to provide some of their own food for all who are living there. On occasion, we have taken food items to them such as a ham and some beef that some of you gave to us for that purpose. We can't take a large amount at one time but small amounts we can handle. If any of you would like to donate something along this line, please contact me and we will arrange to do that. I'm sure these Moms would very much appreciate this. Thank you!

Our next stop on Monday was at the United Caring Shelter located in the downtown area of E'ville. We always drive by the area where several of the people are sitting, then honk the horn and our people head right over to the van. We generally are pretty busy at that site. We try to stop by there on both Monday and Thursday of each week. Everyone we see is MOST appreciative of how we are trying to help them. Generally, the majority of these individuals are sleeping inside the shelter BUT we ALWAYS talk with several who are sleeping either in a car someplace OR on the ground in that area. We try to help them all we can. This is why sleeping bags AND blankets are SO VERY IMPORTANT in this ministry.

Our next stop was the Mets Bus Station downtown. Right as we pulled up there, we noticed that a woman had fallen out of one of the buses and was lying on the cement. I immediately went over to check on her. She was in her late 30's but had a history of heart disease. Someone had already called an ambulance for her. The EMTs were there quickly and took her over to the Deaconess ER. We don't know just what happened after that. She had a young child with her (age 6-7). He went with her over to the hospital. We hope and pray for her recovery.

While we were at the Bus Station downtown, we saw a young man going around praying with any individual who requested it. I stood there quietly with him. When he was done, we talked for a moment. He told me he was an outreach worker from the Westside Baptist Church. He seemed to be so very helpful to several people. Just as a side-note, we have team members who go with us out on the streets in our ministry and many times will pray with individuals that we see. This is SUCH a blessing! Thank you everyone who is involved in the prayer aspect of our ministry. We can't do this without you!

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On Thursday of this past week, Pat, Kristin, Steve, and I were out on the streets and made several stops. Pat and I stopped over at the Albion Bacon Center which houses women and children who are presently fleeing from abusive situations in their homes. When we were there, there were 13 Moms and 12 kids present. One Mom had at least 4 young children there with her. In order to maintain privacy as much as we could, we pulled in the parking area, turned the van around, and pulled up close to the door of this shelter so it would be as private as possible. We were able to provide some clothing and hygiene items to them along with Bibles and Christian literature if they wished to have this material. All of them very much wanted the latter, along with the personal care items. We plan to go back there once a month if possible.

We were VERY busy at the Salvation Army on Thursday. On that particular day, I saw the young man, M., that we have had contact with over the past several weeks. He immediately came up to the van, appeared very clean and well dressed, and was smiling. He asked me if I would give him a hug and would pray with him. Of course, I did that IMMEDIATELY! I don't believe I have EVER seen him looking so alert and oriented to time, place, and person! We talked for a few minutes and then he picked up a few selections of items we had available in the van that he needed and then went into the S.A. for a meal. Kristin and Steve were able to meet up with him shortly thereafter and prayed with him again. He seemed VERY appreciative!

Our FNP, Jane, shared with me some of her thoughts and observations about the morning at the S.A. They are as follows: "I saw 9 people and helped them with various problems in the 2 hours I was there. Blood pressure checking, diabetes counseling, helping make appointments with doctors, evaluate a swollen area on a hand. There seems to be a robust interest on the part of the people who come and eat at the S.A. to utilize this medical outreach." (Thank You, Dear Jesus)! AND thank you, dear Jane, for ALL you are doing for this ministry!

Jane said she did not get to talk with M. this week. He walked by her table several times and appeared to want to talk with her but there was always someone else there at the moment. She hopes to see M. next week. Please continue to work in M.'s life, Dear Heavenly Father. AND thank YOU for ALL YOU ARE DOING for this dear young man.

When we got over to the Mets Bus Station, we were busy. We saw a young man there who was crying, had no shirt on of any kind, and no shoes. We tended to him as we could. Kristin and Steve came up to him and immediately prayed with him. I was listening to all of this interaction. I have NO doubt but what they touched the THRONE of God in this prayer meeting that they had right there on the spot. Kristin was able to make arrangements for him to be seen for health care over at the health clinic on Canal Street right when the Dr. at that site would return after 1 p.m. that day. We simply CANNOT do this ministry without the HAND of God being Present there with us! I DEFINITELY see AND am made aware of His Presence on a daily basis. In fact, just now, a friend brought me a LARGE bag of blue jeans which we definitely need for our people. Thank You, Dear Father, for ALL of Your Provisions, Your Protection, and Your Care for us and for the people we serve. We ALL are Your People! We look forward to serving You even MORE! We love You!

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 "Unto the Least of These"-Matthew 25:40 (Jesus speaking)
 Ministry to the homeless and working poor of Evansville
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June 17, 2023

Hello everyone!

I am having some trouble with my computer at the moment, but I'll try to get a few comments out to you regarding this past week.

Pat, Sue, and I went out on the streets this last Monday morning. Our first stop was at Safe Haven, a women's shelter on the corner of Franklin and 2nd Street. There were 7-8 women there on that particular day. All of them have been victims of abuse in the past, as well as having problems with alcohol and drug use, and/or have been recently released from jail. We have recently seen some of these women at other sites we visit OR simply out on the streets. We are so very glad that they are in a structured setting now and are getting help.

Next, we went over to the United Caring Shelter. It seems like we are seeing more women over there now. Of course, many of them are there because they can't stay at Ruth's House during the day. I truly wish that there could be some changes made in the organization of Ruth's House so women could be there in a safer environment during the day rather than just wandering around town as they do now. We literally see them EVERYWHERE! One young woman (who formerly lived at Ruth's House) we saw at the UCS this week had recently delivered TWINS (one month ago) but is presently living at the YWCA with her babies. She had the babies with her in a "make-shift" stroller. Her infants are VERY small, as you would expect with low birthweight babies as twins often are. From what this young Mom told me, the babies' father has been very abusive to her in the past. She was afraid he would hurt or KILL the babies (and HERSELF, as well), so that is why she ran away from that situation. If anyone has any infant clothing in very small sizes, please get them to us OR over to the YWCA where she and her little ones are living. I truly believe the YWCA is doing a great job in caring for the Moms and children they are housing at their site. Oftentimes, they will have 35 or more at their site. I make frequent stops there to give them much needed donations which many of you contribute to this ministry. Thank you SO VERY MUCH!

Regarding the Mets Bus Station-it seems like we are seeing MORE and MORE people at that site. Of course, a lot of this depends on just when the buses arrive. The modes of transportation that many homeless individuals use are the following-walking, riding bikes, hitch-hiking, and riding on the bus. We try to maintain a supply of bus tokens available in the van for use by some of our people, especially if they need to go for a medical appointment, housing, etc. We don't advertise this but we want to help if a necessity arises. This last Thursday, there were three men from some local churches who walk around and minister to anyone in spiritual need at the bus station. One man was from Crossroads Church and the other two were from churches on the West side of town. We are always glad to see them there. We minister in like manner when the need arises.

This last Tuesday, I took some much needed items over to the House of Bread and Peace on Chandler Ave. They particularly needed blankets and hygiene items. Thankfully, we have had a large supply of these items donated which many of you provided for us, particularly the McCutchanville GMC as well as from our "Cincy Connection". Also, the "God is Good" Refugee Program has been very helpful in this area. Our thanks to ALL OF YOU!!

This last Wednesday, I was making some deliveries around town and I saw 6 homeless individuals sitting on the corner of 5th and Ingle downtown. We used to see a lot more people at that site, but the area businesses installed some fences there which precluded the majority of that from happening. However, I saw some of our people there again. There was one woman and five men. To be honest about it, I was concerned about the woman who was there. I have seen her before several different times. She appears to me to be mentally retarded along with some physical disabilities. One of the men in particular was being overly "familiar" with her. Touching her too much, pushing her backwards, etc. It appeared to me to be "sexual advances". A copy of this document goes to the EPD homeless liaison so I am hoping someone will check into this activity at that location.

On the same day as mentioned above, I made a stop out at the Ozanam Shelter on the corner of Read and Missouri Streets. Larry, the administrator at that site, told me that they now have 83 people staying at their shelter! This is the GREATEST number I have ever heard of at that site! 43 adults and 40 children! I knew we had a large number of some of the items they needed back in our Mission Room at church so I told him we would bring them a LARGE number of these items the next morning. WELL! Pat Roberts and I did just that! We loaded up a huge container of blankets, towels, washcloths, and pillow cases the next day and off we went! The administrator and staff were MOST grateful for ALL of the supplies we brought to them this last week. AND we were SO VERY GRATEFUL that we had the EXACT supplies that they needed! We ALSO want to thank you, as well as our local donors AND our "Cincy Connection" for meeting these needs! Thank You, Dear Father, for encouraging these donors to get these items to us at the EXACT RIGHT time of need! (Another "WOW" from me)!!

There are more situations I could mention to you BUT I particularly want to mention to you again the situation regarding the young teenager we see at the Salvation Army on a regular basis. This young man has a degree of Autism and he and his family have been dealing with this for several years. WELL!! This dear young man JUST GRADUATED from high school!! We have been buddies with him and his family for the past 3 years our ministry has been making stops at the Salvation Army. NOW, our buddy has landed a JOB at a local rehab. center for which he and his family are VERY grateful, AS ARE WE!! Thank You, Dear Father, for Your Love and Patience with ALL of us, no matter what our circumstances in life may be. Sometimes, I get overwhelmed with the GOODNESS and GREATNESS of God! He DEFINITELY IS REAL and wants to be of help in ALL of our lives. We just need to ask Him to do that! Thank You, Dear Father, for serving in this ministry with us. AND thank You for ALL of our team members and our donors. We are OVERWHELMED with WHO YOU ARE and for HOW MUCH YOU CARE FOR US AND LOVE US!! Thank You!

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Hello everyone!

After my being so involved in the care of the homeless and others in need for so many years, I can't EVEN IMAGINE being a recipient of care in that situation! I was raised in a poor, but very loving Christian home up in Northern Indiana. Both of my parents set a great example for my 3 brothers and I as to what Jesus wants us to do to help all those in need. My dear Dad, in particular, showed me what Jesus meant when he and I would visit those in need in our area virtually every weekend. I am SO VERY THANKFUL for this GREAT heritage that I have been blessed with.

This last Monday, because it was a holiday, we didn't go out on the streets in the van. Rather, Jesus and I made a few trips around town in my car throughout the week to see our people. Our first stop on Monday was out on Kratzville Rd. where we stopped at the Fresh Start Recovery Center for women which is operated by the Volunteers of America. They presently are housing 13 Moms and 4 children. We provided them with backpacks, bottles of hand sanitizer, and a large number of bars of soap. Most of these women have recently been released from prison, and/or have needed help with alcohol and drug problems. A few have recently suffered from domestic violence situations. They ALL were VERY appreciative of the help we offered them, thanks to all of you for your donations, love, and care.

Jesus and I also stopped at the YWCA and the Rescue Mission to supply them with some much needed items. One thing I should mention here is that we cannot distribute ANY cosmetic item, mouth wash, etc.,

that has alcohol in it. I hate to say this but many of our people would drink this simply for the "alcohol effect". I was especially pleased when these agencies read the labels of these donations just to make sure there was none present. I am SO VERY SAD to have to mention this to you, but that is part of the life of the people we serve. Please watch over them, dear Father.

On Thursday of this past week, Jesus, Pat, Kristin, Steve, and I made our usual trip around town and were quite busy. Pat and I stopped at the Matthew 25 AIDS Clinic downtown to deliver a fairly large container of hygiene items to them to distribute to their people in need. This organization has been in existence for many years now, ever since the disease of AIDS appeared on the scene. We are VERY happy to be able to help ANY and ALL in need no matter what the origin of their illness is. In fact, we also leave Bibles and Christian literature available for anyone who requests it. We have been in awe over the past 3 years we have been doing this ministry as to how MANY of our people are VERY receptive to Bibles and Christian pamphlets. We have had very FEW refuse any gifts of this nature that we want to share with them. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

Just as an FYI, we have 3-4 ministry partners go with us on occasion for the sole purpose of praying with individuals who stand in need. Kristin, Steve, Janet, and Sue readily do this without any problem. AND our people love having us do this.

The United Caring Shelter is ALWAYS busy. People see us coming and they immediately head over to the van to talk with us. We tell them that we love them AND that Jesus (the Master of the Universe) loves them! Most people will smile and express their deep appreciation for those kind words. What we are saying, we TRULY mean!

Our next stop, at the Salvation Army is ALWAYS busy! I had the occasion of talking with the young woman whom I have told you about several times in the past. She has 4 live children, all of which are in other child care locations. She had told me approx. 4 weeks ago that she was pregnant again. She was very unhappy. She had not seen a Dr. yet but did have an appointment coming up. Well, this week when I saw her, I ask her how things were going regarding this pregnancy and she told me she had lost the baby. She offered no other information. Please continue to pray for this young woman. We have seen her recently sitting out on the sidewalk begging on the corner of John St. and the expressway overpass. We helped her at that site as much as we could.....

Our hearts ache for this young woman AND the four other children she has somewhere in our area. I have NO idea where they are.....Please continue to pray for all of our people that we see out on the streets.....AND THEIR CHILDREN and other family members!!

At the Salvation Army this last Thursday, I saw the young man we have mentioned to you several times over the past year who has NUMEROUS psychosocial/spiritual problems. I went up to him and told him that I loved him. He very quietly looked up at me and whispered to me that he loved me, too. I went on into the lunchroom at the S.A. to talk with Jane, our nurse practitioner who has a small health clinic set up inside there. She has been seeing several individuals who are seeking health care for various issues. When I went up to her to talk with her this week, there was a young woman there with her who is a third year medical student. I was delighted to see her there. One of the social workers at the S.A. was also there, too. I am hoping this little health clinic will expand in size and will be able to address many of the health care needs of the dear people who visit the S.A. for their human and spiritual needs. Please pray with us to this end. Just as an FYI, I passed the young man I mentioned earlier as I was going outside to the van. I spoke to him again, very quietly, but with no response. Please, Dear Father.....We pray for Divine Intervention.....

Our last stop on Thursday was at the Mets Bus Station downtown. We are taking 25 box lunches with us now downtown to these individuals from the Salvation Army. They are generally gone VERY QUICKLY!! We have decided that the bus station is QUITE a mission field! We are so very thankful we can include these individuals in our itinerary. AND we are so very glad that some other churches are now sending "

"missionaries" to that site from their own churches here in town. What a blessing! Thank You, Father! In the recent past, we have heard that many of our people will use those benches at the bus station as a sleeping site for themselves, but the city govt. has quickly stopped that.

This last Friday, I made a trip around town in my car and went to several sites to assist as needed. As I mentioned last week, the Ozanam Shelter is very crowded with homeless individuals. 82 total-half adults and half children. I heard that they needed women's personal items (thanks to our "Cincy Connection") and clothing so I took a large box of things from our mission room at church to that site. Many bras and loungewear, as well as a large number of books which would be appropriate for families.

On my way home that afternoon, I passed several of our people at different sites on the streets of the area with signs written on cardboard that they needed help. I always carry some of our healthy treat bags in the front seat of my car with me so I can distribute them as needed. Also, occasionally, I will have some \$5 gift cards from McDonalds so I can give one of those to someone in need.

I just had a thought-if any of you have any Christian children's books or others appropriate for that age, please get them to the church for us to distribute. Please DO NOT bring LARGE quantities or we will be overloaded. We cannot handle an excess amount. Thanks everyone!

AND thank all of you again for your loving care and interest in this ministry. I really believe all of us (including YOU) are touching the lives of people in need in our area. We certainly can't do ANY of this without you! Thank you AND God's Blessings on all of you. We can all pray for each other and for those we all serve. Thank you!

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