

The

# Messenger

Russell Anderson, Pastor

## *Mission Statement*

August 2023

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

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The Andersons have gotten our feet on the ground in McCutchanville. Moving is fun but not a sport as we age. We love the parsonage and are making it our home. Everyone has been so welcoming and nice to us all.

Now, we look forward to many things. First, getting to know and visit with you. Relationships are built in small settings. In saying so would love to make time to have coffee or iced tea and get to know each of the church family. Next, connect with the community around us.

Over the next few months, I pray that our spiritual growth will take us into a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Advent season. I will be suggesting times to have Bible studies and group studies. Work around all ages and times to study God's word. If these do not work for you, we can adjust and add new studies to help us all grow. Theology is nothing more than a discussion between people who love Jesus and seek Him more. Christian education is a great part of growing in faith. Be thinking of events to fellowship together and invite others to join us.

From a song, *God is on the Move*. "God is on the move In many mighty ways." Take this scripture with you in thought. Hebrews 10:24-25 <sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

There is a place for you to be involved. No one needs to sit on the sideline. Ask where you can help and what you can do. Excitement in a church, like a light to a bug, attracts interest. A church that is moving, and welcoming, brings excitement. We must build it so they will come. People are wanting Jesus in their life and family. Let us show them we want them to join us.

All things are possible with God's help. Join us and see that God is on the move!

God's Blessings Pastor Russell



## MEET & GREET

**Mark your calendar to join Pastor Russell and his family for a Meet & Greet Reception on August 6, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 in the Fellowship Hall..**



MCC received a "Thank You" card from the Cemetery Association:

"Thanks for the donation of money for the tree removal by the cemetery on Erskine Lane next to the chapel. And thank Pastor Greg for his help with the Memorial Day Service. "

Sincerely,  
Edwine Moll,



CELEBRATING 75



## From the Director's Desk

As the Director of the Methodist Mountain Mission since December of 2000, I am a blessed woman. Over the years, I have many times thought of the words of Paul to the Church at Philippi: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

**I thank God** for calling my husband and I to this beautiful area in southeastern Kentucky.

**I thank God** for the many, many wonderful people we have ministered with in the Hampton and Wolverine United Methodist Churches.

**I thank God** for God calling me to be the Executive Director of the Methodist Mountain Mission.

**I thank God** for our many employees (usually between 55-60 at any given time) – many who needed a second chance in life because of substance abuse or other situations.

**I thank God** for the many clients who passed through the doors of our Mission – including the churches and stores – looking for help, needing a kind face and word, in addition to clothes, household items, food or something else.

**I thank God** for the many people we have met who have come to our area in work groups to help rebuild the homes and lives of flood survivors.

Lastly (but NOT least of all), **I thank God for you** – the readers of this Messenger, the generous givers of financial donations as well as clothing, household items, furniture, etc. Truly you are in partnership with us here in the beautiful mountains of eastern Kentucky.

Blessings,  
Karen Bunn

Messenger

Urgent Needs List

## July 2023 Attendance and Giving



	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Tue Meals	Total Checking Deposit
2	59	\$800.00	\$2,720.00		\$3,520.00
9	65	\$6950.00	\$1,280.00		\$8,540.00
16	48		\$1,675.00		\$1,675.00
23	50	\$20.00	\$1319.00		\$1,339.00
30	57				\$1,650.00





**McCutchanville Fire Department  
would like to invite you to our annual  
Open House event.  
August 19 11:00-4:00**

This day will be full of fun including:

- \* Bounce House
- \* Smoke Room
- \* Ladder Rides
- \* Fire Truck Rides
- \* Bucket Rides
- \* Kids Agility Course
- \* Special Guests from other area local responders:
- \* Vanderburgh County Sheriffs Office
- \* American Medical Response
- \* Evansville Thunderbolts
- \* Autism Evansville
- \* Alzheimer's Association
- \* Lunch will be provided with dessert
- \* Snow cones
- \* Cotton Candy (MCC provides this and can use anyone who wants to help out)
- \* Popcorn
- \* Other events planned throughout the day. We look forward to celebrating our Open House with the wonderful community we serve!

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**If YOU would like to volunteer for the MCC booth which provided cotton candy and popcorn, please contact Pastor Russell or the secretary of MCC, Kim Mathias.**



# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

**Refresh, Renew and  
Worship**

**Troy, IL**

**September 16, 2023**

**10:00am-3:00pm**

Would you like to know more about  
Global Methodist Church?

Members of MCC are invited to attend this day of worship  
and getting to know more about  
Global Methodist Church.

The cost of the day is \$12.00 which includes lunch.

Please let Pastor Russell know if you are planning to attend.



**Prayer Requests:** Pastor Russell & family, Cheryl Roethemeier, Jeannie Minor, Mark Morgan, Don Harris (Sue Harris; hus-

band), Leland (Cory's grandson) Mary Moore, Victor Doty, Don Skelton, Joe Hase-  
man, Jim Smith, Silas (Jerry and Jane Ben-  
net's great grandson), Jean Woods (Jand  
and Jerry's friend) Jane Bennet's father, Jen-  
ny Taylor, Ruth Ann Hyatt (Helen Finke's  
friend), Debby Phares, Josette Higgins,  
Mary Lou Ellis,  
the homeless and addicted community,  
Our church, all area schools and universi-  
ties, God's Kids, Amy Dubber, Our Haitian  
children: Daphnica Noel (Dada) and John  
Carlos Cadet, Fad'Ellie Romain (Fadou),,  
MCCutchanville Firefighters, God's Kids Pro-  
gram

*Do you have a prayer request you would like listed  
in the **Messenger?***

**Call the church office at 812-867-5735**



The church building requires con-  
tinual maintenance. You may see  
John Swope, John Rea or any of  
the trustees any day of the week  
completing required maintenance.  
But each project requires funding.  
Don't forget to designate some of your tithe to the  
**Building Fund** to keep our building  
up to date and beautiful.



## AUGUST

Larry Ellerbrook	3
Hayden Tapp	5
David Georgesen	7
Mary Getz	11
Victoria Hayes	14
Joan Reed	16
Megan Davis	18
Sandy Haseman	22
Linda Holder	23
Bill Roettger	23
Eddie Moll	30



## AUGUST

Sandy & Joe Haseman	7
Dean & Maren Hubble	19
Larry & Kathy Ellerbrook	20
Larry & Cherissa Williams	28



MCC continues to collect non-perishable foods for the food bank at Patchwork Central.



It is "back to school" time and the area food banks are in need of non-perishable items. This month at MCC, it is ANYTHING GOES. Peanut Butter & Jelly, soup, pasta, all non-perishable items are welcome!



Baskets are in the sanctuary and in the fellowship area. Thank you for your donations!



And Thank you Betty and Frank for delivering our donations each week!

It is not  
Goodbye  
See you  
Later

Dear MCC Family,  
What an honor, blessing and privilege it has been for me to serve as your secretary for ten years. It is difficult to believe I have filled this position almost from the day that Bob asked me to retire from my full-time position. I thought I could help out a little living so close to the church building and still be attentive to Bob's needs. That "helping out" for a period of time has allowed me to grow closer to each of you, to know many of your needs and to serve you in many ways that I would never have imagined. Being a member of MCC for almost 30 years has brought many opportunities for service and worship for which I am truly grateful. Thank you for being with me through many good times, happy times, bad times and sad times.

Many Blessings to each of you,  
Helen



## God's Kids



Immediate Opening

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 July and reopen for Fall on August 9.

## MENU

### TUESDAY EVENING CARRY OUT

**August 1: BBQ Pork Sandwiches**  
**August 8: Vegetable Soup**  
**August 15: Pork Chops**  
**August 22: Ham Sandwich**  
**August 29: Hamburgers & Brats**

## 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)**

Integrity Compassion Safety Team Oriented Committed



**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](mailto:spowell@umyh.com)

**Also, please remember YMYH in your giving. Kathy Ellerbrook is now delivering a meal to the youth once a month. Kathy may be asking for volunteers to bake a dessert to take with the meal. Thank you Kathy for stepping up and taking care of this mission.**



It is "Back to School" time. Sales for school items are in full swing. Please consider picking up some sale items and store them for a couple of months until the Operation Christmas Child boxes are available. This is a great time to pick up Crayola and other 'back to school' items on sale.

A list of suggested items to pack in the shoe box is: **WOW item** (doll, soccer ball & pump, stuffed animal, musical instrument; **Personal Care items** (comb or brush, toothbrush, washcloth, fun adhesive bandages, reusable eating utensils); **Clothing** (undergarments, flip flops or shoes, hats, sunglasses, hair accessories); **Crafts & activities** (pencils & sharpener, pencil case, crayons, markers, pens, coloring books or pads, notebooks, glue stick, stickers, jump rope); **Toys** (ball, slinky, etc a Sketch, building blocks)

Please remember: no candy, gum, liquids, toothpaste, war-related items, seeds, food or medications can be included in your box.

This is a great mission project of our church to help needy children throughout the world. Please search the sale items to fill your box!



We are currently collecting funds to support the Methodist build for Habitat – any donations may be placed in the basket on the entry table. We have been asked to give \$1000 toward the current build.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 30 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship All church luncheon after worship.	July 31 <b>God's Kids Closed</b> Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00	August 1 <b>God's Kids Closed</b> 1:30 Gym Reserved	August 2 <b>God's Kids Closed</b> Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym res. 6-8	August 3 <b>God's Kids Closed</b> 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	August 4 1:30-3:00pm Gym Reserved <b>God's Kids Closed</b>	August 5
6 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Reception 2:00-4:00 Pastor Russell</b>	7 <b>God's Kids Closed</b> 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-	8 <b>God's Kids Teachers Return</b> 1:30 Gym Reserved	9 <b>God's Kids Opens for Fall Term</b> 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 Gym Reserved	10 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	11 1:30-3:00pm Gym Reserved	12
13 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship	14 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-	15 1:30 Gym Reserved	16 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 6:00-8:00 Gym Reserved	17 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	18 1:30-3:00pm Gym Reserved	19 McCutchanville Fire Dept Open House 11-4
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# **STREET TALK**

## **Unto the Least of These Ministry to the Evansville Homeless**

July 1, 2023

Hello everyone!

This past week we didn't get to go out on the streets using the van for various reasons (weather, etc.), but Jesus and I went out at different times in my car. I'll share some of those experiences with you. On Monday, we took some items over to the House of Bread and Peace, the family shelter on Chandler Ave. At the moment, there are approximately 27 women at that site along with 8 or so children. They were busy at that site, as you can imagine! We took the following items to them-several new bottles of hand sanitizer, towels and washcloths, shampoo, menstrual supplies, and blankets. We also gave them a large bag of baby oranges (also known as "cuties") which they all very much loved! I have some more now that we will distribute this coming Monday.

There is one woman at the House of B and P whom I have seen around town at several different sites over the past year. She is probably in her mid-fifties. She was at Ruth's House for quite a while, then over at the UCS, out on the streets, and now at the House of B and P. I am SO VERY glad she is at this site now. She has had quite a life in the past-much spousal abuse, etc. but now seems to be content and safe over at this present site. She is a very quiet person. Doesn't say much but smiles her "appreciation" to you when you are helping her in some way. I have even seen her just sitting on a bench downtown at the Mets Bus Station all by herself. Was very much in an UNSAFE situation. Anyway, we hugged each other and she told me how thankful she was for our help. We will continue to watch for her and help her all we can. Will keep you informed as to her situation. Please be praying for her.

The pastor of the McCutchanville Global Methodist Church notified me a few days ago that they had a nice supply of NEW infants' clothing to give us for distribution. I just now walked out into my garage AND there they were! There were two moderate size boxes of all NEW clothing (as above) ready for us to deliver to some of our people! There are SEVERAL family shelters around town that we will get those items to IMMEDIATELY! Probably over this weekend! I will keep you posted on this mission effort. Thank you, dear pastor AND your church!

I wanted to mention to you, also, that the director of Mother Theresa's Treasures, in Newburgh, also provides us with a LARGE amount of (free) clothing, shoes, etc. by way of a fellow co-worker, Pat Roberts, for us to distribute to our dear people on the streets of Evansville. I can REALLY tell that both of our ministries are of God! Just what some of our people need at any given moment is delivered to us ready for distribution. Thank You, Dear Father! Wow!!

In our ministry out on the streets, we obviously see many people who need assistance in different kinds of ways. Along with their physical and psychosocial needs, they also need to meet Jesus, the Master of the Universe. On many occasions, for example, we have had people come up to us and tell us that they had been released from jail OR prison just THAT morning. Generally, they are given some suitable clothing to wear upon their release. We physically help them all we can AND make the necessary referrals that are needed. We also offer them Bibles, Christian literature, and any other help they may request along that line. We have had VERY FEW tell us that they were NOT interested in spiritual help. Many times, they will automatically pick up these items which they see laying there in the van available for them before we can even mention anything to them about it. As I have said to you before, I am SO VERY GRATEFUL that we have team members who offer to pray with any of our people we see right there on the spot.

In some information I recently received from the publication company in Michigan who publishes a devotional booklet which we provide for our people, "Our Daily Bread", they included some replies of appreciation they had received from former prison inmates who had been given the opportunity to read their publications. In brief, one former prisoner made these comments-" 'Our Daily Bread' is often the only source of spiritual, biblical guidance we have.....What I found amazing is how desired and respected your booklet is among inmates.....The booklet gets passed from prisoner to prisoner or 'in the hole' under the door, cell by cell. Booklets are read and exchanged till they disintegrate.....Your ministry is 100% the most effective ministry in jails/prisons based on inmates' openness and receptivity to it". The homeless people we see out on the streets here locally say the very same thing! "Our Daily Bread" is a VERY MUCH appreciated devotional which we distribute every time we are out on the streets. The Company sends us 150 copies of "Our Daily Bread" (the latest edition-good for 3 months), at least 4 times a year. We are VERY grateful!

In the same information (as above) that I received from the Publication Company, the following comments from a homeless couple were recorded-"We started reading 'Our Daily Bread' when we were homeless about 10 years ago. We got our first copy at a soup kitchen along with a Bible. Well, we read it every day along with the Bible. We prayed and gave our lives to God. We now have a place (to live), and we still read 'Our Daily Bread' and the Bible every day....." In my mind, the above is so very inspiring!! Thank You, Dear Father!! We will continue distributing this devotional material to our people.

All of us in this homeless ministry, definitely see the Hand of God working in our midst by the contributions and donations that you make AND by His VERY PRESENCE every time we are out on the streets. We are ALL so very glad we have this opportunity to serve. If anyone of you would like to join us in the van OR go with me in my car, please let me know. Thank you everyone! AND thank You, Dear Father!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-499-4172 or 1-812-479-7490  
"Unto the Least of These", Matthew 25:40 (Jesus speaking)  
Ministry for the homeless and the working poor of Evansville  
Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816  
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July 8, 2023  
Hello everyone!

To start with, I want to announce to you that the Aldersgate UMC Vacation Bible School kids made a HUGE donation of healthy food items to the people we see on the streets and in the shelters of Evansville by collecting ALL of the following which we will distribute around town over the next FIVE weeks:

A TOTAL of 1000 granola bars AND packages of sandwich crackers (peanut butter and cheese) -500 EACH!!!!!!

The kids in the Club 345 group at church which meets after school every Wednesday for Bible Study and to learn about Jesus prepare individual bags of these healthy treats that we distribute to our people we see on Mondays and Thursdays when our team members head out to the streets. Each week, the kids prepare bags with one of each healthy treat item in each bag. I MUST say that our people REALLY look forward to receiving these treats! We have actually had some come up to us on the sidewalk and/or streets to ask for a "treat bag"! They KNOW that we HAVE THEM available! We are THRILLED to be able to provide healthy treats to anyone in need! Thank you, kids AND donors, for all of your contributions-whether it is a pair of socks, underwear, a healthy treat bag, or one of the many other items you provide for us to distribute to God's dear people!

Our usual itinerary around town includes the following-the United Caring Shelter, the Salvation Army, the Mets Bus Station downtown, Patchwork Central Mission downtown (the latter twice each month), as well as

visit separate family shelters such as the House of Bread and Peace, the Ozanam Family Shelter, and the YWCA. An example of one of the latter was just this week when we took a LARGE number of women's bras as well as BRAND NEW infants clothing over to Ozanam which presently has a VERY LARGE number of families and children they are caring for. We were THRILLED that we were able to provide these items for all of the dear people at that site!

Now, I would like to update you on the health clinic that our ministry (under the leadership of Jane Kratochvil, the family nurse practitioner on our team) has been able to establish in conjunction with the leaders of the Salvation Army. I personally am VERY EXCITED about this addition to our ministry! Jane is doing a FANTASTIC job in helping our people on the streets as well as those who are very poor living in that area. Jane has a 3rd year medical student working with her at this time which enhances the healthcare provided VERY much. AND, I need to add here, that Jane is contributing a lot of basic health care knowledge to this medical student for her learning, too.

This clinic is conducted in a corner of the gym area of the S.A. which enables people on site to see what is available for them to take advantage of if they are in need. This area is partitioned off so that privacy is maintained. Jane told me that she saw the young man we have all been following, who has SO MANY psychosocial problems, again this last week. I talked with him outside in the van, also. He seems to be doing so MUCH better regarding the above at the moment. We are VERY glad that the S.A. has social workers to assist individuals who are in situations such as the above.

Jane told me she also saw some other individuals who were in dire need of health care, OR at least in need of referral to other health care specialists who would be of great assistance to them. Jane's job in this little clinic is primarily that of assessment and referral to health care resources, sometimes even that very same day. I repeat, I am SO VERY THANKFUL this clinic is in operation AND that Jane is on our team! All of our team members are invaluable to this ministry. I cannot stress this enough! Thank You, Dear Heavenly Father, for Your direction in this ministry.

There is a Christian piece of literature that I receive everyday on the internet. It is written by John Nyquist, who, I believe, is a retired military officer. [www.SeekyefirsttheKingdom.net](http://www.SeekyefirsttheKingdom.net) Yesterday, the title of his article was-"Show Them Jesus". The following are some of his thoughts-"It is not possible to sit down and witness to everyone we encounter, but we can demonstrate God's Love with each interaction we have with others. We may be the 'only Jesus' someone may ever see". I thought this was very applicable to our street ministry.

Thank You, Dear Father, for giving us this opportunity. What an honor!

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

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July 15, 2023

Hello everyone!!

I truly marvel at God's Guidance and Intervention in the homeless ministry we are all engaged in here in Evansville. We have three new sites that we were able to take items to just this week. One of them was the Potter's Wheel which is located on the South side of town on the corner of Governor and Jefferson. We had a large supply of men's new OR "gently worn" trousers that they very much needed for distribution to the men of their neighborhood who are in need of nice trousers for their places of employment. Those in the management at this site were MOST appreciative of our donations.

Another site we visited was the Memorial Baptist Church on Canal Street downtown. We were able to provide women's new underwear as well as loungewear and shoes for anyone in need. Along with these items, we were able to provide them with new infant clothing which they told me they could certainly make use of. Attached to their church is a Deaconess Primary Care Clinic which many people of that area utilize for the provision of their health care. They were MOST appreciative! We will continue to take items there that we know they need

A third site we visited that we had not been to before was the First Ebenezer Baptist Church downtown on Lindwood. I stopped there one time 2-3 months ago when I saw that they were getting ready to serve lunch to the people of their neighborhood. I spoke with the pastor who was in the process of preparing lunch for those who were in need. She told me that she not only serves as the pastor but also does the food preparation and serving for their lunches-3x per week. Regarding their other general needs, their biggest need is hygiene supplies. SO, this week we took a large supply of products that we knew they could make use of- shampoo, soap, deoderant, etc. They were MOST appreciative of our help. We will continue stopping by there every month or so to see how we can be of help further. Will keep you posted.....

The Salvation Army continues to be VERY busy! We park the van at their site in the late morning which is when they begin serving lunch and also Jane conducts her health clinic for anyone in need. This past week we saw the young woman again that we have seen many times-she has a history of 4 pregnancies (all of these children are in foster care) but she just recently was pregnant again and miscarried that child. We found out this past week that she is living in an "abando" (an abandoned house) all by herself. Whether the latter is true, we honestly don't know. This is the same young woman whom we have helped before just when she was standing on the side of the road "begging". Let me add a comment here-last night on T.V., there was a report that a dead person was found in an abandoned house over in that area of town. Our hearts ACHE for all of our people who find themselves "living" in such a situation. Oh, Dear Father, please give all of us, the local community agencies, the police, social workers, etc. wisdom and guidance as to how we can help our people on the streets further.

On Tuesday afternoon of this past week, I was driving around town to see if there were any people on the streets we could help. I drove past the small park behind one of the churches downtown and saw a man sitting on a bench leaning his head down over his lap. I stopped and called out to him to see if I could be of help. He heard me and came over to my car. (My doors were locked and I had one window down just a little). He was in very torn clothing, his hair looked filthy, and his skin looked very dirty. He said he was hungry and thirsty-so I gave him several of our healthy treat bags and bottles of water. I had never seen him before. I believe he was under the influence of some drugs so obviously I had to get away from that situation quickly. He kept telling me how appreciative he was of our help. Oh, Dear Father! HELP that poor soul.....AND we continue to pray for the safety of EVERYONE in ALL community agencies and groups who work to assist those in need. In addition, we pray for ALL of the homeless and anyone who find themselves out on the streets, in jails, and in ANY potentially dangerous situation. Rebuke evil in the world, Dear Heavenly Father.

I want to end this edition of "Street Talk" by telling you about one of our team members who has told us about her own personal history of drug use, prostitution, and other harmful behaviors from which she has been set FREE by the Blood of Jesus! She works with us closely and has even been able to start her own source of Hope for others who have found themselves bound in the same kinds of behavior. I received an E-mail from our dear friend just a few days ago telling me about her meeting a woman who has experienced some of the very same kinds of problems that she herself has had. The woman she met likewise needs some personal clothing items which we provide for the people we see on the streets. I gathered some of the articles that she needed and took them over to her at one of the local women's shelters where she was staying after being released from jail. While talking with her at this shelter just yesterday, the director of one of the local men's shelters pulled up in their van on other business. Thankfully, we had enough of a supply of hygiene items that we were able to provide them with items that they needed, too. I am absolutely IN AWE at how God provides the EXACT items that we need to distribute to our people that we see around town, whether it's in a shelter or simply out on the streets.

We definitely see the Hands of God in this street ministry. We are SO VERY APPRECIATIVE of all of you who give us direction as to where we should go, to whom we should speak, where to get needed supplies, etc. We simply could NOT do any of this ministry without you.

Thank you EVERYONE!

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

July 22, 2023

Hello everyone!

I have a scripture verse which I think is very appropriate to our ministry: "He has showed you, O man, what is good. What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". Micah 6:8

I just wanted to share the above with you. We are in a ministry to all of our homeless brothers and sisters in Evansville. Thank you for joining me in this endeavor. And thank You, Dear Father, for being with us every step of the way.

It seems like we are seeing more and more homeless and other people in need as we travel in our van around town. The sites around town who particularly care for the homeless and/or others in need have been extremely busy in our judgment. We are SO thankful for their support of this ministry. I keep in regular contact with Jane Kratochvil, who is the nurse practitioner administering the small health clinic she has set up at the Salvation Army for our people to have a source of referral and care as needed right there on the spot. Thank you, dear Jane, for ALL that you do! Plus, we are SO VERY THANKFUL for the social worker staff they have available right there on the spot for those in need.

On our way home this last Monday, we drove past a small park downtown. There was a young man sitting on a picnic table all by himself. We made contact with him (19 y.o.) and discovered that he was indeed homeless AND was a new father. He has a 2 month old baby son who is living with the mother and her family. Per his statement, he is NOT permitted to see the child. Along with a police officer who was also in the same area when we were there, we tried to give him all the help we could. The officer was VERY helpful. After giving him all of the material things and food items that we had available which he needed, the officer sent him off in the right direction to get the help he needed. We also had four bus tokens left in the supply that we carry with us, so we gave those to him for his use. At the same time, I noticed that we had two knitted infant baby hats in the back seat of the van. These had been made by women on our "Cincy Connection" team and, I believe, were still laying in the van for this Divine purpose. We gave them to the young man as a small gift he could give to the mother of his infant son. We were hoping this might be a very receptive act on her part. Per his statement, he loves his son, and wants to have contact with him and the mother. We will keep track of this situation and will let you know what happens if we see him again in the future.

While at this small park, we noticed another young man that the police officer had been talking with. It appeared to me that this was the same person that I had stopped to help at another park just a few blocks over last Saturday. This man was VERY DIRTY, had a very disheveled appearance, his hair was matted beyond description. Dirt was "caked" on his face. The police officer told us that this was the homeless man that he had been working with right before we drove up. The officer told us that this individual had just had a bowel movement on the sidewalk there in the park, which he had observed. He asked the homeless man to clean it up, WHICH he did do. This man refuses to go to any of the local shelters, etc., for help-for food, etc. Then, he sent him away from the park. I learned later that the EPD homeless team is very aware of this homeless man (as described above) and that he literally lives in that small park. More info later.....

On Thursday of this past week, Pat and I made another stop with the van at the above mentioned small park. We saw another man there that we hadn't seen before. We motioned for him to come over to the van for us to help him if he would like. At the same time, a young woman came over to see us, too. We had seen this woman before over at the United Caring Shelter. So, we were able to help her and the young man that we hadn't seen before. THEN, we looked up and saw the young man that the police have been following sitting in the park over further. Pat went over and spoke with him and invited him to come let us be of help to him. He readily came over. As you all know, we carry healthy treat bags and bottles of water along with us to distribute to individuals we see in need. In the above situations, we were SO VERY THANKFUL we had these items with us. Thank You, Dear Jesus! AND thank all of you for ALL of the donations you make for this ministry.....

There are SO MANY very mentally ill people who are out walking the streets. I truly believe that the city of Evansville is doing all they can to assist these individuals. Another approach we VERY MUCH believe in using is that of introducing these people to Jesus! There is a church downtown-"The Gathering"-which several of our people attend. This church provides breakfast on Sunday morning to all who come for worship before the service even starts. I plan to visit that church sometime. The service begins at 11 a.m. I'll keep you posted on what I find out. By the way, the people are VERY RECEPTIVE to receiving Bibles and Christian pamphlets which we provide. As I have said before, they will oftentimes ask for those items before they even ask for a pair of socks or underwear. And we have "prayer warriors" with us as often as possible to pray with anyone who requests it. (Kristin, Steve, Janet, and Sue).

On an interesting note here-Kristin has a ministry she has started called "House of Hope of Evansville". She has had some personal issues in her past from which she was Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus! She wants to share her knowledge and approaches to these problems as much as she can. She met one woman recently who had been in jail and was just recently released and is now in one of the Safe Haven facilities of care here locally. Our van ministry frequent this site usually once a month. She herself was able to visit the women at this facility and have prayer with them. All of this was very well received. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

At the Salvation Army this last Thursday, we spoke with a young man who had just been released from prison two days earlier. He was multi-covered with tattoos. I know from my former work experience in jails that the inmates are able to smuggle items in there that they can use to get tattoos. This young man was very cordial and wanted all the help we could give him. He is presently living out on the streets. Has a 12 y.o. son who desperately needs a CLEAN, loving father in his life. Kristin and Steve prayed with him, per his request. What a blessing!

We were very busy at Patchwork Central this past Thursday. We talked with John Rich, the co-director along with his wife, to see if we could stop by there every Thursday a.m. for a short time before we continue our usual route. He assured us that we could. They do a great ministry in downtown Evansville. Thank You, Dear Father.

Our stops at the Mets Bus Station downtown is ALWAYS very fruitful! We have several individuals who are now our friends and meet us there for food and for a chat! I'm going to see if perhaps we can do this a little more. Will keep you posted.

When Pat and I were done with our van ministry downtown, we made a trip out to Dr. Melinda Jackson's medical office in Newburgh (Deaconess). She had called me the day before and had told me that another office in her building had wanted to provide us some very much needed items for our people on the streets. So, Pat and I went and picked them up. We are THRILLED and VERY THANKFUL when we see other individuals and groups around town seeing the needs of the homeless citizens of our area. Thank you, Dr. Jackson for your interest in this ministry AND for your friends and staff who also contribute. On Friday of this week, I took a large number of needed items over to the House of Bread and Peace for distribution to the people residing there. They presently have 24 women and 5 children, I believe the director told me. We were able to take them NEW women's underwear and some NEW infants' and children's clothing. They were ALL very appreciative. We also visit other women's and family shelters around town generally once a month.

While I was downtown, I was able to take a large bag of men's clothing, etc., to the residents at the Rescue Mission. While there, I had the opportunity of meeting Officer Mario Reid, the officer who took the place of Officer Joshua Brewer who is now in charge of the entire police dept. division over the homelessness issues here locally. I was THRILLED to meet Officer Mario! While talking with him, we were discussing the situation regarding the deeply disturbed, homeless man I personally have seen 3 times downtown all by himself. Office Mario told me that this man "hangs out" in the Park where we saw him when he had an encounter with the other officer last Monday. He told me that all of the officers in that department make every effort to keep track of this man. Officer Mario told me that this poor soul DOES NOT want help! He does readily take food, water, and clothing items that

have to admit that this situation makes me SO VERY SAD!! This reminds me of several of the stories in the Bible about very mentally disturbed individuals that Jesus encountered. We DEFINITELY want him restored to good mental, spiritual, and physical health.

We certainly hope and pray that our ministry has touched the lives of the people on the streets we encounter. HOWEVER, we can DEFINITELY say that OUR lives have been DEEPLY touched, for which we are VERY GRATEFUL! We trust your lives have been touched, too. Thank You, Dear Father-please continue to work with us in this ministry. We CAN'T do ANY of this without YOU!

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

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Hello everyone!

What a very HOT week this has been!! I have to admit (from ol' granny) that I was glad when we were ready to "get off of the streets" and go back to our home base (AUMC) each day we were out helping our people! However, then I have to ponder the heat and weather that many of our people have to contend with when they don't have shelter and literally "live" out on the streets, in the woods, down by the river, etc. I repeat AGAIN that I am SO VERY glad for the good job that Evansville and local groups involved do for our dear people who find themselves living out on the streets. Thank You, Dear Father, for the love and care that our community provides for those less fortunate.

On Tuesday of this past week, Jesus and I went to four places to assist our people. Our first stop was at Stepping Stones (primarily for individuals with drug and addiction problems) just off of Stockwell Road. I walked inside the front door entrance and I immediately saw a young man that I had seen innumerable times out on the streets. He was sitting in the waiting area and had a full backpack with him. I called out his name and he turned around, BUT didn't acknowledge me. So, I honored his request and didn't follow up with him at that moment. I had several nice clothing items for this facility as well as many hygiene products which I knew they could use. (I used to work at this facility as a nurse practitioner so I knew pretty much just what they needed in the way of material supplies). Two of the staff members came to help me unload my car. I asked them briefly about the young man in the waiting area. Since they knew that I was familiar with his life situation, they told me that I was correct as to his identity. He and I had had several conversations in the past regarding his alcohol problem. I am SO VERY THANKFUL he is AT LAST in a good treatment program. Please pray with me regarding this dear young man. He is SO VERY MUCH in need of God's Help in his life.

After this stop, I went over to the Ozanam Shelter close to Deaconess Hospital. They have been SO VERY busy there as of late. Sometimes greater than 80 individuals including young children. When I walked inside, there was a young 7 y.o. boy sitting on the floor helping his Mom sort out some clothes for everyone. I gave them some of our healthy treat bags. They were BOTH thrilled to receive these. Again, thank you, everyone, who supplies us with healthy snacks that the children's group at my church (AUMC) place in plastic bags to give to our dear people. I just pray for the VERY BEST for all of those dear families.....

Then, Jesus and I stopped at two small parks in the downtown area and were able to provide some clothing and healthy treat items to the individuals sitting there. What a need we have here in Evansville!! ALL of us, including YOU, are the Hands of Jesus when we are out serving people on the streets! Thank You for this opportunity, Dear Father.

On Thursday of this past week, Pat and I were together in our LOADED van (thank you for EVERY-THING), so we went out to the Fresh Start Recovery Center on Kratzville Rd. There were 9 women there at this time as well as one very young infant and one 2 year old child. The majority of these women have recently been released from jail or prison and are assigned to go to this facility that is run by the Volunteers of America. Occasionally, they have to personally help supply some of their food, so Pat and I took them a fairly large supply of fresh fruit-bananas, mandarin oranges, and grapes. Along with this, we supplied them with

we offer him, however. And he is cordial with us. But, I many of the hygiene supplies and some clothing they needed. ALL of these women were THRILLED with our visit and with the donations many of you made possible for them. Thank you, EVERYONE!! You are THE HANDS of Jesus!

As we proceeded around town on our mission rounds for the day this last Thursday, Pat and I both have to admit that the heat was going to "get" us before too long! BUT, we especially felt so very sorry for all of the people who came over to the van for assistance and THEN had to wait awhile as we assisted each person. Someone told me that once inside the building, our people "let lose" more on how they felt about the extremely hot weather. THEN, when they got out to the van, they were SO VERY appreciative for the assistance we were giving them that they seemed to calm down, even though the sun was shining SO VERY INTENSELY! Of course, everyone appreciates the food and liquids they receive inside the Salvation Army building, but the heat just seemed to be getting everyone down, no matter where you were. Oh Dear Father, please help us in this regard! Please keep us going in this ministry so we can continue to help Your dear people out on the streets.

Jane (the nurse practitioner on our team) continues to be busy in the little health clinic she set up in the gym area of the S.A. I haven't been able to get out of the van very much since I broke the great toe on my right foot and am presently walking with a cane. Pat, however, talked with Jane just this week. We SO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ALL she is doing for the people we see. Sue Kincaid will be restarting the Bible study again early this Fall inside the gym area at the S.A. She had this in operation during the Spring but had to discontinue it for the summer because of family activities. We love Jane and Sue VERY MUCH for all they are doing for our people out in the S.A. area. We will have more news about these activities as we progress over the next few weeks.

The Mets Bus Station downtown is keeping us busy in this ministry, too. We have increased the number of box lunches we take to our people at that site from the S.A. (25 now), and all of them are generally gone very quickly. Or course, we carry a lot of cold bottles of water with us for our people as we see they are in need.

We are acquiring many new friends as we go around town in this ministry. People will wave at us just when we see them on the streets of Evansville, even though they aren't particularly in need of something at the moment. All of us do this when we see our own personal friends out somewhere. As human beings, we ALL need this connection with other people. We are so very glad we can serve our people in this role as well. Just friend to friend contact.....

One sad note-perhaps some of you caught that T.V. story recently where it was reported that two different individuals had been found dead in abandoned houses in the downtown area. I am so very sorry to say that one of those was a person we had developed a slight connection to, just via our ministry. Of course, no one individual OR group can humanly speaking help everyone in need. However, I am ASSURED that ALL efforts were made to assist both of these individuals. Please continue to pray for ALL of the public and private groups of individuals who are making every effort to help our people in need. AND thank YOU, Evansville, for recognizing the presence of AND the needs of the homeless and the poor of our area. I have to honestly say that I can't think of anyplace I have lived in my long life that tends to the needs of others as our community does. If any of you have any further ideas as to how we can improve our ministry, PLEASE let us know. Phone numbers are available at the bottom of this document. We are in this ministry because Jesus SPECIFICALLY asked us to do so. What a BLESSING! To us as well as the people we serve! Thank you, everyone!

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