

# The Messenger

Greg Davis, Pastor

*Mission Statement*

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*McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with God's power and hope through the love of Christ.*



*From the  
Pastor*



Greetings,

February is sometimes thought of as the month of Love... And why?

Primarily because of Valentine's Day, of course. However, there are many that suffer from not feeling loved, not feeling included, not feeling close to someone or something. A few years ago, the church where my brother was attending was holding a service of reaffirmation of vows for those in the church who chose to participate – this was to be held within the scope of a worship service.

On first hearing this, I thought this sounded like a good idea, but then he stated his problem with such a service. You see, my brother's wife had recently died after suffering with cancer for several years. He was alone. He was still suffering. He did not wish to sit and watch others celebrate (even though he was not resentful of their shared love, he just felt lonely from his terrific loss). So, I have always been reminded of that situation, to be mindful of all within the church..

Many suffer with sadness and loneliness like my brother felt. I wonder if you have ever asked the question, Does God...care about me?

First of all, God does care about you and loves you. That can be hard to believe in those times when we feel alone. Other times we may acknowledge God but feel like he is very difficult to connect with and far away.

This becomes even more difficult when life is filled with pain and heartache. God seems either distant or unloving and we can't understand why he does not step in and make things better. Of course, this view assumes he isn't helping. We typically fail to think that it may be even worse without him or that something even bigger than our current challenges may be happening. The simple reality is we live in a broken world that has been fractured by sin. This is complicated by the fact that God honors our free will and he may feel more distant because we choose to work things out on our own instead of turning it all over to him.

The thing we need to focus on is that God's attitude towards us is one of complete love. He created us for relationship with him. He has died for our sins and offers complete forgiveness. His holy word is not meant to burden us with rules but rather to teach us what is good for us and how we can be at our best. God's knows each of us at the most intimate level and has an eternal perspective. He works in ways we often don't realize or understand. The question is whether we will trust in that and allow him to start with our current circumstances or whether we will decide to do it alone.



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His promise is that if we draw near to him he will come closer to us. He does not promise that only good will happen or life will be free of pain. There are times he will not jump into our situation the way we want but he is there. His promise is to be with us and help us through our troubles. His promise for eternity is much bigger and includes perfect love with no pain, tears or suffering. You can experience that and come to see that not only does God care, **but that he loves you no matter what you have done**

“The Lord your God is with you. He’s mighty to deliver. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with His love. He rejoices over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17

“The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” Psalm 121:8

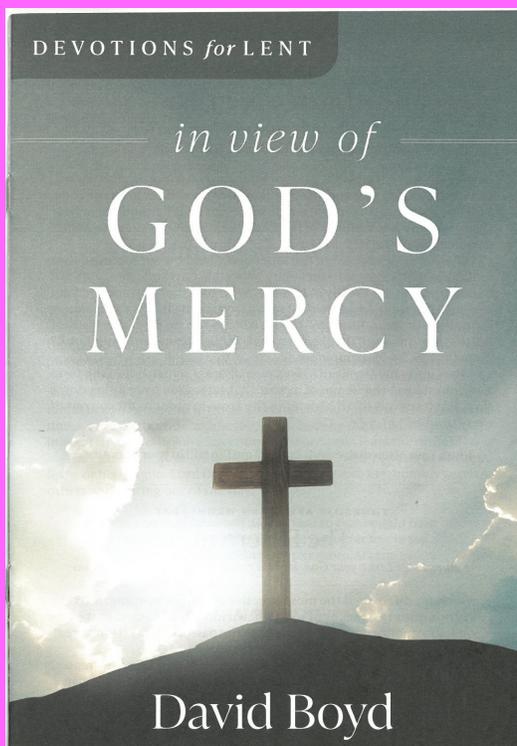
“God said ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’” Hebrews 13:5

Thanks be to God for His never-ending love,

*Pastor Greg*



Our Lenten Devotional Booklets are available on the table in the foyer. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Pick up your copy soon !



**MENU TUESDAY EVENING CARRY OUT**

**February 1: Potato Casserole**  
**February 8: Vegetable Soup**  
**February 15: Chicken Fettuccine**  
**February 22: Chili Soup**  
**March 1: Pancakes & Sausage**  
**March 8: Chicken Casserole**

Happy Fat Tuesday!



March 1 is FAT Tuesday and the Tuesday Evening Group will be preparing a meal of Pancakes & Sausage. Dinner will be available in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00-6:00 PM. Come and enjoy a meal with friends and family.

A short Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Lent begins Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

*Men's Lenten Breakfast*

### LENTEEN BREAKFAST INFORMATION

The Southwest District will not be holding any Lenten Breakfasts in 2022 due to the ongoing pandemic. We look forward to future events when it is safe to hold them.



Methodist Mountain Mission will be here February 14, 2022 for collection. The MMM [Messenger](#) and The [Urgent Needs List](#) are both available through the hyperlinks. Please drop off your donations at the church.



February 2 is Ground Hog day! Will he see his shadow?

## Unto the Least of These - Ministry to the Homeless in Evansville

**Jennie Heim had a few computer problems this month but God continues to work through her and her ministry!**

“I KNOW Jesus is joining in with all of us in this endeavor! Thank You, Dear Master of the Universe!”

Jeannie is building a ministry and has had many volunteer to help. She is in search of a mini-van now! God is good and He will provide!

Please drop your donations off at MCC in the designated tub.

\*\*Because some were having difficulty opening the links to “Street Talk”, this months issues are attached at the end of this Messenger. \*\*!



### FEBRUARY

Victor Doty	9
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Kathy Ellerbrook	15
Olivia Burress	15
Jarmon Perkins	23
Ashley Tapp	24



**UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME**

HELPING AT-RISK YOUTH BECOME RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

1/13/2022  
McCutchanville UMC  
9505 Petersburg Rd  
Evansville, IN 47725-1476



Dear Members and Friends of McCutchanville UMC,

In the world today, every day brings new challenges. However, our staff perseveres and works hard to continue to keep our youth safe, happy, healthy, and happy. Our youth rely on us to give them support during their time at UMYH. Now, with your generous gift, they have your support, too!

\*This is why your gift of \$650.00 received on 1/13/2022 (with a check dated 1/11/2022) is so important!

With supporters like you, we are able to help at-risk youth build a brighter future by breaking educational, emotional, and traumatic barriers. 2021 continued to show us just how bright their futures can be!

- 9 youth obtained their high school equivalency in our Day Education Program, which has a success rate of 75%!
- The specialists in our Truancy Intervention Program helped support the academic improvement of 83 students, both in traditional schooling and our Day Education Program.
- 38 at-risk youth were supported and helped in the Residential Program.

Thank you for being a partner in our mission! With your support, you are showing that our community members care about the kids during, and even after, their stay at the Youth Home. Together we're "Still Serving" in 2022 and that means there's still hope for at-risk youth in our community.

We look forward to keeping you updated with the successes of our youth. If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to call 812.479.7535 or send an email to [vcun@umyh.com](mailto:vcun@umyh.com).

Sincerely,

Va Cun  
Director of Development



Please keep this letter for your income tax records. IRS regulations require me to inform you that no goods or services were exchanged for this donation. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For further information on IRS regulations, please consult with your tax professional.

*Thank you very much for your continued support!*

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January 13, 2022

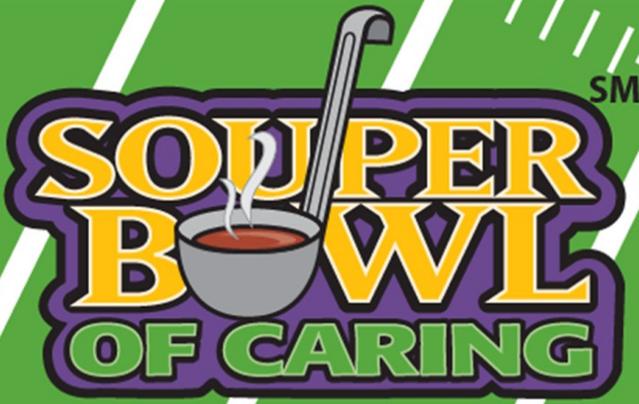
Dear Pastor Greg:

On behalf of Lincoln School and the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (EVSC), I wish to thank you for the generous gift of the winter hats & gloves for our Winter Wonderland. It is such an amazing gesture, that is greatly appreciated. Rest assured that your donation will be gratefully used for the purpose you intended.

Your generosity helps to expand the experience for our students and teachers. On behalf of the EVSC students and teachers of Lincoln School we thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,

Principal  
Tijuanna Tolliver



Sunday, February 13, 2022

Please bring non-perishable foods and canned goods in support of Souper Bowl of Caring.

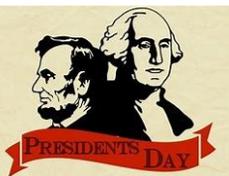
All of our donations will be taken to Patchwork Central.



For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities.

We coordinate efforts to tackle hunger through our digital platform of fundraising services created to support food charities large and small. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, this movement has created over \$170 million worth of support that stays completely local.

Over the last three years alone, thousands of groups collected over \$25 million in dollars and food donations for hunger-relief charities across the country. Over that period, our organization took \$1 **specifically donated to our mission** and created over \$18 for local food charities.



**Presidents' Day**, officially **Washington's Birthday**, is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor all persons who served in the office of [president of the United States](#). The federal holiday specifically honors [George Washington](#), who led the [Continental Army](#) to victory in the [American Revolutionary War](#), presided at the [Constitutional Convention](#) of 1787, and was the first [president of the United States](#).



**Prayer Requests:** Mary Moore, Jim Smith, Daniel Hayes Dad, Sara Dixon (fell), David Elkins (friend of Pastor Greg), Sials (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson, members of our congregation suffering from Covid, Megan (Roxie's former

co-worker), Barbara Seigert's mother, Barbara Harwood Jenny Taylor, Debby Phares, Norm Koehler, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, Ed Schiffer (cancer treatments), all area schools and universities, God's Kids, Amy Dubber, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, *Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?*

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

### January 2022 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Smith Memorial	Missions/ Advent Boxes	Tue Meals	Special Projects	Total Checking Deposit
January 2	59	\$910.00	\$2,575.00			\$1.00	\$150.00	\$10,000.00	\$13,636.00
January 9	46	\$520.00	\$1,507.00	\$599.10		\$230.00			\$2,649.10
January 16	43		\$972.00	\$395.00		\$1.00			\$1,368.00
January 23	41	\$20.00	\$436.00						\$456.00
January 30	50	\$20.00	\$2,672.00		\$100.00	\$1.00			



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# STREE TALK

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

January 6, 2022  
Hello everyone!

I am absolutely in awe at how God is working in our ministry to the homeless and underserved in our area! Just as an FYI for you-Evansville has the HIGHEST number of homeless PER CAPITA rate in the State of Indiana! We have individuals and groups around this area, as well as in other locations out of State striving to be of help to us in this ministry. I want to share some of this information with you.

Let me start first by saying that my computer has been on the blink now for 4 days which has impaired my ability to stay in close touch with you as I would like. Someone was going to help me tomorrow with this problem. WELL, this afternoon, at around 3 p.m., my computer started working! I have NO idea how this happened other than to say it was absolutely a Divine Intervention! Thank You, Dear Jesus! I truly marvel at how God works so closely in our lives. I am in AWE!!

Early in the week, I told you about the phone call I received from a local pastor who has contact with a pastor in Madisonville, KY. to see if any group in our area would like to HAVE a couple hundred pair of brand NEW walking shoes for distribution to those in need. Well, to make a long story short, I have already started distributing those shoes here locally by taking approximately 32 of them downtown to the United Caring Shelter where many of them were taken by the men sitting outside as well as taking the remaining ones over to the House of Bread and Peace. All were taken immediately with the recipients expressing their profound thanks. (I even had a homeless man hail me down when I was in my car shortly after that who asked me if I had any more shoes to give away! I guess I will henceforth be known as the "shoe lady"!)

Anyway, I have since been given another 25 pair by the same pastor which our NP will be distributing individually to each person she does a foot health assessment on during our travels around town. We have been told that many more NEW walking shoes are available for us to distribute! I will pick some of them up this coming weekend.

Along with the shoes, I have now been told that this group wants to give us a large supply of NEW sweatshirts, sleeping bags, and socks, among other items the homeless need. These all are items left over after distribution to individuals/families in KY. who were involved in the recent storms in their area. Since their needs are being met, we are VERY grateful we will have access to those items that remain. Thank You, Jesus!

Regarding some of the people we see out on the streets of Evansville, Terri and I saw a young woman (age 18) who was eating a box lunch outside at the Rescue Mission last Monday, which was a VERY COLD day. She did NOT have adequate covering for the weather! AND in talking with her, we discovered that she is about 6 weeks pregnant with her first child! When talking privately with her, she told us the father of her baby is a young man staying at the Mission. She herself is staying over at Ruth's House. HOWEVER, all of the women who are housed there HAVE to leave there NO LATER than 7 a.m. and then stay out on the street OR go over to the UCS until 7 p.m. that evening, which is the time they can return to their place of shelter. This young woman had NOT been seen for health care as of yet. She did tell me that she had been advised to talk with someone over at Aurora regarding this issue. She had to be over there THAT afternoon between 1-4 p.m. She would need to take a bus, but only had \$1.00 bill to her name. Thankfully, we had some bus tokens (which we case.

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always carry with us) available so we gave her enough for her transportation needs. Terri gave her more winter clothing to wear which she REALLY needed. We told her we would stop by to see her this coming week. Please be praying with us for her and her unborn child. I was also concerned about her possibly being in an abusive situation with the baby's father, but she assured that was not the case.

We do have some good news to share with you. I received a phone call from the local physician I have mentioned to you before whose office staff and patients had collected a LARGE number of items for us to distribute to our people. I had already made two trips to her office to pick up other gifts but she called me again after Christmas and told me they had received more for our ministry! SO, I went to her office the next day and picked up MORE gifts for our people! Filled up the trunk of my car! We are starting to distribute them to our dear people now!

We have received MORE handmade items from our "Cincinnati Connection" partners which will be distributed yet this week. (A note here-please remember that 2-3 members of this "Connection" are elderly women in an assisted living facility. They are SO VERY thankful they can be of help to this ministry! It gives them more reason for living. Thank You, Dear Jesus! AND thank you, ladies!)

We also have had a local dentist contact us saying that he will have a large number of tubes of toothpaste to give to us before too long. This is a GREAT FYI!!!

One more thing-we have been wanting to make our services available to local citizens who live pretty much on the Southside of town. So, I contacted the "Potter's Wheel" Church and spoke with their Executive Director. She agreed to have us bring the van and visit their site at least once on a Tuesday over the time they serve lunch at their church for people of their neighborhood. I know a lot of the people in that neighborhood from my past nursing experiences. I am looking forward to expanding our services to these dear folk. I believe you can definitely see how God is working in this ministry. We are SO VERY grateful for ALL who are participating AND contributing to those in need. We will continue to keep you posted hopefully on a weekly basis. Thank You, Dear Jesus, for being with us, advising us, and meeting our needs as we make our rounds of the area and see Your people. What an HONOR this is! Thank you!

Jennie Hiam (1-812-204-1190)

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## STREE TALK

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

January 15, 2022

Hello everyone!

I wanted to mention something personal to you first, if I may. I have been having some eye (vision) problems which I really haven't talked about to anyone other than Jesus, but I just wanted all of you to know about it. I saw a local eye surgeon yesterday and he had to perform Laser surgery on that affected eye to correct the vision. This morning, I woke up having MUCH IMPROVED vision! I am SO VERY grateful! This will certainly help me in my job as "team leader" of our homeless ministry! I hadn't mentioned this to any or you because I was just attributing it to "old age"! Well, as Jesus touched the eyes of many we read about in the Bible, in the same manner He had touched mine. I am SO VERY grateful! Thank You, Father!

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Now, I would like to mention some of the people we are serving out on the streets, at shelters, and also some from my past 30-40 years of nursing/volunteer experience at the same places but also in the jails of SW Indiana, and elsewhere. I want you to have a good picture of who these dear people are: (I hardly know where to start! But I'll just mention a few).

1. A young man (30's) who is autistic, in my nursing opinion. He now refuses to stay at any of our local shelters but would rather be out walking the streets. When I have seen him out walking with ALL of his earthly belongings in tow, I have made EVERY effort to communicate with him, but to no avail.
2. A middle-aged man who has a history of pedophilia. He did tell me that but with no further information. (I honestly am not sure I want any more details other than if this behavior is currently going on. He is involved closely with the staff at the shelter and also with Aurora. So I feel somewhat better about this....) He lives in a tent in the woods on the Westside of town but walks into town for meals at the shelters. Generally stays in the library working on the computer (????). He told me recently he is doing some "computer work" for "someone" at the library. I believe the local authorities know about this man and his past.....I trust so.....
3. A young man in his late 20's who had just recently been released from a prison up North. He was homeless. He told me he walked all the way to Evansville simply by following the railroad track. Was VERY cold outside at the time. Thankfully, we had warm coverings for him to wear, so we gave those to him and directed him to a shelter.
4. A middle-aged homeless man who had a large visible mass on the right side of his neck. Didn't realize it was there. Non-painful. Had not had ANY healthcare in the recent past. We referred him to ECHO Clinic where he was in turn referred to a local ENT physician. We saw this man a matter of weeks later. The MD had removed this tumor and found it to be malignant. The diagnosis was Lymphosarcoma. We understand that the MD did NOT charge him anything for his services! What a blessing! Have not seen this man since. Don't know if he is living or deceased.
5. A middle-aged woman whom we believe is schizophrenic. VERY LABILE moods! Usually stays by herself at the Coliseum behind one of the large columns there. We NEVER know how she will react to us. We don't go up to her alone-only when someone is with us.
6. A young woman (early 20's) who was a victim of rape over on Lincoln Ave. a couple of nights before we saw her. THANKFULLY, we had NEW women's underwear for her to put on after she had taken a shower at the shelter. The proper authorities had been notified.....

There are MANY more of our dear people we could tell you about but ENOUGH is ENOUGH!! Our hearts sink when we think about what all they have been through in life, as children and as they matured. I am SO VERY thankful we have this street ministry in place. They need us as fellow human beings, BUT, in particular, they ALL need the God of the Universe to guide them into hopefully better, more productive lives. We SO VERY MUCH appreciate all the prayerful wisdom, guidance, and donations that so many of you are giving to us for this ministry. This must ALWAYS continue to be guided by the Hand of the Master-Jesus Christ.

I want to pass the following on to you because it has really helped me this week. I heard a pastor say the following in his sermon: "If we want to love people as Jesus does, we MUST LOVE people that are NOT loveable per the world's standards". I think you can agree with me that, based on the examples of people we see out on the street, by and large ALL of these individuals are not loveable. BUT our collective ministry (ALL of us) are trying our best to show Jesus to the world. This is what I personally ALWAYS want this ministry to be.

One more thing-we are having MORE and MORE of our people request Bibles and the Christian literature we have available for them many times before they ask for soap, shampoo, etc. This is of God. Let's ALL continue to work together to bring these souls into the Father's Love and Care.

Thank you, dear friends and fellow mission workers!

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# STREE TALK

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

January 22, 2022

Hello everyone!

I have several things I would like to share with you this morning. I am SO VERY EXCITED regarding how our homeless ministry ("Unto the Least of These") is growing and how, with your help, the number of people we are able to serve out on the streets, in the shelters, etc. is increasing. I truly wish our area didn't have this problem but, just as an FYI, Evansville has the highest rate of homelessness per capita of any city or area in the State of Indiana. Since we have this known problem here, we MUST do everything we can to help our people. If Jesus were here in a physical body of His own, He would be out on the streets. HOWEVER, ALL of us ARE His Body! Therefore, we MUST continue to work together to help meet the needs of God's people here in town. Some of the people we serve by name are: Billy, Matthew, David, McChelle, Zoey, Kiely, Chris, John, Peter, Willard, Brandon, Jim and many, many more. Please continue to be in prayer for ALL of them.....AND continue to pray for all of our team members (which includes YOU and ME) so that we can reach these people with the Love of God.

I would like to share with you some of the avenues we are pursuing in order to be there for our people. To start with-I have made contact with the director (Chris) at the Potter's Wheel Community Center on the corner of Governor and Jefferson Streets on the Southside of town. Since Pastor Darrell Rice of the "Connection" church (Northside) has been able to get us a LARGE number of NEW pairs of shoes for distribution, among other things, (thank you, Pastor, and thank You, Jesus), we are going to take a large number of the shoes I have in my garage over to Potter's Wheel this coming Tuesday and distribute them to people in need who will be there eating their lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Chris is having a member of their staff bring a truck over here to my condo around 10:15 a.m. that morning and haul these shoes over to the Potter's Wheel for distribution. (Our team has already distributed at least 70 pair of these new shoes to those in need around town. We have had several of our people stop us on the street and proudly show us the new shoes they are wearing that we had given to them a few days before). At the Potter's Wheel, we will be setting up a shoe distribution site in the corner of the dining area where the people are being served. Jesus and I will be assisting all who are interested in AND need shoes (What an HONOR to be a part of this!) There is NO cost for the shoes expected from anyone who receives a pair. I will also be distributing "foot warmers" to anyone in need (no cost). Thank you for obtaining those for this ministry, too, Pastor Darrell! (By the way, he has been able to get a HUGE number and variety of items for us to distribute to our people. We will be forever grateful-thank you)

I have discussed with Chris the possibility of our mission van coming to the Potter's Wheel once each month on a Tuesday during the lunch time when they will be serving people from the neighborhood. As many of you know, we have MANY other items in the van for those in need in our community that we distribute on Mondays and Thursdays at other various sites around town. There is NO cost to anyone for any of these. We are simply doing what Jesus has asked us to do in the scripture. We are loving the people on the streets, just as He did when He was on earth. Loving the unloved.

One more thing, there is a possibility that our nurse practitioner who travels with us may be able to assist with providing some health care to those in need at the Potter's Wheel in the near future. This is in the planning stages. Will keep you posted.

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More good news! We have a couple of church members from Blue Grass Church who want to participate in our homeless ministry by driving the van perhaps 2-3 times each month and then help with the distribution of items at all of our sites. This is a DIRECT answer to prayer! Thank You, Dear Jesus! I will give you more details as these plans progress. Thanks Bert and Dewayne AND thank You, Jesus!

MORE GOOD NEWS!! We now have a regular "crew" of church members who have taken it upon themselves to take care of our mission room which contains ALL of our donated items from many of you and the community. Their names are Pat Marienau and Karen Frazer. AND, let me tell you-they are doing a fantastic job! Things are in such GREAT order on the shelves, in the plastic containers, etc. that we simply stand there in awe at what they are doing! In fact, this last week when I was there to pick up some things to take out on the streets with me, I got pretty teary!! All of my co-workers in the van agree with me 100%! (Pat Roberts-you will be SUPER amazed when you return home and see how these ladies have given us such a GREAT place to work out of!) We SO VERY MUCH needed these gals to help us out! THANK YOU, ladies!!! AND thank You, Dear Jesus!!

We are continuing to have WONDERFUL items PLUS cash donated for this ministry! We are very humbled AND SO VERY grateful! Our people on the streets and in the shelters are SO VERY appreciative of the blankets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves (BIG NEED right now), backpacks, and socks that many of you are donating. Items for cold weather, not for summer use, are REALLY needed. If any question about the above, please call me at 1-812-204-1190.

I think all of you get the picture of how God is working in this ministry. We don't just simply want to hand out "physical things" to people, although they are very much needed. We want to show them the LOVE of God! NO MATTER what has happened in their lives in the past OR PRESENTLY, each person is LOVED by the Master of the Universe. We want to refer our people for physical, emotional, and spiritual care. We pray for Divine Wisdom as to how to accomplish this goal. Please be praying with us in order to meet that end. Thank you ALL! We love you!

Jennie Hiam (I-812-204-1190)

One more thing-our church leaders are looking into purchasing a new or good used, larger van for this ministry. Just want to keep you updated on what all is going on. Thank You, Dear Jesus

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Hello to everyone!

I am absolutely in AWE of the God of the Universe! He is DEFINITELY involved in our ministry to people on the street and to the working poor. Thank You, Dear Jesus! I want to share some of the things that are happening right now, as we speak.

One of our team members, Trish Cox, has been making wonderful heavy blankets out of the throws that you will find on sale in various stores around town. IN FACT, she found a good price on them at JoAnn's Fabrics. She called the corporate office for that store AND was able to get an even BETTER price on them for the SPECIFIC ministry to our people. AND she found some friends of hers who helped pay for them AND who are going to work with her to make the "finished product"! She was SO VERY EXCITED, as am I!!! Thank You, Jesus!

Our mission room coordinator (Chief Pat), got word to me just this a.m. that there are a LARGE number of sweatshirts and hoodies available for distribution. SO, after due thought, AND after recalling that I saw a young man at the United Caring Shelter for lunch this past week who is an inmate in the Work Release

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Program at our local jail, it dawned on me (from Above!) that I should contact the officers at that site and see if they could use any of our clothing items. They currently have close to 250 people in that program alone! I have done clinical work with USI nursing students in the jail and at the W.R. Program in the past so I was familiar with this site. I called the officer in charge and asked if they would like some of these clothing items as mentioned above for their people to wear when they are out on street detail in this cold weather, AND they were VERY agreeable having us give them some of the above for use by their residents. In fact, they were thrilled with the idea! I know for a fact that many of these people in this program have a history of homelessness, drug addiction, alcohol abuse, poverty, etc., so this would simply be an addition to the sites where we can deliver needed items in the Name of Jesus! So! This coming week, I will take probably 20-25 of the large number of extra sweatshirts/hoodies that we have out to that office and make them available for these dear people. Thank You for this opportunity, dear Father!

(By the way, if you have any good used smaller size MEN's bluejeans now, Chief Pat tells me we are in need of those-32, 34, 36, and possibly 38. Thanks, everyone!)

On Tuesday of this past week, Jesus and I had the opportunity of taking approximately 45 pair of new shoes that Pastor Darrell had obtained for us over to the Potter's Wheel Mission (southside of town) and distribute to people in need who had come there for lunch that day. Well, you can just imagine! The majority of the shoes we had with us were immediately taken by individuals who were there. They were SO VERY appreciative! AND thank you, Pastor Darrell, for locating those shoes for us! We can probably use another 12-15 pair if at any time you have them available.

While at the Potter's Wheel, I found out that we might be able to work it out such that the NP on our team can start doing some health care at that site with a physician who comes there on occasion to see patients as needed. These individuals are then referred for further health care to the appropriate clinics/sites around town that are available.

Along the same line as the above, it appears that the Salvation Army is interested in providing some of the same types of evaluation and health care for those in need with subsequent referrals as needed. I just received word from the Salvation Army about this TODAY!!! Our team NP would possibly be involved in this, also. Thank You, Jesus!

Now, I would like to tell you about 2-3 people we saw this week out on the street. One of them was a young man, very heavy, who only had a T-shirt and a pair of bermuda shorts on. He had stopped by the shelter for a meal, he told me. Otherwise, he just sleeps wherever he can. Well, we MOST CERTAINLY gave him all of the clothing items we had available in his size to wear, BUT he REALLY NEEDS a 2XL size coat! Do any of you know of a coat that size anywhere? If you do, PLEASE let me know because we certainly want to get it to him! Some of the other men told me that this young man walks the streets all around town. He gets meals wherever he can. Chief Pat (our mission room) located some things for him and got them ready for me to take to him. Well, I IMMEDIATELY took them out in my car and tried to find him again. He could NOT be found! The other guys told me that they had seen him over at the soup kitchen on Wednesday at the St. Anthony's Church on First Ave. I couldn't find him the rest of the week.

We will be going out again in our church van this coming Monday, so we are hoping we see him. Please, Dear Jesus-help us find this young man.....

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Have any of you seen that young man on the corner of Green River Road and Lincoln Ave.? I have personally tried to help him at different times just from my car, which he seemed agreeable to. However, he always seemed "eager" to stop talking and get back to "his corner". Well, the other day, I pulled in one of the adjacent parking places and, since there were a lot of people around me (for safety sake), I walked toward him a little. Up to this point, he had not been willing to tell me his first name (no problem with that). This time, I think he realized that I REALLY did want to help him. His gloves had holes in them as did his blue-jeans (not the present style-I think he had been wearing them for quite a while). I offered him a McDonald's \$5 gift card, a new hat, some new gloves, and socks. He smiled and seemed VERY appreciative. I told him my name was "Grandma Jennie". THIS TIME, he told me his name-"Scott"-and that he was over here from Illinois somewhere. I asked him if I could help him any further. He pointed to another homeless guy standing across the street on another corner and said-"I think that man needs help. Share what you have with him. AND thank you for what you have given me." AND he actually smiled at me in appreciation. I have had contact with this young man for some time. And we have stopped to help him from the van on occasion, too. I really felt the Presence of Jesus in that interaction. Thank You, Father!

There is a lot more I could share with you in this "Editorial", but I have said enough. I think you can see what I mean when I tell you how we REALLY sense the Lord's Presence out on the streets in this ministry. What an HONOR to be a part of this AND to know that we (AND ALL OF YOU) are following the Master's Command in the Scripture-"love the unloved". Thank You for this wonderful opportunity, dear Father. AND thank ALL of you for your HELP!! Continued prayers for Divine Guidance, provisions, and safety are always needed.

Thank you.....  
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