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Greg Davis, Pastor

Mission Statement

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

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June 2022

From the
Pastor



It is time to pen one of my favorites – cheers, tears, jeers (or whatever rhymes) coinciding with our routine, our lives, our mission, our living out our faith with one another in a world that sometimes seems to have gone mad. This coincides with a frequent column in the once great Evansville Courier several years past. So here we go:

- Congratulations Graduates! **Cheers** to all of you. Issac Bultitude from Central High School and IvyTech; and Devin Burris from North High School; Megan Yoder from the University of Evansville, Karen Skinner from college; Jonathan Tapp from Thompkins Middle School; (I am sure there are others, but these are the ones that I have been told) May the chosen **career** for these graduates be a blessing for them and others.
- We had a great **year** with God's Kids Pre-School – we moved 22 children on to kindergarten with a wonderful send-off ceremony – we **cheered** and clapped for their program and gave them each a children's Bible from our church.
- Covid changed so many areas of our lives for over two **years**. We **teared** over too many who were hospitalized or lost loved ones. The masks we wore fogged our glasses and teared our eyes. We pray **we're clear** from the worst of the pandemic and no longer have to decide who essential or what is an appropriate "social distance."
- Memorial Day is known as the kick-off to summer with picnics, baseball, swimming, and the Indianapolis 500. But we also paused on this day to remember those who adhere to the principles of freedom and sacrifice by giving of themselves to serve our country, with many paying the ultimate price.
- Gas prices, inflation, baby formula shortages, grocery prices, home prices, stock market decline – are we **near** the end of this tumultuous time? Philippians 4:6: *Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks.*
- We continue to pray for an end to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. So many lives have been affected – so much **fear**; so many **tears**; so much to **jeer** about when one nation acts out of evil and greed towards another. Ephesians 6:12: *Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.*
- MCC continues its support for **severely** afflicted peoples throughout the world: local efforts – Youth Home monthly meal, sending clothing and support items for homeless in Evansville, food pantry items for Patchwork Central, Habitat support, weekly meals, God's Kids pre-school; nationwide – recent tornado relief in Kentucky, Kentucky Mountain Mission; world – Haiti children sponsoring 15 children, field hospital relief efforts in Ukraine sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Matthew 25:40: *"Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.'*

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- "I want the whole Christ for my **Savior**, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field." – John Wesley
- VBS time is **here!** The week of June 20th your church will transform into the Rocky Railway **where** our children will learn how Jesus' power pulls us through!
- Our closing song each week: God be with you til we meet again. Let that be your **cheerful** encouragement.

God Bless,
Pastor Greg



Prayer Requests: Our World, Families in Texas who lost loved ones, Our church, Kristy Georgeson, Brick Briscoe, Joan Reed, Cheryl Miller (our custodian) Mary Moore, Jim Smith, Sara Dixon, David Elkins (friend of Pastor Greg), Sials (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson,, Barbara Seigert's mother, Jenny Taylor, Debby Phares, Norm Koehler, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, Ed Schiffer (cancer treatments), all area schools and uni-

versities, 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



Update on our status in disaffiliating from the UMC to the Global Methodist Church:

Our Church Conference was held on May 3, 2022, and the membership of MCC voted to disaffiliate from the UMC and align with the newly formed Global Methodist Church. We had hoped that the process for this would allow us to be voted upon at the Indiana Annual Conference in June. Consequently we would then join the Global Methodist Church denomination on July 1, 2022. However, this transition has hit a delay and we will not be able to make this happen quite so quickly.

We are still proceeding but now we look to be voted upon by the Indiana Annual Conference in a specially called session on November 19, 2022, and subsequently join the Global Methodist Church.



Methodist Mountain Mission



The truck will be here Monday, June 13th to collect all items for MMM. The Summer Messenger and Urgent needs list links are below.

Urgent Needs include: Men's clothes, Children's winter clothes, good pots and pans, socks and underwear, purses

Below are the links to the newsletter and Urgent Needs list.

[Messenger](#)

[Urgent Needs List](#)



I hear the train a comin' - It's rolling round the bend.....

This VBS train is bound for glory!!!!

There will be a meeting of all VBS volunteers on JUNE 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the conference room.!

The train will come rolling in here on Monday June 20-24 from 10-11:30am. We will be learning exciting Bible Points like: **JESUS' POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS** and **JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE!!**

McCutchanville Community Church's VBS is open to all children from age 4 through 5th Grade.

Registration forms will be available outside the church office. We also have a signup sheet for teen and adult volunteers that will definitely be needed so we can have a successful week. For more information, be sure to reach out to Ashley Tapp, Natalie Decker or Teresa Davis.



JUNE

Brian Tapp	8
Amy Dubber	7
Jennifer Harwood	11
Emma Hart	15
Ashley Burris	14
Janice Kinney	21
Elizabeth Sponseller	27



JUNE

Heath & Amanda Kline	13
Sue & Mark Morgan	26
Jerry & Jane Bennett	30
Barbara & Steve Seitz	30



There are EXTRA pecans available for purchase at \$9.95 a bag. These are the pecans that we enjoyed at Christmas time. If you are interested in purchasing additional pecans, please see Joan Reed.

Graduation class of 2022 Sunday



MCC congratulates Issac Bultitude (Central HS and Ivy Tech) and Devin Burriss (North HS) as Pastor Greg presents them with a Bible and prays with them during Sunday Morning worship on May 22, 2022. Congratulations to all the 2022 graduates: Megan Yoder (UE), Karen Skinner (Purdue) and Jonathan Tapp (Tompkins Middle School).

UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE – MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS IN EVANSVILLE

Unto the Least of These Homeless Ministry

We continue to provide needed goods for the homeless population in Evansville. As a reminder, Vanderburgh County has the highest homeless population per capita in the state. Following are some of the much needed items:

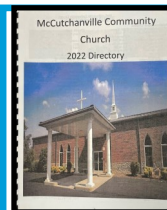
- Walking shoes, especially tennis shoes (no flats, sandals, dress shoes needed) – used or new
- Backpacks are MUCH needed – Used or new
- Clean socks – used or new
- Men’s & Women’s underwear – new only
- Adult T-shirts & sweatshirts – used or new
- Body Lotions & Bar Soap
- Towels, blankets, sleeping bags – new or used
- Please do not send men’s or women’s dress clothing or shoes or children’s clothing – send to Mountain Mission

There is a tub in the Welcome Fellowship area under the table to place these items.

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



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



The updated MCC Directories are available now. Please check your information and let Helen know of any updates and/or corrections.

Corrections and additions:

Cory’s email: jcorymills@gmail.com

Brett Sprinkle: bsprinkle67@gmail.com

BD: 1/27 812-480-8640

Ellen Sprinkle: easprinkle@hotmail.com

BD: 8/8 812-454-0613

Wedding Anniversary: 8/10

John Turner: Add APT C to address

Frank and **JULIE** Morgan

MCC recognized and thanked the God's Kids teachers, staff and families with a fried chicken dinner on May 15th.



With GRATITUDE
THANKFULNESS
APPRECIATION



Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service for Charlie Burnette on June 11th.

June is anything goes! As you walk around the grocery store and see items on sale, pick some things up for Patchwork Central. Please bring your donations and put in the basket. EVERYTHING is appreciated!

MENU
TUESDAY

- June 1: Chicken Alfredo**
- June 8: BBQ Pork**
- June 15: Chicken Noodle Soup**
- June 22: Ham Sandwich**
- June 29: Hobo Dinner**

May 2022 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	God's Kids Dinner	Tue Meals	Missions (Habitat)	Lent Boxes	Youth Home Meals	Total Checking Deposit
May 1	57	\$1,275.00	\$2,260.00			\$150.00				\$3,685.00
May 8	60	\$40.00	\$1600.00		\$200.00			\$6.00		\$1,846.00
May 15	54	\$40.00	\$872.00				\$31.00			\$934.00
May 22	79	\$5,460.00	\$1,13930 0				\$51.00		\$35.00	\$6,685.00
May 29	73	\$270.00	\$9433.00					\$33.00		\$1,246.00

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29 Memorial Service in Cemetary	May 30 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	May 31 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:00 Charge Conference	June 1 10:00AM VBS Volunteer Meeting Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	2 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	3	4 3:00 Gym Reserved 3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved
5 Communion Sunday	6 God's Kids Resumes 7 1:30 Gym Reserved Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	7 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved Girl Scouts	8 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	9 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	10 6:00 Gym Reserved BG	11 Fellowship Hall Reserved Charlie Barnett Memorial
12	13 MMM will be here Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	14 1:30 Gym Reserved	15 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	16 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	17	18
19 Father's Day 	20 VBS Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	21 VBS  1:30 Gym Reserved	22 VBS 1Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 6:00 Gym Reserved	23 VBS	24	25 Fellowship Hall Reserved— Hardin
26	27 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	28 1:30 Gym Reserved	29 1:00 Woman's Meeting Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 1	July 2
July 3	July 4 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 God's Kids Closed 	July 5 :30 Gym Reserved	July 6 Gym reserved 1:30	July 7 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 8	July 9

STREET TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

5/7/2022

Hello to all!

We have some good news to start with here today! Some of you may remember my mentioning a young homeless woman named "Jessica" to you almost 2 years ago. Sue Moore and I had met her at that time when we were driving my car around town and doing this ministry in that manner. We met Jessica downtown in front of the Central Library where she and probably 15 or so other homeless individuals had an encampment in front of the building. At that time, she was wanting to attend IVY Tech but that never happened. She found that she was pregnant by the young man she was spending time with there. We met him then. After seeing the two of them several times together, we never saw her again. The Library administration AND the city govt. closed that area for use by the homeless community. And, I must say, rightly so in my opinion. This group of homeless individuals spread out all over the area. Just as a side note here, we have seen a couple of the men who were in that group in recent weeks and we found out that they have been in jail for various reasons. They are out now-we are trying to encourage them all we can.

Well, just this last week when Pat and I were at the Mets Bus Station delivering box lunches from the Salvation Army, I looked up and there was Jessica and her male friend. She smiled and wanted to give me a hug and THEN introduced me to her husband-the same young man we had seen her with in front of the library. She had since delivered her baby, a little girl, and that child has been in foster care for five months now. My first impression of this situation was that things seem to be improving in Jessica's life. Aurora was able to secure housing for this little family and they will be able to get their baby girl back out of foster care very shortly. They are now attending the Forest Hills Wesleyan Church out on First Ave. and are involved in their Drug Recovery Program. They both told me their lives had improved drastically and they were looking forward to being a Christian family unit in society. Jessica's husband has a stable job and is able to provide for their family. They are continuing their drug treatment program at the church and will be monitored very closely by local child protection workers. Our team has been praying for Jessica and her family situation for several months now. Please continue to pray with us for this family unit. Only the God of the Universe can help them maintain their sobriety so they can continue living clean, Christian lives. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

Bert and Dwayne (our Oakland City crew) were with me on Monday of this week out on the streets. We were VERY busy-both at the Salvation Army and at the United Caring Shelter. There was one man at the shelter who is confined to a wheelchair and has bowel and bladder problems. He REALLY needed large adult diapers to protect his skin AND to maintain his human dignity. I promised him that we would purchase some and get them to him ASAP. WELL, when I got home, I discovered that someone had ALREADY given us a large supply of these adult diapers which I promptly took back downtown to him by the next day. He was MOST appreciative when he received these. He wanted us to pray with him, which we did-right there on the spot! What an HONOR!! We have a large supply of these adult diapers so I will see that we keep him supplied.

I have mentioned the pregnant young woman, Kiely, to you on several occasions. We see her rather frequently. She has been staying over at Ruth's House. Should deliver her baby girl probably within 3 weeks or so. She has continued to smoke ALL during this pregnancy! When we saw her this week, she was grossly swollen and was being pushed around in a weekchair (with a cigarette in her hand).

She had a Dr's. appt. this week so I trust some of their staff are watching her very closely. Oh my!

I stopped at Stepping Stones drug rehab program this past week and offered them 15 copies of "Our Daily Bread" to distribute to any of their residents who were interested. I am sure they were gone quickly. I used to work as an NP at this site and, currently, we see some of these individuals out on the street. I have had several express their appreciation for our caring and God's Love for them.

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I made a stop downtown at the YWCA on Wednesday of this past week. I spoke with Karen, the supervisor on duty. They have 36 women there now, along with 2 children-ages 3 and 11. I talked at length with Karen about the YWCA. They serve women who are homeless, addicted, and those who are in abusive situations. They don't accept Christian literature. I kindly asked her why this is the case. She said this was a decision made by the top management of the organization. So, we will continue taking items for Moms and children and lovingly distribute them to those in need. It sounds like to me they have quite a mission field there. She did tell me that they do a lot of community service for the area, for schools, groups of under privileged children, etc. The fact that they provide excellent safety for their clients and families I think is GREAT! So, we are grateful for that! As many times as I have been there, I have yet to see any of their clients and children. They are INDEED well protected! We will continue to help them all we can.

I made one more stop of importance this week when I was out on the streets alone with Jesus. This was at the Matthew 25 Health Clinic downtown, right across from the YWCA. This organization provides excellent health care to approximately 150 individuals from our area who are HIV+. I have had NP students at this site in past years so I was thinking that perhaps we could help their patients in one way or another. The supervisor wasn't there but will be back this coming week so I will stop there again. Their patients include many from all walks of life. We will offer to help them just as we do anyone else in need. I will keep you posted on all of the above. Please continue to pray for this ministry-our team members and ALL of those that we serve in the Name of Jesus. This is quite an honor for ALL of us. And thank you EVERYONE for your donations, your prayers, and your participation in whatever manner you are able to provide it. We love you!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

5.12.2022

Hello everyone!

Sometimes I am absolutely overwhelmed at how the God of the Universe is working in our homeless ministry, "Unto the Least of These" (Matther 25-Jesus speaking). Our teams who go out and visit people on the streets readily see the needs that exist. We definitely want to continue this ministry AND are SO VERY grateful for all you and other individuals/churches in the area are helping us do this. Let me give you some examples of very much needed donations:

I just went out into my garage and saw 5 (FIVE) backpacks sitting there along with some other items that Pastor Greg Davis (McCutchanville Comm. Church) just brought up. (He and his church members find these at garage sales on weekends). A neighbor brought me a couple of blankets and placed them in my garage. Last evening, someone knocked at my door and there was a member of the Connection Church there with a large bag of socks, PLUS two large bags of other clothing items we can definitely use! THEN, I had another knock on my door and another neighbor was there with some strong, durable bags for our people. ALONG WITH THESE, she also brought some bags with shoulder straps that she had MADE HERSELF from some old pieces of leather AND others from pieces of heavy cloth fabric that living room couches are made out of! They are VERY sturdy! Oftentimes, when we get back to the church after being out on the streets, we find large bags of very much needed items such as toilet paper, blankets, hygiene items, etc. waiting for us.

This week, upon our return to church, we found a large box FULL of individual NEW eyeglass containers (60) in which many small, needed supplies had been placed-one container for each person I give one to. There were bandaids, small hand sanitary wipes, small bars of soap, etc. which our people can certainly use when they are out on the streets alone and need minor help with a small wound/contaminated area. These are VERY MUCH appreciated! I plan to go out and distribute some of these yet today as well as tomorrow. (These were ALL donated by the Lions Club)! THANK YOU!!

I also was told just this week that the "Young Life" director and some of the kids he's working with would like to join forces with us to do some work for our people. I am SO VERY EXCITED about this! The youth group at my church (AUMC) and the Case group of students from Harrison H.S. have already been helping us with sorting clothes and other activities in our mission room at Aldersgate. Thank You, Jesus!

Now I would like to tell you about some of the people we either saw this week and/or found out about. We have mentioned Connie and Jeremy (mother and adult son) we have seen very frequently over the past several months panhandling on the corner of Garvin and Division St. Both of them have been in the methadone Rx. program on West Franklin St. which apparently has helped them a lot. Pastor Greg Davis (McCutchanville Comm. Church) was able to get each one of them a good bicycle several months ago. We haven't seen Jeremy lately, however. Connie told us recently that

Jeremy has married his step-mother who had recently left his father. I don't have any further comments about this other than- "Oh my"!! Connie has been out on the street by herself now for some time. This is VERY dangerous, as you can imagine.....We always make a special point of praying with her.....She is very appreciative.

When we were at the United Caring Shelter one of two times this week, one man started yelling at another one of the men for some reason. Obviously, this was a dangerous situation. I promptly called inside the shelter and, FORTUNATELY, the EVSC homeless liaison cop was there so he came out and took care of the situation. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

I think that the UCS really gives you a true picture of the homeless situation. People just lay around on the ground, on the cement, out in the alley, or sit in small groups. I saw Kiely, the young pregnant woman we have been telling you about for quite a while now sitting out on the sidewalk with a group-mainly men but there were 3 women or so there, too. She is still staying over at Ruth's House but her due date for delivery is coming up soon. Then, on Thursday of this week, I saw Kiely over at the Mets Bus Station sitting alone on a bench by herself. There were a lot of people around her. I asked her where she was going and she said she was headed over to Washington St. to "see someone". I REALLY am fearful for her and her unborn baby and shortly, her newborn baby. I have made contact with some individuals who can potentially help her. Oh, Jesus! HELP!!!

We saw some teenagers at the Salvation Army who are graduating from high school shortly. We talked with them at length and encouraged them to continue their education or get a meaningful job where they could learn to be productive in life. I am so very thankful that the S.A. has a social worker that we can refer to immediately on the spot. We did just that this week. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

Over at the UCS, we saw two men that we have seen several times out on the streets as well as in the jail over the past 3 years or so. They were VERY glad to see us AND we are thankful they very readily wanted us to pray with them. I have mentioned before that we very frequently distribute Bibles and daily devotionals to anyone who would like one. MANY of our people request these AND they want us to pray with them right there on the spot. We hold hands and talk with the God of the UNIVERSE about any of the concerns they may have.

We saw one young man (20's) who showed us some of his personal writing which frightened us, I must say. He mentioned "suicide" as an option sometime in his life. He loves music and, in fact, had a place to go that evening to help in some "production". He seemed content with doing a music program later in the day. We talked with him at length, prayed with him, and referred him to Aurora the very next morning. (Our hearts literally ACHE for our people.....)

I hope all of the above has been helpful to you and gives you some understanding of the people we serve. We VERY MUCH appreciate all you do for this ministry. Please continue to pray for us AND for our dear people. I truly sense the Presence of God when we go out on the streets. We CANNOT DO THIS ALONE. Thank you, dear friends! AND THANK YOU, DEAR JESUS!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

5/21/22

Hello everyone!

Hope all of you had a good week and will have another good one coming! We had several interesting things happen last week AND some interesting people we talked with. Will share some of this with you today.

Dwayne and I went over to the United Caring Shelter the first thing on Monday morning to see some of our people there. On the way (as an FYI), we are continuing to see MANY more in need just out on the streets walking to I don't know where! We did see Charles, a young man that I have mentioned to you before, I believe. I met him at the shelter when we were serving meals there over the past few years. He was always sitting by himself, not communicating with anyone. Nor me, neither! He did finally tell me his name 2-3 years ago, but gave me no other information. After he eats his meals at the UCS, he heads out on the streets and goes down to the river, I believe. In my opinion, this is a VERY scary, dangerous place for him because I think he suffers from SEVERE autism (my opinion only). Recently, however, when I stopped on the street to hopefully speak with him for a minute, he DID acknowledge me and said "Hello"! AND he smiled at me! This brings up one point I would like to mention. Charles obviously has many psychosocial problems that we don't know anything about. The majority of homeless people we

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see are from very dysfunctional backgrounds. They suffer from mental illness, multiple forms of abuse (perpetrated by others in their lives), had no functional father caring for them, have heavy drug and alcohol abuse problems by history, sexual problems, etc. When we are talking with a homeless person on the streets or elsewhere, all we see is the external view of who they really are. Sometimes, we are totally at a loss as to how to handle any given situation. We need to continue to pray for them and their safety as well as for all caregivers out on the streets.

I have mentioned before that the women from Ruth's House have to live out on the street on Mondays-Fridays. They can spend every night at R.H. but otherwise are out potentially in danger. I mentioned to you one woman up in her 40's 2-3 weeks ago who suspected she was pregnant. A test was done AND it was positive. I saw her this week and she told me she had miscarried that child. In fact, she was still having some vaginal bleeding from this event. Thankfully, it was slowing down a lot. As before, I always refer any person we see for further care who may be experiencing some untoward event at the moment. I saw her later in the week and the bleeding had stopped.

We saw a young woman over at the UCS who had been injured in her left eye from a fight with another female. The affected eye looked quite purulent (full of pus) to me. I trust that she followed up on my suggestion and sought health care quickly. In particular, I was concerned about her vision.

We did pray with her on the spot and asked Jesus to guide her in this situation.

We saw another young woman who was living in her car. She had a little dog with her who had been abused by someone. We always carry doggy food with us, too, so we gave her some of that. She requested prayer for herself and her present situation. We most certainly carried through with that request! We also referred her for the necessary psychosocial care that she really needed.

While we were at the UCS on Thursday, three ladies pulled up in their car to provide some kind of activity that we didn't know about for our people at that location. I immediately talked with them and discovered that they are from a church in Petersburg. I think the name was "Petersburg Holiness Church". In talking with them, I discovered that they come to the shelter at least a couple of times each month and provide Sunday School Classes for all interested persons there. They have to do this outside in the parking area because nothing "religious" can be provided inside the building. The Federal grant they have received precludes that, I was told. Anyway, these women told me that one Sunday their choir and orchestra came to UCS and provided a musical program for the residents there AND for anyone else who wished to attend! I think this is WONDERFUL!! Thank You, Dear Jesus! I assured the ladies that we would be glad to work with them on some Christian projects if they would like for us to. I am SO VERY EXCITED about this! Will keep you posted regarding this!

Well, our "Cincinnati Connection" came through again with a lot of donations-clothing, quilts, toiletries, etc. My sister-in-law (Debbie) heads up this group but her 94 year old Mother and some of her buddies in a nursing home there help by making quilts for us. Debbie told me that there are more quilts in the works now as we speak. This is ALL very exciting to me AND is SO VERY MUCH appreciated by our people out on the streets. I'll keep you notified on what further comes our way from the (East) and the crew in the "Cincinnati Connection". Thank you, ladies, AND Thank You, Dear Jesus!

One other very important thing I would like to mention to you is that the Lions Club of Indiana provided us with 60 (SIXTY) new eye glass cases filled with small health care items our people may need out on the street-band-aids, small bars of soap, sanitary wipes, etc. I am SO VERY EXCITED about this! I believe I already told some of you about this donation. One in particular I wanted to mention to you is that regarding "Jim". Jim is an 80 year old Marine Veteran who had been living down by the river under the bridge in a CARDBOARD BOX for a LONG time. Recently, he found an empty garage he was able to "take advantage of" so he has moved in there indefinitely. YES, you read all of the above correctly! AND he wears thick-rimmed glasses! Well, we usually see Jim every Monday and Thursday over at the Salvation Army when we visit our people there. Just last Monday, I saw Jim coming toward us. (He comes to see us on both of the above days so he can pick up some of our healthy treat bags AND toilet paper!) Well, I immediately showed him one of these eye glass cases with all of the goodies inside and presented it all to him. He WAS THRILLED!! I told him who it was from and he was SO VERY EXCITED!! I especially want to thank the Lions Club for making this donation to our beloved people out on the streets of Evansville! And Jim wants you to know how much he appreciates your donations to our ministry. THANK YOU!!

I would like to ask all of you to continue keeping this ministry and ALL of our church ministries in your prayers. The more I am involved in this homeless ministry, the more I can see what Jesus meant when He said to continue ministering to our people on the streets and others in grave need. You know, I have noticed that when we are

praying for someone in particular there at the van door, others gather around and join in very quietly. Just this past week, Chris (I have known him for years in and out of jail) was in tears. He moved up close to us to hear what was being said. Then, he thanked us from the bottom of his heart. He definitely needs Jesus, just as we all do. AND Jesus loves him, too! Thank You, Father.

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

May 28, 2022
Hello to all!

God is REALLY working in our homeless ministry-"Unto the Least of These". I am SO VERY grateful for this! The following are some of our observations and interactions with people from this past week:

We have recently become aware of a new service that is being provided for women who are pregnant now or have just recently delivered. This is called the "Trotter House". It is located at 2207 East Morgan Street. Many services are provided for these women and their infants which will be most helpful in these situations. One of our team members and I recently visited this site and were VERY impressed with all they have available. It is a Christian-based facility. I know of a young woman presently living at the House of Bread and Peace who recently gave birth to a baby boy. I had the opportunity of taking a beautiful baby blanket (blue) over to that shelter and give it to her to use for her son. These blankets are handmade and have a few scripture verses located at different places on them. The staff at the Trotter House gave me a pink one to give to Kiely, the young pregnant woman we have been following for several months over at Ruth's House. I have been told that Kiely has moved into her own apartment now and will give birth probably over the next week or so. We will continue to follow up on this situation and see that she is provided the necessary supplies she needs for the care of this little one. As I have stated before, I am still fearful regarding this "new Mom" situation with Kiely, especially since her last pregnancy (with twins) was terminated by the father of those babies 2nd to physical trauma inflicted upon Kiely in a vicious argument which took place in Jan., 2021. I understand that the "person" who did this is still in jail. My heart aches over this as well other situations we encounter.....

We have been told by the people we see as well as info we gather from our observations that there is a lot of drug and alcohol abuse going on among the homeless at the various sites we visit-particularly out on the streets, the United Caring Shelter, and outside the Rescue Mission. This coming Thursday, we are having a meeting at AUMC regarding some of the concerns that we as team members (van drivers and mission room staff) would like to discuss together with each other and with the EPD homeless liaison police officer and also a representative from Aurora. We will keep you posted on the outcome of this meeting. Let's ALL continue to be in prayer for this ministry, the people we see out on the streets, and those caring for them.

On the positive side, we are VERY grateful for ALL donations that are made for this ministry-both monetary and the many clothing items you are providing. Some of our donors are visiting garage sales on weekends and are able to find backpacks and blankets that we REALLY need. We VERY MUCH appreciate all who are doing this for us AND for our people.

I want to tell you about one elderly woman who came up to me when I was working out of our van over at the UCS last Monday. I am SURE she was younger than what her outward appearance revealed (multiple, multiple wrinkles, facial features hardly recognizable, etc. She reminded me of my dear granny who died when she was nearly 100 years old!). Her question to me was that of seeking directions to the YWCA downtown. I gave her directions and off she went! Well, she came back by to see us when we had the van over at the shelter this last Thursday. She had been able to get lodging over at the YWCA, so I was VERY

GRATEFUL for that! I did notice in her arms that she had a load of reading material on "alcohol recovery". She saw the Bibles and the "Our Daily Bread" devotionals we had available for anyone in need and she IMMEDIATELY picked up a supply to take to some of the women over at the YWCA. I was THRILLED!! As I told you last week, the YWCA does not permit this kind of reading material to be distributed by their staff to those women who are living there BUT they can be hand delivered by any of the women to EACH OTHER! What I couldn't do when I was at the YWCA last week (please reread that part of my "Street Talk" from last week), my new friend off of the street who was seeking help for herself and for her own MAJOR alcohol problem took a supply of these items back over to the "Y" and was able to help some of the women she had met there! I am in awe at how God intervenes in situations when WE CAN'T do so!! Thank You, Dear Father!

I marvel at how many of our people on the streets want us to pray with them. AND I marvel at how many are in tears when we have completed a short prayer with them. One man we see frequently, Chris, has been in and out of jail so many times I have lost track! I have seen him in jail AND also out on the streets. Now, he comes up to me and wants a hug and expresses his appreciation for our ministry AND for the God of the Universe with tears in his eyes. He is a VERY ROUGH person by nature AND by appearance. Has used drugs heavily in the past. BUT, I am SO VERY THANKFUL he is expressing some interest in "caring for his soul" at this time of his life. Thank You, Jesus!

We are ALWAYS busy at the Salvation Army. We are seeing more people out on the streets coming there for meals and also more living out of their cars. If they have children somewhere, we always try to give them a "beany baby" to give to that child as a sign of their love for them. One of our church members in the past has given us a large number of beany babies for us to distribute. They are almost all gone now. If any of the rest of you have some stored in a closet someplace at home, we will be MOST happy to take them off of your hands! We can't take large ones for lack of room in the van. However, smaller ones are wonderful. You should see the kids' eyes light up when we give those out!

One more thing I want to mention to you. You probably remember Jim, the 80 y.o. Marine Veteran I have told you about on occasion, that we see at the Salvation Army. (He stops by to see us AND to pick up a roll of toilet paper!) Well!! Our Thursday team member and van driver, Pat Roberts, talked with him this past Thursday to see if he would be interested in participating in the air flight for veterans out to the Washington, D.C. Memorial the next time this is scheduled for veterans in our area. Well, HE WAS DELIGHTED! So, Pat is going to work on this to see if it can be arranged for our dear Jim! We will keep you posted on how this works out. Thank You, Jesus!

We are so very grateful at how God is working in this ministry that includes ALL of you-many of you from other churches, clubs, other towns, etc. If any of you have any further ideas as to how we can improve on what we are doing and touch more lives-physically, mentally, and spiritually-please let us know. All of your thoughts and prayers are VERY MUCH appreciated!

Thank you!

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