

Dear Pastors, Elders, Deacons and Maranatha Family,

I just wanted to give you a quick update on how our Unhoused and Neighborhood Connections ministries served our community this Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving Day the Neighborhood Connections Ministry hosted a Thanksgiving meal with our neighbors that didn't have family to share a meal with. There were twenty of us in total including 5 unhoused friends who the Lord brought to His table. This was truly a glorious time. Everyone brought a dish to share and the food was both plentiful and very tasty. We all shared our thanksgivings with each other and gave thanks to the Lord who gathered us together.

I am so thankful the Lord has provided us with such a mighty and plentiful abundance that this, His Ministry, is not only thriving but flourishing in His faithfulness and steadfast love. All the glory is given to Jesus for declaring His Kingdom in our neighborhood as a community of love and gratitude.



On Thursday after our neighborhood meal, we all packed to-go meals. We and our new friend Kevin from St Vincent De Paul, his wife, hit the streets to deliver meals to those sleeping in alleys, doorways and wherever we could find them. The extremely cold temperature kept most of them hunkered-in where they sought shelter from the elements.

On Friday we served to-go meals out of the garage so we could pass out coats and blankets, first aid and survival kits, socks, clothing, hats and gloves. We then took meals out to the streets again. Altogether, the Unhoused Ministry served 80 to-go meals to our unhoused neighbors on Thursday and Friday.

The Lord provided so many laborer to prepare, serve and distribute meals and to help pack up kits. He sent us several laborers from other churches who wanted to help with these ministries. I am always grateful that Jesus not only equips but provides all things for the ministry work He has given us to do.

I just want to share with you how humbled serving the Lord in these ministries has been for me, and all of us. I could have never seen how the Lord would call me into these ministries as ill equipped I felt at the time, but He is faithful to not send us out without first equipping us. I am so grateful to all your support through your contributions, encouragement and prayers. I've not only seen how the Lord is ministering to the needs and hearts of our neighbors, but to each of us that faithfully serve in this ministry. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Lord and Maranatha.

In His abundance of grace,

Rodney, the Neighborhood and Unhoused Ministry

