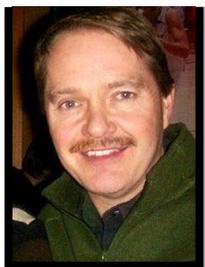




The Samaritan

December, 2019



Jeff Noyed, Director

A Jericho Road Christmas Party Reminder: Please join us on Friday, December 6th from 4-7 PM for the Jericho Road Christmas Open House. Eddington's Restaurant will be providing the soup, salad, and breadsticks. Special music and a short program at 6.

Thanksgiving 2019: 400 Participants, 40 Volunteers & The Gospel

Friday, November 22nd was our annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution and Fairview Clinic Flu Shot day.

The numbers were just staggering this year - over 400 people received Thanksgiving Food and 87 people received either a Flu (63) or Hepatitis A (24) shot.

Over 40 volunteers participated to make the event happen. Two groups - Grace Church, Wyoming, MN and van Wagenen Financial Services - were eager to learn



about Jericho Road and be oriented in this enormous service project.

An additional 6 people registered the 400+ participants with diligence and love.

Two unsung volunteers kept the coffee going by serving over 10 huge pots!

16 Pallets of food from the Union Gospel Missions, Good in the Hood, Second Harvest, and the Food Group was brought in and distributed by 30 volunteers.



Here is a list of the items that were distributed to the delighted recipients: One -\$10 Cub Gift Card, A turkey, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Cranberries, Rice, Stuffing, Cake Mix, Muffin Mix, Bread, Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Squash, Raspberries, Lettuce, Onions, Chips Ahoy Cookies, Philly Cheesesteaks, Milk (1/2 Gallon), Carrots, Eggs (2-dozen each), Peanut Butter, Apples, Oranges, Rice, Mac & Cheese, Apricots, Split-Peas, Lentils, Navy Beans, and 950 pounds of grapes. Wow!

We offered a Bible Study at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary for people waiting for the Service and Food Distribution that would be starting at 10:00 AM. To our Bethlehem College & Seminary volunteer David's delight 75 people attended.



At 10:00 AM as the sanctuary neared 300 people Rene and Nick (from Bethlehem

Baptist) were able to have a time of worship and share the Gospel in both English and Spanish. Rene asked any who wanted to receive Christ to join him in a closing prayer - there were several who prayed with him.

Rene, who leads a Hispanic Fellowship class at BBC invited any and all who wanted to attend to please join him on a Sunday morning.



It was a day that started with prayer for much-needed help (from God and many volunteers) and ended with a prayer of Thanks for this joy-filled, gospel-centered, hard-working Thanksgiving distribution at Jericho Road!



Pastor John Bohnsack
Development Director

Hugs and Kisses

I have been collecting vignettes from life, along the way for over 50 years. This one is from so long ago that I have no idea as to the source or whom to credit.

A woman was invited to share a childhood memory that stood out in her mind. Without a moment of reflection or hesitation, her response was essentially the following.

When I became a teenager, my mother took special care to explain to me that since I was now moving toward adulthood, hugs or kisses with her would no longer be permitted. From that time on, whenever I got too close to her, she would curtly push me away. As time went by, my heart ached to be close to my mother and to be hugged once again. Eventually, I discovered that as she got ready for work in the morning, after applying her lipstick, she would blot her lips on a tissue and throw it in the waste basket. Without her knowing it, each day I would retrieve that tissue with the imprint of her lips on it and carry it in my pocket. Whenever I felt lonely, overwhelmed or just wished that someone loved me, I would pull that tissue out of my pocket and press it gently to my face. The pain of this



memory of hunger for good, wholesome parental loving and the flimsy substitute provided on a tissue, has a **Christmas message for us.** In His limitless love for us, **God sent more than lipstick on a tissue. God sent His Son.** Galatians 4:4-5 says "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law so that we might receive adoption as sons."

When we experience that matchless love as members of the body of Christ (The Church), we have a responsibility to pass it along to others in both words and actions. In that context, JRM is (in effect) attempting to be MORE than lipstick on a tissue. Our hope and intent is to offer a kind of hug on behalf of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, communicating His love to people by meeting crisis needs in the name of Christ. Thank you for your part in making it possible for JRM to be here, ministering in a Good Samaritan-like manner with God's love, through conversation, interventions and compassion in action.

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Bethlehem Ministry Initiatives (BMI) has changed their name to CityJoy. Jericho Road from its inception has been a ministry of BMI now CityJoy.

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