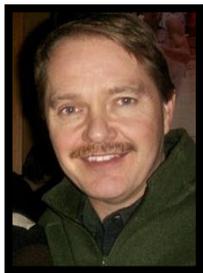




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The Samaritan

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Jeff Noyed, Director

South Minneapolis Justice and Mercy

I moved into the Phillips neighborhood of South Minneapolis in 1985 and never left. What have these 35 years taught me?

First, that diversity is wonderful. Phillips neighborhood, abutting Lake Street, is one of the most diverse communities in the United States. The City of Heaven will be filled with diversity (every tribe and tongue) worshipping a Jewish Messiah - Jesus Christ. Phillips neighborhood, though now in a very fallen world, is a foretaste of the diversity that will be in Heaven.

Second, it matters to have multi-cultural friends. When you know someone of a different ethnicity as a friend it matters to you if injustice happens to them. I care deeply for two men who are some of my best friends - McKinnely and Chancellor - when they hurt, I hurt.



Jeff Noyed, Juan, Ming Tong, Silas Anderson

And third, social justice matters. The Bible is extraordinarily clear about justice. We are to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, soul, strength and mind and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. When we stop loving our neighbors and caring about justice for all peoples we run contrary to God's plan for our lives - Isaiah Chapters 1 and 58.

Micah 6:8 states: He has told you, O Man, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,

and to love kindness (mercy) and to walk humbly with thy God?



Justice for George Floyd matters. Civil Rights matter. Loving all peoples matters. Peaceful protests are helpful and matter. Burning buildings is awful and hurt our community terribly.

Upon losing grocery stores on Lake Street, Jericho Road teamed up with Ming Tong from Bethlehem Baptist and Support our Cities to do a "Pop-Up" food shelf on Lake Street and Elliot Avenue on multiple weekends. Many exhibited mercy and kindness with their time and donations. Despite COVID-19 it was "State Fair" crowd busy.



Due to COVID-19 and the Riots in South Minneapolis the amount of food that Jericho Road, located 3 blocks south of Lake Street, distributed over a one month period of time went from March - 55,000 pounds to April -

108,000 pounds to May - 128,000 pounds. As a member of two Food Banks, Second Harvest Heartland and The Food Group, Jericho Road has been

and will be able to receive/acquire large amounts of food for the community for "such a time as this."

There is a need however - Jericho Road really needs a walk-in cooler that will cost \$20,000 in order to access and keep cool larger quantities of fresh produce & dairy.

A July match is available from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless. This would be an ideal time to consider a special donation.



Many of you have shared with gifts, prayer and volunteer time! Thank You for standing with Jericho Road as we truly want to be used powerfully by God to be agents of mercy and justice in South Minneapolis!



In July there is a special matching grant offered by Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless. It is a proportional grant so that the more Jericho Road receives the larger the grant will be. Thank You!



Pastor John Bohnsack
Development Director

Read the Instructions!!

A number of years ago there was information circulating on the internet about a very special and unique kind of "gun" that was designed and developed expressly

for the purpose of *firing a dead chicken* at the windshield of airplanes. That same gun can also be used to test the windshield of a space shuttle. The purpose of such a unique gadget was/is to test the strength of newly designed airplane/space shuttle windshields to see if they can withstand the impact of accidentally colliding with a bird or other similar object in midair. Midair collisions between birds and airplanes are not totally unusual. The fastest U.S. plane designed so far (at least that the public knows about) can fly at a top speed of about 2,200 miles per hour (nearly mach 3, that is almost 3 times the speed of sound). That speed was significantly exceeded for testing purposes, with the projectile fired from the "chicken gun".

Some company, other than the designers, borrowed the gun and complained bitterly when the fired chicken smashed through the windshield that was being tested, then blasted through the (fortunately empty) pilot's seat and became embedded in the cabin wall behind it. The technicians immediately contacted the design company to find out what went wrong. The designers asked if the borrowers had read the instructions. The chicken was supposed to be thawed when fired at the windshield. Having failed to read the instructions, they had not thawed the chicken, making it much, more destructive!

The point is, that as Christians, we too are far more vulnerable to destructive experiences/situations, if we fail to **read the instructions** (the Bible)! Jeff points to Isaiah and Micah in his article. These and countless other Scripture references instruct us in many ways to **Love God and Love your neighbor**. (That is what Jericho Road Ministries is all about!)

In Luke 10, Jesus even compliments the lawyer for essentially giving that answer of love, by saying, "You have answered right; do this and you will live". We benefit hugely by **reading and heeding** Scripture as we live out our faith, loving God on a daily basis, and sharing the great Gospel message as part of our love (along with caring activities) for the neighbor. Have a great day **AND** don't forget to read the instructions (the Bible).

P.S. In case you think the chicken gun is just wild talk, I even called a friend who works at NASA and he confirmed the existence of the "chicken gun".

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