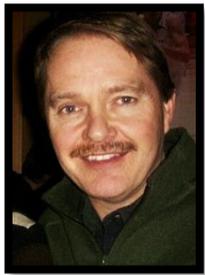




The Samaritan

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Jeff Noyed, Director

New Hope: Backpacks & Faith

There is nothing so wonderful as seeing hope and excitement in Children and new Faith.

On Friday, August 20th there were 60 Backpacks distributed to excited and hopeful neighboring children with their parents.



This event brought all of the tenants of our church building together in ministry. Pastor Pedro from Prince of Peace shared his testimony and shared the Gospel. Jess from Jubilee coordinated the event in the Sanctuary. And Jericho Road coordinated the resources for the Backpacks, Target Gift Cards, and Bibles in conjunction with Cru Ministries, Glory Baptist Church in Aitkin (see Picture Below), Hillside Church,

and other key donors.

Additionally, a clear hoped-for goal is to have the children participate in the Jubilee Youth Program with mentors this fall and for the families to start attending either Prince of Peace (in Spanish) or Jubilee church. Names were



taken with the goal of following up with interested families.

Kids received the Backpacks & Bibles and were filled with hope for the upcoming School year. The Gospel was shared with a special testimony by Pastor Pedro (see picture to right). We praise God for a wonderful event and know there will be an impact in these kids/families lives!



Two people recently came to faith in Christ. A woman, Sharon (not her real name), who had recently been in a serious car accident and a man, Jerry (not his real name), who had recently become homeless. Both needed help: Sharon received a bus ticket so that she could return to her home at the White Earth reservation. Jerry needed to retain his cell phone in order to continue communication with potential employers and to locate housing. JRM helped him pay his outstanding cell phone bill.

In both cases the needs of Sharon and Jerry were listened to carefully to determine if Jericho Road was going to help.

After the decision to help Sharon and Jerry, they were asked if they wanted their situations



prayed for. Both agreed and were visibly touched in prayer.

The Bus Ticket was purchased through Jefferson Lines and a check was written to ICC Wireless for the phone bill.

After receiving the Bus Ticket and Check, Sharon and Jerry were asked if you were to die today why would God allow you into Heaven? Both talked about the good things they had done in their lives. This is an understandable answer given by many. God does want us to be about good works, but the main block to Heaven and a relationship to God is our sin.

Drawing a simple diagram with sin in the middle separating God at top from Man/Woman at the bottom. The word sin was then crossed out by the word Jesus and John 3:16 was shared.

Sharon and Jerry each asked Jesus into their lives and asked for forgiveness of all their sins. A Bible was received by both and churches recommended. Praise God for special opportunities like these with Sharon, Jerry and the backpack distribution!



ordeal was amnesia, total and complete memory loss. As a result, in his desperate search to recover his identity, after returning to the U.S., he traveled across the nation, going from one VFW Post to another. As he attended their meetings, he would stand up, tell his story, and plead, "If anyone recognizes me, please, please tell me who I am." His circumstances stirred the hearts of all who heard him and they longed to help him remember his name and reconnect with his family. It would be devastating to endure a situation of such a feeling of total isolation and bewilderment.

The shocking reality is that millions of individuals share in this soldier's bewilderment because they don't know who they are, spiritually. BUT, the reality also is that anyone/everyone can know who they are under God, including this soldier. The Bible in John 1:12 (RSV) says "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God". Jesus invites any/all **who hear the Gospel and receive/invite Him, by faith, confessing sin and seeking forgiveness**, to become children of God. Because of the Jericho Road Ministry, Sharon and Jerry (not their real names) no longer have spiritual amnesia. They now know who they are, "children of God", part of God's royal family. Thank you for your support of this ministry to body, soul and spirit, that helps many to know who they are.



Pastor John Bohnsack
Development Director

Spiritual Amnesia

With our U.S. military being removed from Afghanistan, we enter into a kind of "post war" time here in the U.S. In that context, I was reminded of a story about a World War II veteran and his post war experience.



In battle, he had been severely wounded, including major head trauma. His dog tags were somehow lost in the chaos. The overall outcome of the whole

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