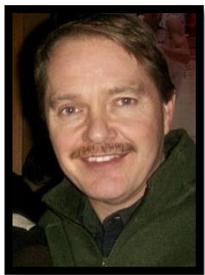




The Samaritan

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Shoes for Hurting Souls

“A Heaven-Sent Gift” is what Maria said upon checking out with five new pair of shoes for \$16. We all needed shoes so very badly - especially the kids!

“It was troubling to me,” Maria said, “to have school starting and my children having worn-out shoes that just didn’t fit anymore.”

Maria was not alone. Seventy-Five people made purchases of shoes. Most made multiple purchases as they had large families.

Covid-19 has made everything more challenging including a shoe sale that used to be done inside of



a Bus. This year a trailer with carts filled with shoes in appropriate sizes were unloaded onto our parking lot.

The shoppers were able to shop in groups of five while keeping six-feet apart and were given hand sanitizers and masks.

Maria’s story unfolded further when she said her husband, Carlos, had recently been hit in the leg by a random bullet in front of their home in the city. Carlos will recover but his job as a roofer came to an end. This was particularly devastating for Maria’s family as roofers can work long, long hours in the summer and make additional income to catch up on bills.

Maria was hopeful for Carlos to recover by perhaps late fall. In the mean time she was able to get a new part-time job at a restaurant on Lake Street in South Minneapolis.



In addition to the shoes, Jericho Road assisted Maria’s family with food, rent and prayer. Maria knows that God loves her and her family and that God will be with them during these days of testing their hurting yet very grateful souls.

A Special Thank You

Thank You to everyone who gave to the Open Your Heart Match in July. It was a huge success!

The money that came in allowed us to proceed with the very-much-needed new walk-in cooler in August! We are so very grateful!



wounds) she was then released. She came to JRM to get a bus card to use for transportation in order to 1) obtain replacement keys, 2) to get to a place where she could re-apply for an ID card, and 3) to get food. This devastating time in her life brought her to JRM for help with these physical items. While at JRM, Margaret, a woman of faith, also gladly received caring, prayer for healing, and prayer for peace and calm in her shattered life. Because of your support for JRM, the Lord was able to use this horrible event in Margaret's life for Kingdom purposes of spiritual as well as physical and emotional assistance at JRM.

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Planting Potatoes

There is a story about a woman who wrote to her husband, who was serving time in prison for armed robbery, asking him when it would be a good time to plant the potatoes. He wrote back, urging her **not** to dig in the garden, because that is where he had hidden the loot from the robbery. Since the prison mail was monitored, a squad of officers was quickly sent to dig up the garden in search of the hidden money. They found absolutely nothing in spite of all their best efforts. By way of keeping her husband informed, she then wrote to him complaining that they dug up the whole garden in search of the loot. Immediately he wrote back, telling her that now, since the soil had been properly tilled, she should go ahead and plant the potatoes. Admittedly, it is quite a stretch in this context to quote Romans 8:28, "In everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose", but I do believe that God can, and does, use difficult circumstances to sometimes accomplish good purposes.

For example, Margaret (not her real name) came to JRM on a recent Friday afternoon. The night before, she had been mugged, robbed and **stabbed FOUR times**, by a drug crazed woman who stole Margaret's wallet, cell phone and apartment keys, all in an effort to get money to buy more drugs. Stitched up at a hospital (non-life-threatening