



May the words of my mouth
And the meditation of my heart
Be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

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for the sake
of **others**

Serving through Connecting



As we humbly and *intentionally seek to serve* those around us, God's Spirit is at work in us.

What is your mission in life? What are you living for? This world continuously invites you to make your life all about... YOU! But Jesus invites you to make your life about something far greater than yourself. In fact, you are called to live the way Jesus died! Think about it. How did Jesus die? He died pouring it out for the sake of others. That is what we mean when we say that we are invited to walk the journey outward. It is for the sake of others. But how?

Though we're prone to get excited about the big adventures, we notice that often in God's Kingdom, the key to serving is *small things done with great love*. Small things like encouraging the person in the cube next to you at work, or emptying the dishwasher before your roommate gets to it, or simply taking the time to listen to someone in pain. We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world, instead of just being his mouth.

The awesome thing is, that as we humbly and intentionally seek to serve those around us, God's Spirit is at work in us and we become more alive in God.

Consider these ways to walk the journey outward... *for the sake of others*. Most of these contacts are Open Door attenders inviting others into an opportunity.

food/hunger

Loaves and Fishes (www.loavesandfishesmn.org)

We provide and serve a nutritious meal to people who are hungry in North Minneapolis and Brooklyn Park. We are guided by our vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic background deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect. Contact: North Minneapolis - Dan Schulzetenberg (danschulz@comcast.net) Brooklyn Park - Pat McDonald (shopkmac@yahoo.com)

Dinner at your Door

Once a month we deliver meals to residents of Crystal who are unable to leave their homes without assistance. Contact: Bill Wixon (bill@wixonadvisors.com)

Meals on Wheels (www.Meals-on-Wheels.com)

I volunteer for this community based service delivering hot nutritious noon meals to people who are homebound, elderly, or disabled and are unable to prepare their own meals. Personally I deliver meals in the Coon Rapids/Blaine area but could help you connect with the area you live in. Contact: Deb Raab (draab@thedor.org)

First Covenant Homeless House

We purchase, prepare and serve a meal to the 50 homeless housed at First Covenant Church, Minneapolis during the winter months. Often times they are people who the Salvation Army were not able to take in due to their capacity. Contact: Gail Duer (galled51@msn.com)

Feed My Starving Children

Volunteers (children and adults) hand-pack meals formulated for malnourished children around the world. We volunteer at the Coon Rapids location and welcome families and individuals ages 6 and up. Contact Peggy Teed (peggyteed@gmail.com)

MATTER (mattermore.org)

As volunteer we help sort and pack everything from lunches to medical inventory that gets distributed both locally and around the world to people in need. Contact: Julie Demos (juliedemos@aol.com)

Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (www.iocp.org)

I volunteer at the Plymouth Food Shelf. There we help people who are struggling financially to come in and shop for their groceries with dignity through a process that allows them to choose the items they need and want. Contact: Lisa Otten (Lkotten@comcast.net)

youth/family

Hospitality House Youth Development (www.hhyd.org)

Volunteers help provide a Christian outreach, focused on spiritual, intellectual and physical development of North Minneapolis youth and their families. Opportunities include reading one-on-one, assisting in coaching sports, or simply joining in on “Fun Fridays” where children enjoy arts/crafts, computer, and gym time. Contact: Deb McCullough (dmccullough@hhyd.org)

Timber Bay (www.TimberBay.org)

Build relationships with at-risk youth through an after school open gym time and support group. Really need a family, community group, or the like to provide one meal a month for 40 to 50 teens for the rest of the school year. Contact: Wayne Thyren (wthyren@gmail.com)

Mentor at Hope Academy

Once a week we mentor students at Hope Academy whose mission is “To foster hope in God within the inner-city neighborhoods of Minneapolis by providing youth with a remarkable, Christ-centered education”. Contact: Bill Wixon (bill@wixonadvisors.com)

Mobile Hope (www.MobileHopeMN.org)

Serve as a volunteer at Maple Hill Estates mobile home community in Corcoran. Opportunities include after school tutoring, Hope Center guest services, visiting those who are homebound, and more. Contact: Gary Minlschmidt (gtmin10@gmail.com)

Parenting With Purpose (www.ParentingWithPurpose.org)

By volunteering we help provide healing, restoration, and dignity to families affected by incarceration. Volunteer opportunities include mentoring children who’s parent(s) are in prison, mentoring a parent who is in prison or recently released, providing transportation, teaching educational classes, and more. Contact: Tom or Lori Wick (tlwick@comcast.net)

Young Life (www.younglife.org)

Young Life’s mission is to introduce kids to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. Our volunteers build relationships with young people by spending time with them. We go to school sporting events, musicals, and hang out in the cafeteria at lunchtime. Wherever kids are, that is where we want to be. The entire time we are simply trying to model Christ’s love for them through our words and actions. We need leaders, adult helpers and committee members (especially ones good with finances!) Contact: Sonia Malmquist (smalmquist@gmail.com)

TreeHouse (www.treehouseyouth.org)

Loving at-risk teens is the foundation of TreeHouse’s balanced program to meet

teens' social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual needs. We are looking for adults who love God and love youth to volunteer as one-on-one mentors and support group leaders. Contact: Scott Volltrauer (svolltrauer@treehouse-youth.org)

Crossfire Youth Sports (GoCrossFire.org)

Using a faith-based approach to teach and train young athletes, Crossfire provides training and team experiences in the areas of volleyball and basketball. Volunteers are needed for coaching assistance, administrative support and small construction projects. Contact: Tom Fuglestad (info@gocrossfire.org).

School Tutoring

We work with Experience Corps of Minnesota, a non-profit organization that provides tutors to elementary schools. We work in a North Minneapolis school tutoring 1st and 2nd grade students in basic reading and writing skills. Our goal also includes mentoring to encourage confidence and enhance self-esteem. Contact: Gerry or Alyce Lundell (gerryandalyce@hotmail.com)

Open Door Next Gen.

Join the Next Gen Team and make a big difference in the next generation of Open Door. Opportunities abound to use your time, talents, passions and gifts. Contact: Next Gen Associate Pastor Amanda Svensk (asvensk@thedor.org)

Open Door Kids

Join the Kids Team and help create significant faith experiences for the kids of Open Door. Contact: Kids Pastor Sara Richards (srichards@thedor.org)

Share Your Home (<https://sites.google.com/site/stpaulinterculturalinstitute/faq-for-hosts>)

Host a Japanese exchange student for three weeks this summer through the St. Paul Intercultural Institute (SPII). Students are college-age and spend their days at Bethel University taking ESL classes and touring the city. Students spend evenings & weekends with their host families. Hosting is a great way for kids (and adults!) to see another culture up close, and a chance to share your life and faith with others. Transportation help & stipend provided. Contact: Katie Craig at 651-336-3458.

women & children

Emerge Mothers Academy (EmergeTwinCities.org)

We strive to equip young pregnant women and single mothers to emerge as confident women and caring moms. Volunteer opportunities range from mentoring a young mother, housing a young pregnant woman, teaching a skills course, making a meal for inner-city moms, providing child care, and more. Contact: Rebecca Erickson (becca@emergetwincities.org)

Healing House (metrohope.org)

Volunteer at a home and recovery program where women and their children can live as they heal from addiction. Opportunities range from helping with preschool during class time, attending outings with families, work days on the facility, leading chapel/worship, or preparing a meal to share with the residents. Contact: Julie Demos (juliedemos@aol.com)

Robbinsdale Women's Center

I volunteer at this pregnancy resource medical clinic, where we support women by helping them slow down and speak honestly about their current challenges, tap into their values and desires, and connect them with social services they might be in need of. Volunteer opportunities range from counseling, mentoring, administrative, and projects. Contact: Trisha McKeever (trishamckeever@me.com)

Days for Girls (www.DaysForGirls.org)

Together we sew and assemble sustainable much needed and critically important feminine hygiene kits for women in 3rd world countries. Contact: Colleen Rusch (ruschck@gmail.com)

overseas

Beyond Our Door (beyondourdoorglobal.org)

Our heart is for the people of Haiti and specifically the children who live at the M-House. Service opportunities include participating in a mission trip, supporting orphans and children with special needs through sponsorship programs, and providing much needed supplies. Contact: Bob or Amy Norton at robert@midamericamarketinginc.com or amy@midamericamarketinginc.com

Carson Glore Foundation (www.CarsonGlore.org)

As a volunteer I serve at various fundraising service projects (silent auctions, fundraising events, etc.) throughout the year. The funds we raise from these projects are then use to build new classrooms, buy desks, school supplies, and more for the children of schools in Kenya, Africa. Contact: Sarah Fish at sarahelizabeth.fish@gmail.com

GoodSports International (www.go4sk.org)

We are dedicated to sharing the love of Christ with young people through sports, recreational and educational activities in Slovakia and Hungary. Varied short term trips, extended internships and prayer support are ongoing. Contact: Lee Redman at lredman@vitell.com

World Vision (www.WorldVision.org)

We sponsor a child through World Vision and would love to connect with others at Open Door who are doing or want to be doing the same thing. Together we could write letters, pray, and think of other ways to bless the 5 children we sponsor. Contact: Jess Midura at jabrandanger@gmail.com

elderly

Senior Companion with Lutheran Social Services

As a volunteer senior companion, I visit with seniors and also help them in practical ways like taking them shopping, to doctor appointments, out for lunch, and other social activities. Time commitment varies. Application process is required. Contact: Ken Watson (KenLeaann1@comcast.net)

The Villa Nursing Home

We volunteer about twice a month serving through leading Bible studies, prayer, and relationship building with the wonderful elderly residence. Contact: Jenn Tjepkes (jtjepkes@embarqmail.com)

prison

IFI (<http://www.prisonfellowship.org/programs/reentry/ifi/>)

I along with several other Open Door men volunteer weekly with IFI. This is prison reentry program where inmates learn life skills based on biblical principles that they will need when released. Volunteer opportunities range from leading a small group to one-on-one mentoring.

Contact: Calvin Sayler (calvin@saylerconsulting.com)

Freedom Works (www.myfreedomworks.com)

I volunteer in this Post-Prison Aftercare Ministry and they are always looking for men to be Biblical Mentors, Sober Friends, and volunteers to help out at the various weekly programming events. Opportunities include worship leading, mentoring, and career development instruction. Contact: Kevin Rahman (kevin.rahman@yahoo.com)

Life Rebuilders

You have an opportunity to help one man learn how to choose a life of keeping the rules and building positive relationships. They are just out of prison, are non-violent offenders and typically have been in trouble much of their lives. You can be Jesus with skin on to men who may or may not know Jesus or the Bible. These mentoring opportunities are one on one and last from 6 to 12 months. Contact: Calvin Sayler (calvin@saylerconsulting.com)

special needs

Lift Disability Minnesota Breakaway (liftdisability.net)

Each summer, Lift Disability provides a retreat/camp experience for adults with disabilities. Volunteers spend 5 days intentionally developing relationships with the campers, while allowing their family members to take a break. It is a time for campers to engage in activities, worship God, and experience recreation, relaxation, and spiritual renewal. The entire time we are with them, encouraging them, caring for them, and seeing them for who they truly are. Summer 2016 dates: 08/21-26. Contact: Rene McCullough (763-898-0409)

Special Olympics of Minnesota (www.somn.org)

Using athletic competition, we help create meaningful experiences for people with intellectual disabilities where they are welcomed, accepted and included. Volunteer roles are based on your interest & availability as well as the needs of the teams and programs. Contact: Al Fox (alfox0@yahoo.com)

We Love to Play (www.welovetoplay.org)

Volunteers provide adults with physical disabilities the opportunity to play a variety of adaptive sports. Specific opportunities include set up/tear down of equipment, running the clock and scoreboard, keeping stats, and officiating. Contact: Paul Pranghofer at pjprang@comcast.net

arts

Bunce Backyard Productions (www.BunceBackYard.com)

We are passionate about using musical theater to tell stories of struggle, and transformation, showing us that hope and love still make a difference in our world. Volunteer opportunities include acting, set building, sewing, ushering, concessions, and more. Contact: Lori Bunce at info@buncebackyard.com

Invertedarts (www.invertedarts.org)

Join other professional artists here at Open Door - film makers, musicians/song-writers, visual artists, photographers, actors and dancers - as we seek to use the gifts and passions God has given us to help disadvantaged youth discover and unleash their creative voices. Contact: Mark Collier (mark.collier@inverted-arts.org)

various

Allina Hospice

As a volunteer I hope to make a difference by serving hospice patients and their families. Volunteers visit patients in private homes and residential care facilities. As we do we visit and provide friendship to patients through a variety of activities, while giving a restful break to their caregivers. Contact: Leslie Cornelius at dpcornelius@comcast.net

Exodus Lending

is a start-up non-profit with a mission to provide a just pathway to financial stability. It is a faith-rooted organization taking its mission from the Scriptures

and God leading his people out of bondage in the book of Exodus. We are working on the issue of payday lending in our community. We are addressing this issue by re-financing our clients debt into a 0% interest, 12 month installment loan. We pair this with financial counseling and savings incentive program. To date we have financed \$40k of debt and saved our clients over \$160k in avoided interest! Volunteer opportunities are still being defined, but we need financial support to scale the organization and fill our lending pool. Contact: Kip Hedges (redstar1953@aol.com)

Hearts in Action

Our Open Door men’s group helps our church and local community by serving single mothers, widows, and people who are distressed. We help with various home projects such as repair work, painting, plumbing, etc. We meet for breakfast and then head out to our work site. Bring your sons! Contact: Jeff Casale at JCasale@MinnesotaHomes.com

Prayer Team

If you desire to come along side others who are a part of Open Door by praying for them, we would love to know who you are and share those opportunities with you. Contact: Peggy Lang at plang@thedor.org

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Serving Teachers

Early Monday mornings we volunteer to help the teachers of Beacon Academy (lower level of Open Door) with setting up their rooms after the weekend where their rooms were used by Open Door. An easy way to help and bless those we are sharing this building with. Contact: Laurie Mikkola at laurmikk@hotmail.com

Reach and Restore (www.ReachandRestore.org)

We provide needy families with resources (free clothing, furniture, household items, etc.) to give them a sense of hope and be a support to get back on their feet. Many projects give volunteers many choices as to what will meet their skills and passions. Contact: Kay Olson at Olson_Kathleen@hotmail.com

Prayer Shawl

Our group is passionate about using knitting and crocheting to make prayer shawls that are then given to those in need of a tangible expression of God’s love and care during seasons of loss, transition or celebration. Contact: Eileen Toombs at frommn2u@gmail.com

In addition to these opportunities, visit www.thedor.org/#/serve for ways to use your time, talents, passions and gifts to serve at Open Door. Also check out our regular online listings of Local Serving Opportunities and ways to serve in a Global capacity in places like Haiti and elsewhere.