

THE HOMELESS OUTREACH, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends:

It is always a pleasure to share with you some of the things that are happening in The Homeless Outreach Ministry and to share with you my feelings about this ministry.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who take the time to participate in feeding and ministering to the homeless children and parents at the Spring Rd. and Park Rd. Shelters. I would also like to thank everyone who gave so generously. Our summer picnic held on June 23, 1996, was a fun success. Our back-to-school party held on Aug. 25, 1996 was a blessing as well. At both events, many children and parents gave their hearts to God. I give God the glory for that!

I am thankful that God has put me in the position to help people like these and to care for them in any way that I can. But, I can do none of this on my own. That's why I'm so thankful for friends and volunteers like you who respond to the needs of these people who need us in such a special way.

There are times when my heart is saddened as we pick up the children and parents to attend various events. After the party is over, we have to return these people back to a situation of insecurity and hopelessness. However, the sadness is short-lived because most of the children are smiling and happy as they leave after having received a nutritious hot meal and a gift to take with them.

The difficulties and struggles we face when meeting our own needs are minute compared to what homelessness is like for a child or a single parent.

I ask everyone who reads these words today to think about how blessed you are and pray for homeless children everywhere; not only at the Spring Road and Park Road shelters but all across America.

If you would like to give a donatation, please sent it to:

The Home Outreach, Inc.
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May God Richly Bless you!



Otis D. Moton, Director

COMING...

EARLY THANKSGIVING PARTY

Sunday, Nov. 3, 3-5 p.m.

Collecting: winter hats, mittens, scarves,
socks for children

STREET OUTREACH SERVICES

This fall and winter

Gospel Outreach to the street people and
distribution of goods



Proverbs 28:27 ... "he that giveth to the poor shall not lack."

SUMMER SONLIGHT

In June we bused in 2 bus-loads of children and parents from the Park Rd. & Spring Rd. shelters in NW D.C. for a big outdoor barbecue and picnic. Lee District Park in Franconia, VA was the site for this event in which children from cramped city shelters got to kick their shoes off and experience the joy of green grass beneath their feet. Special games were set up at various locations and children could be seen running everywhere, tossing balls, lining up for squirts from the water pistol or paying double-dutch jump rope. Fun and laughter were the order of the day. Mothers strolled leisurely about or sat down in groups under the cool shade trees and shared conversation. Food was plentiful. Hamburgers and hot-dogs were served hot off the grill and baked beans, potato salad, chips, cookies, melons and sodas were also flowing freely.

The group known as "Harvest of Hope", (a group of youth from across the nation), led by Julie Taylor were present to assist in ministering to the families. They helped supervise ball games and along with their song leader, Gail, led the children in several fun songs. Harvest of Hope also provided every child with tooth brush, tooth paste and socks. Their presence was greatly felt and appreciated by the shelter residents as well as the other Homeless Outreach workers.

Daryl Lewis, a young street preacher from National Church of God preached the Word of God to the whole crowd once everyone was seated under the pavilion. Many children, teens and parents came forward for prayer when he was finished. In fact, from that point on, until the buses pulled off, mothers were approaching the ministry team with their children and asking for prayer.

The afternoon was bright, sunny, breezy and ideal in every way for a picnic. The Lord was truly with us.

⁵ They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

BACK TO SCHOOL



We began the summer with a picnic and ended it on Sun., Aug. 25 with a back-to-school celebration for the children from the Park & Springs Rd. shelters. This time we ministered to more than one hundred children, teens and moms and we were happy to be able to give each child a full bag of school supplies.

The Word of God was also given as Marianne Benson, accompanied by Pet Hyde on keyboard ministered in song and then gave a short message and altar call in which 14 children and parents came up to receive Christ. We had Bibles available for the new converts. Lynell Newsome, talented 16-yr. old from National Church of God also ministered in song.

Gayle Williamson, Children's Church leader from National Church of God led the children in some exciting games. These games were so much fun that even the mothers could not resist getting involved when Gayle asked for volunteers.

Donations of school supplies were so plentiful this year that even after giving out 110 bags to the children from the shelters, we had 14 left over for other needy families. We had 7 bags of bulk items to give to Donna Sothern, a young missionary from National Church of God to take to the Songs of Joy Children's Home in Guatemala on Sept. 12. Then we also had 7 more bags of bulk items to share with Project Northstar, a ministry that tutors homeless and foster children throughout the D.C. area all year around. We are so grateful to the Lord who poured out on us so abundantly His love in the form of these necessary items for needy school children.

Special Thanks

We also want to thank Theresa Lloyd and Our Lady Hope of Christians, Nancy Tolman and the Corcoran Methodist Church, Betty Cottrell and Our Savior's Lutheran, Joe Meszarros and co-workers from the Naval Research Lab, Eunice Saunders and co-workers, as well as Safeway Food stores for the bags used to bag the items; Word of Life for bus use and National Church of God for cooking, serving, baking, bus driving and ministry as well as school supplies. The response from the shelter residents was overwhelming and heart-warming. To God be the glory!