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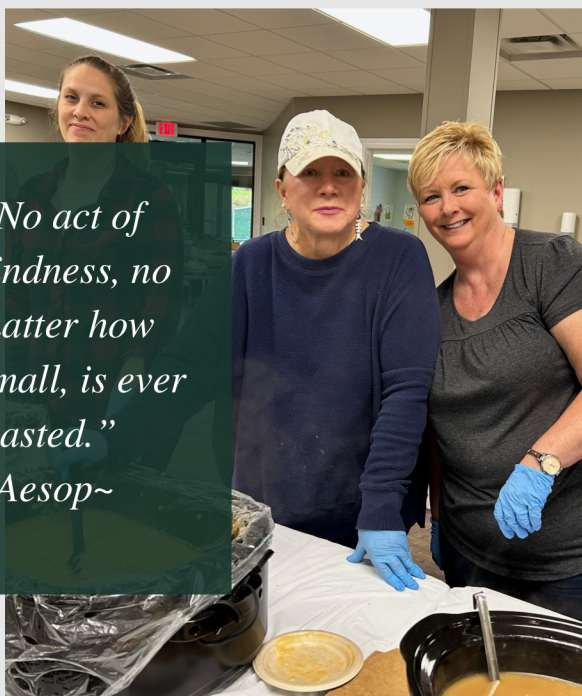
THE LORD PREPARED THE SOIL

For weeks we have been busy gathering food and making preparation for Thanksgiving Day. Needing to make one last run to the store, I saw a man just outside holding a cardboard sign that read, "Hungry Anything Helps!" I told myself if he is still there when I leave, I will go that way and give him a Thanksgiving flyer and a few dollars, although generally, I would not go that way. After I finished in the store, he was there and when I extended my hand with the parcel, he gladly took it.

Before I got home, he was calling, asking about the meal and church. I got him down for meals and began making arrangements to get him to church. Plans did not work out as expected and he was not able to get to church the first week, but I assured him I would get him there the next week. The following week he called and asked for prayer. He was at the hospital. After praying for him he asked, "When I come to church will you go to the front with me?" I told him I would, thinking he wanted to be prayed for about his anxiety. He then stated, "I need to get saved."

I nearly jumped out of my skin. I declared, "You don't have to wait until church. You can get saved right now." We prayed together and he asked Jesus into his heart. Praise God!

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
~Aesop~



THANKSGIVING FEAST

Prior to the feast, I shared my heart with many of the volunteers and drivers. My desire was not to just feed people, but to share Jesus, to give them *"The Bread of Life."* I shared with them the encounter I had in preparation of the big day, in which the Lord had already prepared the soil, and I was able to be a part of the harvest. I encouraged each volunteer to take time with the participants and pray with them and spend a couple of minutes with them, if possible.

Since Thanksgiving I have received several calls thanking everyone. Many stated that the meal was wonderful but having someone pray with them was the highlight of their day. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

Truly many hands make light work. This Thanksgiving we cooked and served over 500 meals with the help of friends and family of our church, Living Water Worship Centre and several other churches. It was a blessing watching the body of Christ work in unison. I want to thank everyone who took part in helping in anyway, being the hands and feet of Christ, and serving together. By your actions I can hear you saying, "Here I am Lord. Send me."

"A life not lived for others is not a life."
~Mother Teresa





Mark Your Calendars

Food Distribution: Set for December 5th and December 19th.

Work-days: We continue to work on the food distribution building on Monday and Tuesday evenings, if you are available, we still have some electrical work, painting to do, and shelving to hang, as well as some parking lot issues to address.

I will also be needing volunteers once we get the building finished to be there to help with the food distribution. If that is something that interests you give me a call.

Prayer Needs: Please be in prayer for our family as we seek to serve during the Christmas season. Pray that we also, echo the words of Samuel. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Also, if you have missionaries or evangelists that will be visiting or are state side, we would love to serve them. Please share with your church leadership the accommodations that we offer.

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Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me.

With love and prayers,

Founders of ODMR

Robbie and Tonya Deering

←-----Till the whole world knows-----→