



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT THE GLENWOOD AVENUE PLAYGROUND



Prayer Newsletter

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God every time I remember You. In all my prayers for you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

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Greetings Friends,

As Thanksgiving is right around the corner the words of Paul in Philippians never seemed more real to us. Words can't express the appreciation and thankfulness that fill our hearts for all of the support and care that we have received from all of you over the past year. Thank you for your partnership in ministry so that the love of Christ may be proclaimed to such a precious neighborhood.

Updates:

The Glenwood Ave. Playground Community Picnics have come to an end after twenty-two incredible weeks of serving and building relationships and sharing the love of Christ with so many awesome adults and children. It is amazing to think that 3,000 hotdogs were served; but the most awesome part of the weekly picnics were the relationships and friendships that were formed. All summer long we called these

times at the playground "Community Picnics" but by the end of the summer they seemed like weekly "Family Reunions". The joy that has filled our hearts because of our time with this awesome community is nothing like we have ever experienced before.

The 4th Annual Fall Fun Fest October 31, 2018 4-6p.m.

The weather forecast for the entire day was cloudy, rain and chilly temperatures. We had 318 bags of candy ready to go, 280 burgers and dogs prepared, 250 cookies ready to decorate, a ministry team of servants from the neighborhood and TEPC ready to come and serve. In a weak moment I wondered to myself how much candy and food would be left over because of the bad weather that seemed to be a reality. Then a much more awesome and hopeful voice said in my mind and heart, take

everything that is prepared and go. At 2:30p.m. we set tents up in the rain. At 3:45p.m. the adults and children started to come. At 4:30p.m. the rain stopped. At 6:00 pm all of the burgers and dogs were gone. At 6:20p.m. I gave candy bag number 316 away. At 6:30p.m. the rain started again.



At 6:40p.m. I sat alone at the playground picnic table and realized that God is bigger and more awesome than any human plans or circumstances that come our way.

At the end of the day we realized that almost 300 resident from the

community came together to experience joy and love and hope together as a family.



Bike Repair Day

October

20, 2018

We were blessed to have a ministry called "Communicycle" partner with us. They came to the Glenwood Ave. playground. equipped with bicycle parts and tools and workers to repair bicycles along, with a trailer stacked with refurbished bikes to give away. We were also blessed to have members of a ministry called "Ministers of Reconciliation" come with Communicycle to provide crafts and help to serve food to those who attended from the community. Approx. 25 bikes were repaired and 20 other bikes were given to those who did not have a bike. Over 100 adults and children came to share an incredible day.



EPC Network Work Day

Nov. 3, 2018

The Hope For Renewal Ministry Center rehab process is moving forward. On November 3 we had a work day that featured drywall work at the ministry center and also at a neighbor's home in the Idora community.

Huge thanks to Bethel, New Bedford, CUP, Center and Tabernacle EPC for sending awesome volunteers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are planning that by February of 2019 we will have the downstairs of the Ministry Center far enough along to restart our weekly community meal (picnic) continued indoors for the rest of the winter and spring. We will also officially start our Community Prayer Night at the ministry center during the month of February.

Pray...

As we continue to seek God as to what ares and needs the ministry at the ministry center will focus upon.



Pray...

That God will bring peace to the neighborhood. We have had a rough October and November in the community

Pray...

That the Bible Studies that started in September will continue to draw more people as God's Word is proclaimed.

Thank you!

You are important partners in this ministry and we'd love to hear from you . . .

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