

NEWSLETTER

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July

We wrapped up our busiest time of the Summer this month and had the chance to take some time off to spend with our families. We had our monthly Food Distribution Outreach, a mission team came from Hill City, South Dakota, and most of the team traveled to Meridian, Mississippi for Love Out Loud week.

How do we survive life and ministry's busiest seasons? We have to fill ourselves up with the word of God. Our morning bible studies are our most cherished times before we start the work day. Beyond that, we are encouraged to spend quiet moments with God, get into the Word, meditate on the Word, and worship through everything. If we are not filling our hearts and minds with truth, yielding God's truth to others becomes much harder.

Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what Gods will is— His good, pleasing and perfect will."



Love Out Loud: Meridian, MS

July 14-18, most of the Forgotten Ministries team joined up with Northcrest Baptist Church for Love Out Loud in Meridian, MS. To say God moved mightily is an understatement. Over the 5 days of various outreaches, there were a total of 3,000 grocery bags packed, 175 salvations and 21 baptisms. Praise the Lord!!

Brandon talked with a young lady who was caring for her grandparents, after talking about Jesus she said "I'd love to get to know God more, but I don't have a bible." So they were able to get her a bible and see her go to church the next week!

Hayden spoke with a lady who had tears in her eyes and shared that she's a single mom of 5 with no food. God was not only able to provide physically, but they were also able to share the Gospel with her. They were able to plant a seed that will hopefully result in a salvation!

Kasey met a man at a block party outreach who seemed interested in the grocery bags. When she asked him about them, he seemed ashamed to be in need but took some. Then they saw him again, it seemed like he was still in need. So, he opened up about all the children living in his house: kids, foster kids, and nieces and nephews. So they ended up loading up his car with 10-15 bags of groceries and he was so thankful.

Jeremiah and Aaron talked with a man who said he thought he would be dead in a week because of the life decisions he had been making, but Aaron was able to lead him to the Lord and save his life! Jeremiah and his daughter SJ spoke with two ladies in a car and one of them pulled them aside and asked for prayer for her friend in the car. She said her friend had just attempted suicide the night before. So they pulled both ladies out and prayed over them. After they shared the Gospel with them they both accepted Jesus as their savior!







Food Outreach

July 5th, we had our monthly food distribution outreach. We had around 150-200 people come and get hamburgers and hotdogs, groceries, and free clothing! We also had a team of about 25 volunteers that served with us to make it all happen. Praise the Lord!

We also had FBC Fairview church come out and package grocery bags with us on July 12th. They brought about 15 volunteers and took home around 150 grocery bags! Here's a testimony from the pastor: "As part of the Fairview Oklahoma Ministerial Alliance, I can honestly say that joining with the Forgotten Ministries food ministry has brought a new sense of purpose to us as churches in this community. Most of what we had done in the past as an alliance of churches was for our churches. But this has been a genuine effort to reach out beyond our churches to meet the real needs our town. A youth group from Kansas joined some of the Forgotten Ministry team members and came to Fairview over Spring Break to help us hand out food throughout our city. We intended to stop after a couple of hours, but we so much enjoyed being together and meeting new people and handing out food that we kept going until we just couldn't go anymore.

It has been a bittersweet blessing in joining Forgotten Ministries in this work. The "sweet" part has been fellowshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ who belong to a different denomination; the "sweet" part has been getting to know the wonderful people who serve in Forgotten Ministries; the "sweet" part has been doing just a little something to meet people's needs and sharing the love of Jesus. The "bitter" part has been having our eyes opened to the real need and suffering and brokenness that is right here in Fairview Oklahoma. Someone once said that doing real theology will break your brain and doing real ministry will break your heart. I agree." —Derek Cox, Pastor, FBC Fairview Oklahoma



This month when the team went to Meridian, MS for Love out Loud, they took all the supplies to package 3,000 grocery bags with the volunteers there. And later used them to give out to people at various outreaches during that week!

During one of the mission team weeks, we took grocery bags out to an apartment complex. There we met a lady who wanted 7 or 8 bags. We soon saw why she needed that many when we went inside and saw her 5 children, empty cupboards, and half a gallon of milk in the fridge. God saw her in her time of need and we were able to be used by God to provide her with food when she needed it most.

On another grocery walk, we met a lady who was struggling with suicide, her husband had just left her the day before due to an affair, and she didn't know how she was going to raise four children by herself. Not only were they able to bless her with groceries, but she was also given hope that there's a Jesus and a church that will walk alongside her in this difficult time.

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Mission Team: Hill City, SD

July 7th-12th, A team from Hill City, South Dakota from Little White Church came to serve with us. We cooked a meal for 200 employees at No Mans Lands in Enid and sat with them during their lunch break to have the chance to pray over them and share the love of Jesus. We served groceries, dinner, and clothing to individuals at Don Haskins park for our park outreach. They helped us sort clothes and pack grocery bags at our ministry center. They took the Sno Cone Trailer to a local splash pad and served free sno cones and prayed over people! One day, they took a trip to Oklahoma City to serve lunch to the employees at Feed the Children, and also did a grill walk and ministered to the homeless. Overall. the team was challenged through outreach and bible studies. We love South Dakota!



