



ENCAMPMENT MINISTRY

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DEAR HARVEST FAMILY – The winter has been harsh for those at the shelters and even more so for those living outside. The good weather is coming. Seasonal overnight shelters will be closing. When these shelters close until next fall, those displaced will need to find a suitable place to live. This is a prayer concern for all of us. Please keep this request before the Lord in the months to come.



As a ministry, we have added to our itinerary the Open Doors shelter which opened in November on Cumberland Street (pictured). We've developed a great working relationship with the staff there, meeting with them to assess the services they provide for their residents and letting them know about our mission. Those staying there anticipate our Thursday visits where many come out for our friendly greeting, supplies and prayer.

As always, Bibles, Christian books and tracts are made available. During the cold months, we have handed out gloves, hand warmers, hats and clothes, as well as our hot

chocolate and soup. As the season changes, so must our prayer needs.

Recently, local residents voiced their concerns to the city council to address and resolve the homeless situation. This is a complex issue in that openings for permanent housing are at a premium and take time, shelter capacity is limited and camping is the only option some either have or want to do. Housing needs still remain and more pressure is placed on those we minister to since city concerns are ratcheting up.

PRAISE REPORT –*Frequenting the same locations on our Thursday weekly schedule, we listen to concerns, show compassion and pray for the housing needs so many desperately need. As a result of our ministry, we're able to connect with people and establish personal relationships. These relationships have gone a long way to enable us to demonstrate the love of Jesus and provide the hope that the gospel proclaims. It's because of the prayerful support of our church that we are able us to do this. Lighthouse Community Food Pantry in Cumberland is a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Church. Working with them, we were able to deliver food to several who had just moved into new housing, including Lisa (pictured right).*



WHAT YOU CAN DO: Thank you for your generous donations over the past months. Most of all, we need your continual support and prayers. Also, cash and gift cards (Amazon, Walmart), clothing items, personal care items in small sizes.

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.' Deuteronomy 15:11