



ENCAMPMENT MINISTRY

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DEAR HARVEST FAMILY – Winter has passed and the summer heat is quickly upon us. We continue to visit the shelter on Cumberland Street and have added additional stops at World War II Veterans Memorial Park and Clinton Street. These



locations experience a steady stream of foot traffic which enables us to reach many city residents with needed food and supplies. In addition, often requested are Bibles and other Christian literature that we are more than happy to provide.

We continue to be blessed by our association with the Lighthouse Community Food Pantry in Cumberland. Through our partnership, we can distribute deli sandwiches, sometimes up to sixty or so during our Thursday ministry. That and the donations of bottled water by area businesses are much appreciated.

Harvest Church also hosted our second haircut event on May 17th which was well attended and generously supported by the church and several Woonsocket businesses. We are blessed to be part of a church body that has a mission to reach out beyond the church walls.

Winter shelters have closed for the season. The city has clamped down on open air encampments and have relocated some as they are able to the available shelter spaces. But the need is still there as some of those we have been encountering have been forced to relocate out of the area. Continue to pray for the safety and well-being of these individuals as we reach out with the hope of salvation found in Jesus.

PRAISE REPORT – *An important part of our ministering on the streets of Woonsocket is being sensitive to the Holy Spirit with the needs of those we serve. Prayer is a paramount concern. During our interactions, those we encounter express many of these heart-felt needs. We are always ready to provide godly counsel and sincerely ask if we can pray for these needs. Hardly ever are we refused. Right there, in the open air with the hum of street traffic and the occasional blare of sirens, we have the privilege to pray. We are bringing the church out to the streets. Some we pray with have never been inside a church. Some have had a negative encounter with church. We hope we can dispel the adverse connotation people have had. Every one of us has in some way made a personal connection. By recognizing individuals as having immense value in the eyes of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we strive to be the vehicle that scripture tells us to be “inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” Matthew 25:40b*



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 you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. Matthew 26:11