



ENCAMPMENT MINISTRY

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DEAR HARVEST FAMILY – It has been a year since we started our ministry to the under-served in Woonsocket. We have been blessed beyond measure. It has grown in both scope and number. From our humble beginning of four, we have a consistent number who go out each week, up to as many as sixteen on some weeks. In addition, contacts with city officials and nonprofit agencies have enabled us to expand our scope of outreach.



Our weekly encounters have reached several hundred individuals. Some we see every week, others only that single encounter. Countless water bottles, sandwiches and articles of clothing have been distributed. Hundreds of Bibles, gospel tracts and books have been given out, even some in Spanish.

Most important is our spiritual ministry.

Some profess faith in Jesus. Many have doubts due to unfortunate life circumstances, but we can offer hope in the Savior we serve. Hearts are softened and many time prayer is enthusiastically accepted. Everyone who has gone out on the streets of Woonsocket in this ministry has prayed with someone right where they have stood. This makes it all worthwhile. Those we minister to look forward to our weekly Thursday visits. As we build relationships, people are willing to share their deepest needs.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD – *It's sad to see individuals with all their belongings resting on the steps of a closed church just up the street from Harvest. During the summer, daytime facilities provide a respite during the week, but when they close at the end of the workday, those in need must find a secure place to sleep. Weekends are particularly stressful. For those fortunate enough, during the summer, the OpenDoors shelter and the Dignity Bus are available at night. For others the only recourse is to seek a secluded place for the night.*

The need in our city remains. With the closing of seasonal shelters and enforcement by the city of the no camping ordinance, those without secure housing are finding it difficult. They greatly appreciate all the efforts by our ministry and others that regularly provide support.

Just this week, we were invited to share our faith during a remembrance service at the OpenDoors shelter for one of the residents who had recently passed away. This was a blessing for the members of our team who willingly participated. For many, it may be the only encounter they will ever have with the gospel. Please pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit as we extend the love of Jesus to those most in need.



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 we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10