

Dear Friends,

I recently had a conversation with an individual that follows our ministry on Facebook. The person was curious about our feeding and clothing programs and if meeting peoples physical needs was the extent of what we do.

## We do our best to pattern our ministry after the example of Christ.

If you follow the ministry of Jesus what you'll see is that His ministry flew on the wings of both the passionate <u>proclamation</u> and the compassionate <u>demonstration</u> of the gospel. As you read, Isaiah describes how Christ's message will come -- through both a <u>verbal message</u> and a lifestyle of <u>love in</u> action.

Isaiah 6:1b-3a The LORD has anointed me to <u>preach good news</u> (proclamation) to the poor. He has sent me to <u>bind up the brokenhearted</u>, (demonstration) to <u>proclaim freedom</u> (proclamation) for the captives and <u>release from darkness for the prisoners</u>, (demonstration) <sup>2</sup> to <u>proclaim the year of the LORD's favor</u> (proclamation) and ... to <u>comfort all who mourn</u>, (demonstration) <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve (demonstration).

He is proclaiming the message, while at the same time He is doing the message. The Gospel flies on the wings of good news and good deeds. Transformation is the result of both passionate proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate deeds. We need both of these. It's the good works that verify the words and the words clarify the deeds.



## Here are some highlights of our people and our ministries displaying love in action.

Jason is one of the vets I met through my involvement with Team River Runner. Each Thursday Jason goes to the local food bank distribution center and picks up a load. His faithful work helps make it possible for us to address the food insecurity in our community.





Kathy Boyd has volunteered in our **food pantry** for several years and has taken over the team leadership for close to three years. Each week she and her team put together emergency food bags for those in need in our community. The food pantry team under Kathy's leadership loves and serves well. (Kathy is pictured here in yellow sweater with one of her team members Melanie.)



It would not have been summer at Freedom Foursquare without **parking lot parties** following Church Services.

The last thing I'd like to highlight is our **youth group**. Our Youth Pastor Joseph along with his wife Kaitlyn

and their team of volunteers are doing an outstanding job reaching the

youth in our community. In a time when youth ministries have declined ours has flourished. Most of these kids come from completely unchurched single parent households where often a parent is incarcerated, or on drugs, or deceased from an overdose or violence. I try to

participate as much as possible and I have witnessed transformation in many of these kids' lives. This summer's Youth Adventure Camp was a huge win

with some making the decision to begin the greatest adventure of all...starting a life dedicated to Jesus.

I am so proud of our team and the ministry they do displaying tangible expressions of love and kindness of God.







The ministries we are providing are essential and have eternal consequence. The work we do is possible in part through the generous donations of partners like you. Thank you for your faithful and generous commitment to pray and give towards the great work. God Bless you!

In Him, Pastor David

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