

Operation BLESSING

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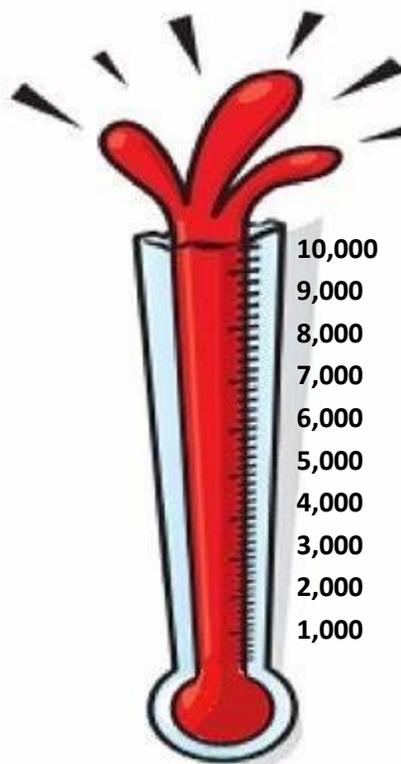
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Saturday, September 7th, many of our volunteers and the residents of Affordable Recovery attended the 34th Annual Hunger Walk, hosted by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. We had a total of 53 walkers this year, and we couldn't have asked for better weather. After the walk, we hosted an open house and a luncheon for our volunteers and all that walked with us.



This month, we would like to take a moment to introduce you to and thank our volunteer, Mr. Jim Harmon. Jim has been volunteering here for 32 years. He is one of our interviewers, but also helps wherever he is needed. He usually comes in early and helps set up the warehouse. Jim is retired from the Oak Lawn Fire Department after serving for 30 years with them. Thank you, Jim for everything you do to help us serve our community.



Thank you to Gary Weis and Jim Reidl of Griffith Foods, Inc. Foundation, who came by on August 20th and made a generous contribution to getting our roof repaired. Because of help from local communities like Griffith Foods we were able to continue our mission of helping our community.



Testimonies...

Geraldine came in and we prayed for her healing of arthritis and diabetes. She stated that after prayer she felt much better. Praise Jesus!

We prayed for Karen for healing of her knee. She stated that after prayer, her knee felt better and better. It was also easier for her to walk. Hallelujah!

Derrick came in for food. He had an eye disease with visible cloudiness and redness in both eyes. We prayed for healing and restoration over his eyes in the name of Jesus. When we finished with prayer, there was a visible decrease in the redness and cloudiness. The eyes were clearer. Derrick stated that he could see much better and clearer. Praise Jesus!

Casandra came in for food and was asked if she needed prayer. She had arthritis in her eyes and was being treated for this by many doctors and had received many medications. After praying for her eyes in the name of Jesus, she had a marked decrease in redness and swelling in both eyes. Casandra stated that she could see better and her eyes felt better also. Glory to God.

A lady came in a few months ago, and asked for prayer regarding Crohn's disease. She was very sickly, and didn't have any energy. She said her family had to do everything for her. She came in the following month feeling better, and said she was on a better medication. We still prayed, believing for total restoration and healing. She came in the room to specifically give her testimony. She said that she was feeling wonderful. She was full of energy and able to do things on her own. She was now able to go out without worrying. She said she was gaining weight and that she no longer looked gaunt. She was asked if it was the medication working for her. She said NO! She had stopped taking the meds—it was answered prayer that she received at Operation Blessing. She was so joyful and full of life. She was so very thankful to God!

A prayer minister was in the hallway when a man she had previously prayed for stopped her and told her that ever since she prayed for him, his whole life had turned around. He was in school, receiving a grant and had a good job lined up. He was so thankful and wanted people to know how God answers prayer. He was told to read his Bible and he said, "Oh, I do. I have a Bible in my car, in my home, and in my truck. Praise God!

People are told that the healing is because of the power and presence of God, to know that He is real, that He loves them, and died for them to be forgiven and restored to relationship with Him. As they receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior they can enter into His presence. They can just be with Him. They are encouraged to spend time with Him, in His Word, and listening to Him, to repent of their sins and walk in repentance every day.

August Statistics

Heads of Households	1116
Individuals	3862
Salvations	56
New clients	92
Prayed for	987