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Karen, a volunteer, shares this story: Operation Blessing is not only a blessing to those in need who come through our doors, but it is also a blessing to those of us who volunteer here. I have learned that the more we attempt to live in God's will, the more Jesus blesses us with His joy and His peace, which transcends all understanding.

Recently, I celebrated the first year anniversary of my salvation. A few months after I received the free gift of salvation, I prayed for God to use me as his vessel. Approximately a week later, a sister in Christ approached me at church and asked if I would be interested in volunteering at Operation Blessing. God answered my prayer and blessed me with this opportunity to serve others. I witness, every single day I am here; the joy and peace given to the people we listen to and pray with, and how bringing the good news of Jesus to others transforms their lives.

There are so many stories of transformations, I would like to share, but to paraphrase what John wrote in the very last verse of the Gospel, "If every one if them were written down, I suppose there would not be enough room". But here is one story of transformation I would like to share:

A young woman came to us in need, after recently becoming homeless. She was so frightened, terrified really, and could barely meet my eyes. Her voice was so soft and gentle that I could barely hear her, even though she was sitting across from me. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to reach her heart through me, and she professed her faith. When I saw her again the next month, which was only about a week later, she was walking with confidence and glowed with a lightness of spirit. She smiled and gave me a great big hug. Her transformation was amazing in a way which can only be from God working in our lives.

The last time I saw her, Kyra still radiated with the love of Jesus. She was still being transformed, and happily reported that she would soon be moving into a more permanent residence. The precious gift God has given to me, by allowing me to witness these transformation, humbles me, and keeps me full of gratitude.

Many people tell us in our sessions that "this" is the reason they come here. They come not only for earthly sustenance, but for spiritual sustenance as well. Thank you, Jesus, for Operation Blessing, and for bringing both physical and spiritual sustenance to all who are open to it. May all come to know of your glory and love, Amen.



We were fortunate in May to receive a generous donation of Coca-Cola products from Reyes Coca-Cola. Reyes Coca-Cola is a local company based in Alsip and has previously donated to us. This is a delightful treat for our neighbors, allowing them to enjoy these excellent Coca-Cola products.

We will need volunteers to help distribute food this summer. If you're interested, please call 708-597-6326, leave a message and our manager will get back to you as soon as possible.



Just a reminder: As we shared in our May Newsletter, our fiscal year is coming to a close, and we want to end it on a strong note. (Or start the new year on a strong note if you want to think of it that way.) If you can help us by sending a gift, or increasing your usual gift, this month or July, it would be so appreciated. Through your support, we will keep our doors open as we have for 44 years and keep helping families in need with food and encouragement.

May Statistics

Heads of Households	562
Individuals	1664
Prayed with	499
Professions of Faith	9

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