



CHRISTIAN KINDNESS — workbook —

Learn how to
share your
faith!

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Our Calling

God calls us to share our faith and His love.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:19-20

Many Christians call this act of sharing their faith **EVANGELISM**.

Evangelize [ih-van-juh-lahyz] : to preach the Gospel.

Why don't more Christians evangelize?

A LifeWay Research study was revealed that despite believing it's their duty to evangelize and having the confidence to do so, **only 25% of Christians** say that they have evangelized once or twice in the last six months.



Top reasons that
Christians don't
evangelize.

"I am **busy**."

"I have **fear and insecurity**."

"I don't have enough **training**."

Christian Kindness



At Acts 1:8 Ministry, we make evangelizing easy, non-threatening, and fun for **any** Christian.

Our Evangelism Method

Our evangelism method is **Christian Kindness**.

Christian Kindness is when you do something special for someone else by giving something or providing a free service, it opens the door to evangelize by simply explaining that **God's love is free** just like the gift or service that you provided!

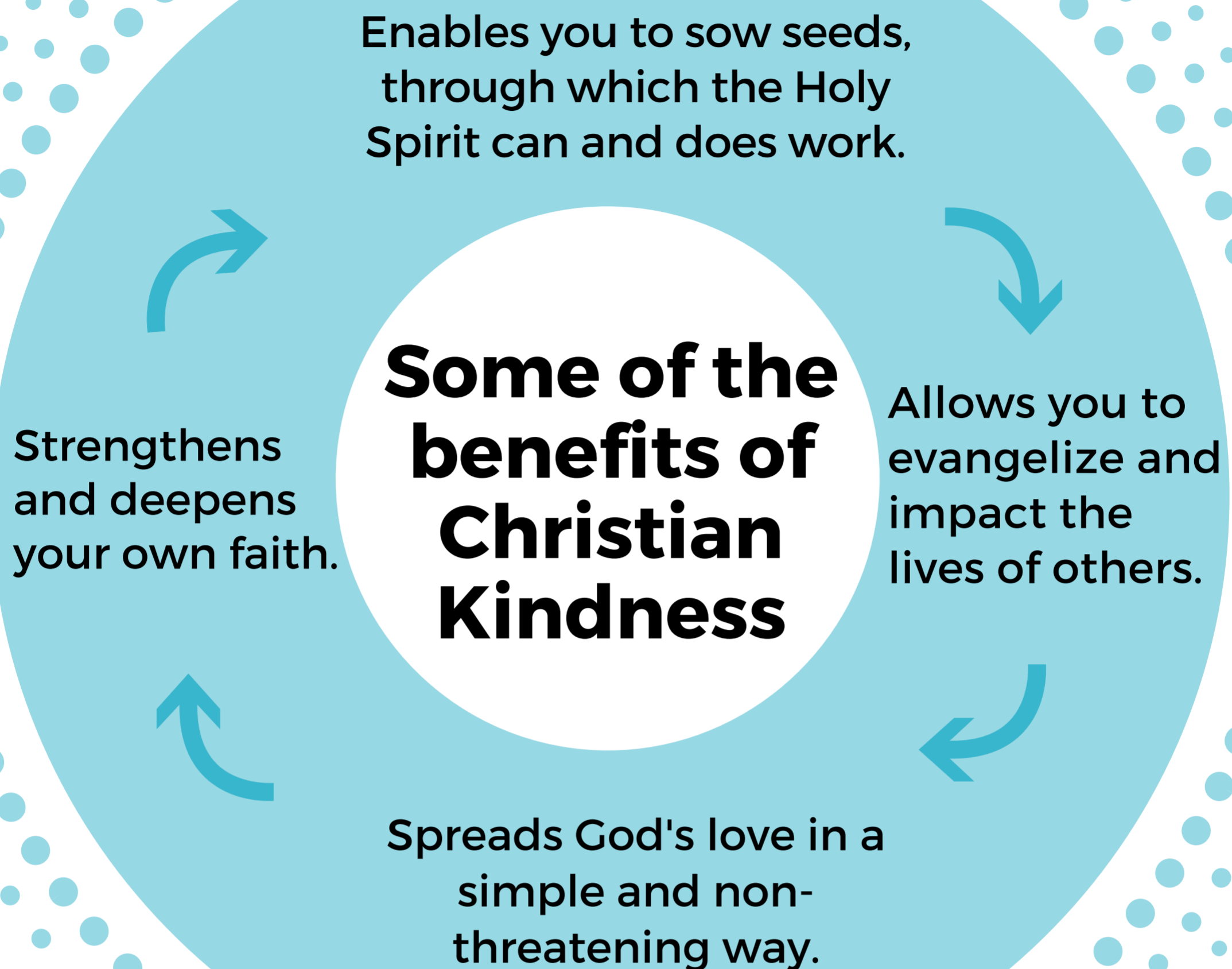
This method is for all Christians, from brand new to mature, which can be **integrated into your daily walk and is easily customized to fit your needs and the needs of your community**. Christian Kindness can be used by individuals on a daily basis or by groups, such as youth groups, businesses, bible studies, outreach teams, etc.

Christian Kindness Cards

A key element to Christian Kindness are Christian Kindness Cards. The cards are a necessary tool because they open the door to share God's love. We will go into more detail about the Christian Kindness Cards on page 6 in this workbook . . .

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

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Testimony

"My two sons were serving our country overseas, my arm was in a sling from a dislocated shoulder and I was thinking about all the work I had to do around the house as I watched the leaves pile up outside. I started to work around the house doing as much as I could with my one good arm. It could not have been an hour later, and something caught my eye out the window. A group of boys were raking the leaves! After they had neatly raked them to the front curb, one of them knocked on my door. **He explained to me that they raked my yard to show me Christian Kindness.** The boys handed me a card, which included a Bible verse. They turned to be on their way, I shut the door and instantly fell to my knees! I have always been a believer, but I never felt the presence of God so strongly until then. I rededicated my life to Him that day. **Christian Kindness truly changed my life!**" - Carol, WI

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Christian Kindness

- For Individuals -

Christian Kindness Ideas

Christian Kindness is when you do something special for someone else to share God's love. Christian Kindness for individuals can be spontaneous or easily planned out in your daily walk. When you plan Christian Kindness, we call that **P.A.C.K.® (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness®)**.

Below are some Christian Kindness ideas for individuals!



Volunteer time at a soup kitchen or local shelter.



Hand out reusable shopping bags at a grocery store.



Leave flowers on a car at the hospital.



Pay for someone's bus or train fare.



Send an encouraging letter to a friend.



Give a gift of thanks to local law enforcement.

Tip: Almost every month there is a holiday and it is easy to center Christian Kindness around it.

Brainstorm some Christian Kindness ideas below!

Journal

For more Christian Kindness ideas: acts18.org/ideas

Christian Kindness

- For Individuals -

Conversation Starters

Sometimes Christian Kindness is fast-paced. Other Christian Kindness is slow and relaxed, which gives you more of an opportunity to evangelize one-on-one.

Below are some examples of conversation starters that you can use:

"God wants me to let you know that He loves you."

"I want to bless you because I have been blessed by God."

"I am sharing God's free love and grace with you today."

"This is an act of Christian Kindness."

"I am showing God's love to you in a practical way."

Tip: Remember to allow God to guide your conversations.

Can you think of any conversation starters that you would be comfortable saying?

Christian Kindness

- For Individuals -

Consistency + Frequency

God's timing is perfect. We encourage you to be patient and be on the lookout because the Holy Spirit can and will show up in many different ways. This is God's way of keeping the journey both interesting and rewarding.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9



Doing Christian Kindness **consistently and frequently** helps strengthen your faith because God reveals Himself through the people you encounter, situations you are put through, and the incredible timing of it all.

Christian Kindness puts others first.

"Nothing should be done because of pride or thinking about yourself. Think of other people as more important than yourself." - Philippians 2:3



Christian Kindness helps you to create a culture within your community, where sharing God's love becomes a **natural and normal routine**.

KEEP READING to learn how you can do Christian Kindness with a group, such as an outreach team, business, youth group or bible study!

In every way I showed you that by working hard like this we can help those who are weak. We must remember what the Lord Jesus said, "We are more happy when we give than when we receive." - Acts 20:35

Christian Kindness

- For Groups -

Christian Kindness can be customized for **any** group, such as an outreach team, business, youth group, bible study, etc. The following section is a step-by-step guide that teaches you how to effectively do Christian Kindness with your group!

Building Your Team

Christian Kindness Leader



- Having more than one leader is important so that there is shared responsibility and accountability.
- Christian Kindness leaders should be good communicators, have a passion for the Lord, be outgoing and have organizational skills.

Christian Kindness Team



- The more people that are involved increases the level of excitement as well as the creation of new and creative Christian Kindness event ideas.
- Share this workbook with them so they know and understand the Christian Kindness process.



- As Christian Kindness grows, extra volunteers may be needed. To get them excited about the outreach, show them pictures from previous outreach or perform a short skit portraying a live outreach.

Who can be part of your Christian Kindness team?
(Note their name and contact information for ease of reference)

Christian Kindness

- For Groups -

Christian Kindness Ideas

Doing Christian Kindness as a group should be planned out and tailored to the needs of your community. When you plan acts of Christian Kindness, we call that **P.A.C.K.® (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness®)**.

Fill out your P.A.C.K.® ideas for each month below:

January: _____
(Snow shoveling, Beverage giveaway)

February: _____
(Flower giveaway, Candy giveaway)

March: _____
(If you own a business, give away coupons for a product or service.)

April: _____
(Cook a meal for a family in need, Make hospital visits)

May: _____
(Plant a community garden, Balloon giveaway for kids)

June: _____
(Give stamps away at a Post Office, Clean up local neighborhood)

July: _____
(Host a picnic, Bottle water giveaway)

August: _____
(Host a car wash, Donate needed books to children)

September: _____
(Give gifts of "thanks", such as baked goods, to local law enforcement)

October: _____
(Do something special for the teachers at a local school)

November: _____
(Volunteer time at a soup kitchen, Gather and giveaway food)

December: _____
(Donate blankets to a shelter, Hand out winter "blessing bags")

"We gave out bottled water in our town square. The next day, a homeless man showed up at our church and wanted to know what it was all about. He woke up next to a water bottle labeled with a Bible verse. We gave him a sack of food, as he hadn't eaten in a couple of days. This taught us that we never know how one Christian Kindness will touch someone else." - Janet & Bill, FL

Christian Kindness

- For Groups -

Funding + Locations

Funding

Depending on your P.A.C.K.[®] (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness[®]) event, you may need to raise funds..

Below are some ideas to raise funds for your P.A.C.K.[®] events:



- Ask for donations from people in your church and/or community who are willing to donate products or supplies.
- Coin drop (loose change in offering plates).
- Put P.A.C.K.[®] events into your church budget.
- Thrivent Action Teams: If you are a Thrivent Financial member, learn how Thrivent Action Teams can help you do more with the gifts God gave you.

Locations

Choosing a location for your P.A.C.K.[®] event is important. If you are planning to give out gas gift cards, choose a gas station as the location would be ideal.



- If you do P.A.C.K.[®] events as a church group, choose locations close to your church for ease of reference.
- Ask people from your church and/or community to host the event at their business.

Who do you know that owns or manages a local business?

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Reach Your Community

P.A.C.K.[®] (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness[®]) events are meant to share God's free love and grace with others. God shows up at these events and works in mysterious ways. P.A.C.K.[®] events are more spontaneous when they are not promoted because there is an element of surprise for the recipients.

A P.A.C.K.[®] event that has a goal of raising awareness, such as a free church picnic, can be promoted.

Below are a couple of easy ways to promote your P.A.C.K.[®] events:



Write up a short article or press release about your event and send it to the local newspaper(s).



Many TV and radio stations have community calendars on their websites. Post your event on community calendars two weeks prior.

Tip: These events may teach you patience and how to love others, even when they make your mission to evangelize a little tough. These are both great lessons from God!

Christian Kindness

- For Groups -

Christian Kindness Cards

The Christian Kindness Card is a key tool because it provides easy opportunities to share God's love.

Christian Kindness Cards are meant to **break the ice** with the recipient and eliminate the fear associated with evangelism. The card can be left behind if you don't see the recipient of your Christian Kindness.

Below is an example of a Christian Kindness Card that you can **customize!**

Customize the back side with a Bible verse, your Church or group contact information, etc.

This **Christian Kindness** is a reflection of what Jesus **freely** gave to us all. His words, actions, and the ultimate sacrifice He made on the cross was for our **salvation and freedom.** †

#ChristianKindness



Learn more + Share your faith at acts18.org

For the recipient, the Christian Kindness Card creates a "**God just showed up in my life,**" moment and allows them to reflect on the experience later.

Tip: Keep a few Christian Kindness Cards in your wallet or purse for spontaneous outreach opportunities.

Get your **FREE** downloadable cards at acts18.org/cards.

Christian Kindness

- For Groups -

Conversation Starters

Sometimes P.A.C.K.[®] (Planned Act of Christian Kindness[®]) events are very fast-paced and busy. However, some P.A.C.K.[®] events are slower and more relaxed, which gives you opportunities to evangelize one-on-one.

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"Hundreds of teenagers go by our church every Friday and Saturday night. We decided to make trail mix, put it in sandwich-size bags and walk up and down the street, handing it out. We put a little sticker on the bag of trail mix that said, 'You're on the right trail with Jesus! - A gift from Freedom Baptist Church.'"

- Chad, KY

Can you think of any conversation starters that you would be comfortable saying?

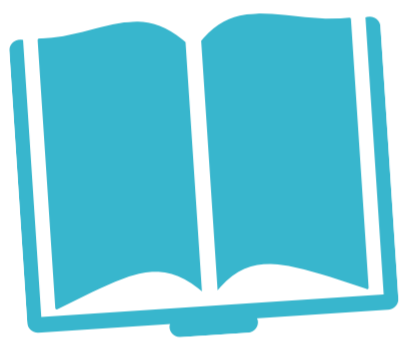
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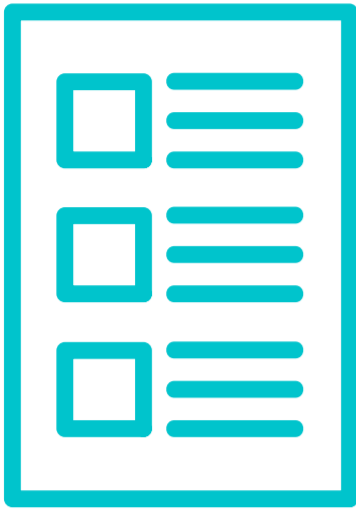
Christian Kindness develops a culture of caring, sharing and connecting people to Christ within your church and community.

Giving brings us joy and a sense of fulfillment.

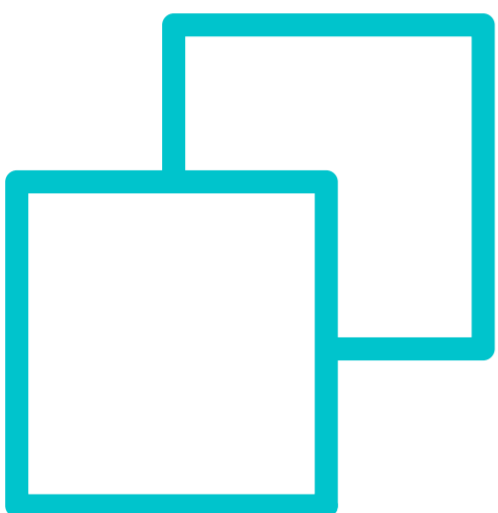
Sustaining Planned Acts of Christian Kindness[®] can lead to other evangelism activities, such as local and overseas mission trips, Habitat for Humanity projects, disaster response trips, etc.

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Additional Resources



To find a complete list of Christian Kindness ideas, visit acts18.org/ideas.



Christian Kindness Cards are a key tool in Christian Kindness because it provides easy opportunities to share God's love. Remember to download your free cards at acts18.org/cards.



If you have a Christian Kindness story, please share it with us at acts18.org/your-story or email us at yourstory@acts18.org.

Impact stories inspire, encourage and motivate others to share God's love!

Share your story on social media using **#ChristianKindness!**
Find out more at acts18.org/christiankindness.



We pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will be with you as you evangelize and share God's love with others through Christian Kindness.
May God bless your evangelism!

Contact + Support

We are here to help you through your Christian Kindness journey every step of the way!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at:

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