CONNECTIONS
PRISON MINISTRY

November 2024

Hi CPM Family!

Connections Kindness Closet has just finished its first quarter of operation, and the Kindness Café is completing its initial month of business in the food trailer! We are grateful; we are being educated in this new operation and have been overcoming many learning curves. The Lord has been so faithful to CPM, and patient with Peter and Michelle, and we know, without a doubt, that He has brought us here to this and is leading us forward with more confidence in His journey. We continue to seek His face and reach for His heart as we minister to the many people who are walking through the doors of Kindness, along with those who call needing help. We endeavor to speak with clarity and boldness as we know the one true Hope and Answer available to mankind, and Kindness is the perfect place to share His goodness with others.

Interestingly, we are located near a high school, and the Kindness Closet has been discovered by the students. Who knew, kids like to refer to themselves as 'thrifters'! In addition to this beautiful prison ministry God has given to us, we are grateful to be gaining an open door with some kids who are seeking answers and searching for the definition for belonging.

There is a barber shop close by and they have an appetite for the Kindness Café's delicious freshly made street fare. They are fast becoming relationships we desire to foster as they shop with us, donate their own clothing and shoes, and also, because they hire those with prior convictions.

We told you about "George" in our previous newsletter. His name is actually Javier, and he gave permission to share his name. We were so pleased when he returned to visit with Peter, bringing with him a friend who also had questions about faith and following Jesus. It turns out his friend is Muslim. It got even sweeter when they accepted our invitation and they showed-up at our church service the following week and sat with our family and heard more about Jesus!

Being placed almost at the center of Colorado Springs and at a busy intersection, we continue to desire to be a lighthouse for many who are navigating homelessness and addiction in the city. We are seeing more of this as temperatures drop and seasons change. We thank you who've given intentionally to our S.O.C.K. (Supporters of Compassion and Kindness) program. Because of your generosity and catching our vision, the needs of these people as well as those who are struggling with life after incarceration are being met. This past week, a gal made her way across the parking lot to Kindness with her walker. She clutched a $5 bill in her trembling hands,

waylaid in Colorado Springs from TX, and was freezing in her t-shirt and leggings. She and her husband are stranded here until they earn enough money to get back to TX, and it didn't feel right to take her $5 to provide her with warm clothing. Your donations to the S.O.C.K program provided her a hoodie, sweats and some shoes.

At the end of October, we will help a man transition from a Texas prison here to the Springs. His family found Connections, and after searching for nearly a year for housing, to no avail, in Colorado so they could provide proximity and relationship to Charles, we were able to arrange a room for him right away. Not only are we able to help Charles and his family with a new beginning for him, we're also able to offer additional resources to him, with our number one goal always being, earning the right to speak truth about Jesus into his life. Your support helps us help the Charles' of this world.

We have these dear friends and longtime supporters of CPM, John and Pat. John recently donated his hunting 'camo' to us, of which he had an amazing supply. What a gift it has been, because again, who knew, "camo-clothing" is in this season even for everyday wear. All your clothing donations have been beyond expectation and hope, and we appreciate all you have given.

Christian Family Fellowship (CFF) and the Free Church (E-Free), both in Canon City, are two churches who have always gone above and beyond to support Connections. CFF did our first clothing drive and placed the first clothing on our racks, and for the month of November, E-Free is hosting a drive. They have also been gracious to set us up with a website where there are many options to give and support. Please visit this site and search for options for you to get involved during the entire month of November. Just type the following...

https://www.giveinkind.com/inkinds/A9I3Q3S/connections-prison-ministry

From day-to-day, we never know what the day will hold. We have become fond of some neighbors in the area who are supporting Kindness in small unseen ways. There have been some praise and worship gatherings and prayer meetings, and overall, just listening to the heartbeat of the people in the city, and our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated as well as their family members. We are so needy of the provision from the God Who shows up time and again amid desperate times. Thank you for your past support and we ask you to please continue helping Connections help others.

Jesus...ridiculously KIND!

Supporting Connections Prison Ministry

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