

## THE DELIVERY May 2018



**In April,**  
 We received: 130,000 lbs. of product  
 We served:     6,790 Families  
                   274 Seniors  
                   720 Adults  
                   3,955 Youth  
                   20,487 Children  
                   804 Volunteer Hours  
                   20 Salvations /  
                   Recommitments

### *An update on Quincy*

The city of Quincy, a small town just 20 minutes west of Tallahassee, as well as being the home of our second warehouse, largely contributes to the unique and diverse history that the state of Florida holds. Once acclaimed for its bright and booming small-town economy during an otherwise national great depression, it now resides as a quiet and modest place that you would be likely to overlook on your way to Alabama.

But while Quincy is still rather old-fashioned, it isn't necessarily the quaint country town that everyone wants to retire to. Being just miles from the deep south of Georgia, Quincy still undergoes a great amount of racial unrest. It also experiences a rather low standard of living, though it has been improving as of year 2000.

Three years ago, when founder Mark Anthony first started strategically thinking about the location of a second warehouse, he circled the city of Quincy on the laminated map hanging on the conference room wall; unbeknownst to him, that that is exactly where we would end up just a few years later.

"If we can get the building for free, I

know we're supposed to be there", he stated. Amazingly, in Spring of last year, Gadsden County did just that by giving us an old packing house with a \$0 lease. As we have shared in previous newsletters, while we have made a great deal of capital improvements in the renovation of the location, we still do have a lot ahead of us in order to make operations run functionally there.

Aside from improvements though, our greatest need at the Quincy warehouse is not physical, but personal. Plainly put, it needs personnel. It needs a face. Properties don't develop relationships, people do. For a city as small as Quincy, it's been important for us to understand how to begin planting our roots deeper to gain trust from the surrounding city's citizens, companies, churches and organizations. In all of this, we have recognized our dire need of an outreach director.

Thankfully, in this too, the Lord has provided greatly for us. Last month, the Lord gave us Matt, our new part-time Quincy outreach director. Through him, we are looking forward to more

effectively offering our services to the ~8,000 citizens of Quincy and beyond.

One advantage that Quincy renders us, as typified of smaller towns, is the hopeful prospect of less "red tape" in the coordination of partnerships and serving of individuals. In contrast to what we have experienced in Central Florida in the past, the public and private sectors seem to be even more promising in readily cooperating with us to serve the lives of those in Quincy. We hope to take full advantage of this!

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While there are certainly things working in our favor, as mentioned earlier, Quincy has quite a tumultuous history. It will take work to get the exposure that we would like to have with every demographic, especially considering the racial tension that exists.

But as we know well, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the one message that not only pierces through the dividing walls of culture and society, but also unifies us under an incredibly merciful and gracious father. Please pray for us as we seek to show Christ to Quincy!

## This is Love in Action

In a recent mission trip to India, our partner, Love in Action ministries, brought life's necessities to a country void of natural and spiritual resources. They arrived in India with the Gospel, training materials for local churches, Bibles, flip flops for children, and even 25 water filters. This is the compassion of Christ Jesus as He, Himself, said: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Have we told you lately how much we love our partners?



**Thank you...** To Disney for matching the donations of their Disney VolunteARS to Southeastern Food Bank! Disney has been more than gracious for supporting us and many other non-profits in this manner. And of course, this wouldn't be possible apart from the generosity of the Disney VolunteARS in their volunteer hours and donations to funding our community operations!

Thank you also to Don and Joyce Feaster for their various contributions to Southeastern Food Bank. Don graciously installed lighting at our Quincy warehouse free of charge, and Joyce helped us greatly with our most recent yard sale by sorting and pricing merchandise! We love our community!

## CALENDAR

Mother's Day



Sunday, May 13

Happy Mother's Day!

Spring Furniture Sale

**FURNITURE SALE**

Saturday, May 19

9 am- 12 pm

On May 19th, you'll have the opportunity to get some of Sam's Club's hottest Spring furniture, at nearly half the price!

@ Iglesia De Dios Nuevo Comienzo church, 153 W Silver Star Rd, Ocoee, FL 34761.

We have bedroom sets, nursery and children classroom sets, mattresses and more! Make sure to come out and see these great deals!

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