



THE DELIVERY

March/April 2019



In the 1st Quarter,

We served: 11,643 Families
935 Seniors
2,649 Adults
3,056 Youth
1,388 Children
1653 Volunteer Hours
262 Salvations /
Recommitments

A Message That Endures

Since our first dialogue with Connie at our last November's Senior Outreach, it has become abundantly clear that she is nothing short of a well-seasoned pupil of God's Word. This became telling even upon that first conversation with her; when asked what her hope is in for eternal life, with a puzzled raising of the brow she immediately and triumphantly responded: "well, because of Jesus, of course!". It seemed that, for her, there was no other thought imaginable than Jesus being God's solution for her otherwise unforgiveable sins.

A long-time resident of the West Orange area, though Connie shared an affirming testimony in Christ, she sadly had only negative experiences to recount from her past involvement with local churches. These undesirable experiences were dense with the poison of church disunity, found

in its most popular and pervasive forms: judgment, gossip, meddling, bickering, rivalry and other variants of conceit. For Connie, now wearied not only by lack of physical mobility, but also past church hurts, it has been difficult to conjure up the physical and spiritual vigor needed to again step foot into a church building.

But this is where we must pause, and excitedly fast forward to the *good side* of the story! How gracious and rewarding it is to have the blessed appointment of speaking with men and women like herself, often, on multiple occasions! We say this because, last month, then being the third occasion on which we visited her, we found her beginning to ask questions about the possibility of "giving the church another try". We saw her mind at work: "If I go to church, what do I need to

wear? I only have pants", "What's the preacher like at that church?", "Do they have services throughout the week?". These questions all showed traction: the now optimistic loosening of tightly clenched hands.

Bringing the story up to speed, Connie has now been two weeks into attendance at a local, Bible-believing church. Her experience in the service and Sunday school has been nothing short of uplifting, redeeming, and contagiously demonstrative of Christ-like love.

What an encouragement this has been toward our ministry! This just further establishes the mission of Southeastern Food Bank; the "message of hope" in Christ Jesus is not relegated to a single experience, but prolongs for a lifetime of change, and surpasses well into eternity!

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, ‘If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?’”.

(Matthew 16:24-26 KJV)

Thank you... We would like to thank the 30 Publix corporate and supermarket volunteers who spent the better part of the day on Tuesday, April 2nd to sort and pack our warehouse product. We are grateful to these volunteers not merely for their contribution in speeding up our warehouse’s operation, but moreover, for their noteworthy morale boost that they provided our staff with! As a local, developing non-profit, one of our greatest challenges is forming worthwhile relationships with corporate partners, where we are heard, understood, and supported with the strength of volunteerism and monetary & in-kind donations; but Publix has consistently stepped up to the plate time and time again. Thank you again, Publix!

We would also like to give a special thank you to our evangelistic ministry partners, who reported that, over the course of the first quarter, there was a cumulative total of 262 *salvations and recommitments to Christ*. This is something to celebrate! Praise God for His redemptive work in the souls of our fellow man.

CALENDAR

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| Outdoor Furniture Sale | Orange Technical College - Westside Campus 955 E Story Rd, Winter Garden, 34787 | Saturday, April 20 9 am - 1 pm | Come out and see our all-new, unused, outdoor furniture and recreational gear! You can’t beat these prices for such quality product! See our flyer at: http://www.southeasternfoodbank.com/events |
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| 2019 Stamp Out Hunger |  | Saturday, May 11 | Join the initiative in what is the largest, single-day food drive in the nation. Simply set a bag of donated non-perishables next to your mailbox (or deliver to your post office), and your letter carrier will collect it! All donations will then be distributed to local food banks, one of which, will be Southeastern Food Bank! |
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