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Snapshots of Our Ministry

- **Johnny** has joined us for breakfast almost every Thursday since we began serving in Linn Park in October 2009. He is invested in this ministry, and it is humbling when he comes early to pray with our team before we set up at 6:30. A couple of months ago, he lost his job and has since been looking for another one. He is expecting a job offer soon, so pray with us that he gets it. Johnny also participates in the weekly Bible study and loves learning more about God's Word.
- **Debra** isn't homeless, but she regularly joins us for breakfast to help her stretch her money for other necessities. She is praying that God will show us where our restaurant is to be located soon. She enjoys the food we serve and is looking forward to visiting with us in the restaurant!
- It has been neat to watch **Charles** soften toward us. He has been eating breakfast with us for many months and was unwillingly to say anything to us most of that time. All we knew was his first name; he also wouldn't make eye contact or join us in the circle for the devotion. Each week he is greeted warmly and called by name, with no response from him. A few weeks ago, his shell began to crack. A volunteer greeted him, at first not recognizing him all bundled up. Thinking he was a newcomer, she asked his name—then he looked her in the eye and she realized who it was. After apologizing for not recognizing him, she asked about his week. He told her that it had been okay. This may not sound like a breakthrough, but it absolutely is!

In Her Own Words

Janet shares about her experience giving away a GK food bag.
For several weeks I've had a box of GK food bags in my car but no opportunity to share one. A couple of days after Christmas I

This Just In...

- Grace's Kitchen is partnering with **M-Power Ministries** to provide lunch for their education program every couple of weeks.
- The **wish list** of needed items on graceskitchen.org has been updated. Find it under the "Get Involved" tab.
- We are offering a **Bible study** during our time in the park. This study focuses on the book of John, and four men are participating to date. Please pray that more people will want to go deeper in God's Word.



- **Update on Billy** who was introduced in our December 2010 newsletter: He was accepted at Changed Lives Christian Center and enjoys his life there. In addition, he is now attending Christ City Church in Ensley.
- **Answered prayer:** We have been praying that God would bring back people that we haven't seen in a while

was on my way home and saw a lady with her cardboard sign standing at the bottom of an exit ramp. My dilemma was that I was in a turn lane three lanes over from her and no way to get her attention. I wasn't sure what to do. When my light turned green, almost instinctively I thought, "No! I'm not going to let the enemy steal this opportunity!" So I merged into the lane beside me in order to loop around and come down the exit beside where she was standing. It took me 10 minutes to get back to where she was, but that allowed me time to pray for her. As I was driving down the exit ramp, another car pulled up in the emergency lane and handed her several bags of groceries. I don't know if that family saw her and specifically went to purchase food for her or if they decided to give her their own groceries they had just bought. She could barely carry all of them back to her spot on the grass. It was then that I was able to roll down my window and get her attention to show her I had a food bag to give her. She came running up to the car and before I could get the first syllable out of my mouth to tell her I'd be praying for her, this lady—with tears streaming down her face—just kept saying, "God bless you, thank you!" In those brief seconds, God painted a beautiful picture of Jehovah-Jireh—our ultimate Provider.

to find out what is going on in their lives. This past Thursday, He answered that prayer!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Grace's Kitchen as we actively search for a space to house our ministry.
- Pray that God will continue to show us opportunities to partner with like-minded ministries by providing fresh and healthy food to those in need.
- Pray for the men and women who we haven't seen for many weeks. Pray that they have gotten off the streets and are safe.
- Pray that those we serve in the park will find shelter during cold weather. Pray for their safety and protection.
- Pray for the men who are participating in the Bible study. Pray that they will continue to seek God.

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