

# THE NEWS FROM



"Your grace is sufficient for me, for your power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power will rest on me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

## A SNAPSHOT OF OUR MINISTRY

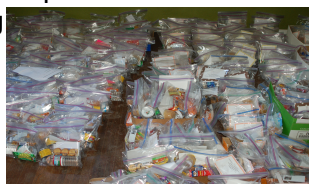
**This is an e-mail we received from Rebecca, a woman we serve in the park. Continue to pray for everyone who joins us for breakfast, that they will be nourished physically and spiritually.**

Dear Friends,

I send this e-mail your way, to thank all of you for your kindness, love, caring, and listening ears. Sometimes the ears are just as important as the food is. You all make the sacrifice to rise out of your warm beds, dress, gather all the food, you bring out to Linn Park, to serve the homeless, like myself. I'm the woman, who hangs out with Phil Palmer, the 'Parson', on the streets of Birmingham. When you serve others every Thursday morning, you also are serving, military Veterans, or at least one. In that I am an honorably discharged U.S. Army Veteran. I don't know how many others might have served our country, in uniform. My youngest daughter, who just turned 20, this past September, her middle name is, Grace, I call her Gracie, much of the time. Thanks, again for all you do, in the name of our Lord.

## THIS JUST IN...

- October was World Hunger Month. Because of this emphasis, we spoke to two groups—**Women on Mission and Women Making a Difference (WMD)**—at Hunter Street Baptist Church about the calling and ministry of Grace's Kitchen. Those who attended the WMD meeting assembled 500 nonperishable food bags for people to keep in their cars and to give away when they see a need.



- We have a desire to go deeper into God's Word with those to whom we minister. To this end, we will be offering a **six-week-long Bible study** during the hour we are in the park each week. To date, four men have committed to attending.

- On October 25, we attended the **Alabama Poverty Project Summit** at Samford University. The speakers stressed that the systemic issues of poverty can't be solved without building relationships with those you are trying to help. We have learned the importance of relationships firsthand, but we also know that true change in a person's life only comes about through the transforming power of Christ.

- Following our devotion each week, we now have a **time of worship** before serving breakfast. It is so awesome to lift up the name of our Lord in song!

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—CHARLES FROM THE PARK

## PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to prayer-walk around Linn Park as we serve breakfast on Thursdays. We also are seeking for volunteers to pray in their homes from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Strategic prayer covering as we minister in the park is imperative. To get involved, e-mail [paula@graceskitchen.org](mailto:paula@graceskitchen.org).

## IN HER OWN WORDS

Jen Batson shares her experience giving away a food bag. *"I was exiting the highway and saw a girl in her late teens beside the road. She held a sign asking for food and her face was so sad. She would look at the cars stopped at the light and then look down. It was like she knew her presence made others uncomfortable and she felt bad. I grabbed the food bag in my backseat, jumped out of the car, and started walking toward her. She met me, thanked me, and said, 'Oh, God bless you.' I told her that I would be praying for her and headed back to my car. God blesses us by allowing us the privilege of blessing others. His Word talks about the 'least of these', but that's how the world looks at them. God looks at them as His."*