

Mercy Ministry News

Grace Mills River | September 2022

How LOT is Serving The Community

Every Saturday **Least of These** sets up tables in ABCCM's parking lot to welcome those needing food and supplies for the week! While we haven't been able to serve a warm meal since before Covid, we provide our guests with sandwiches, treats, coffee, and other necessities like hygiene and winter accessories! Our new style of service allows us to really get to know each guest that comes for food, pray with them and support them with kindness and encouragement! Volunteers serve on Saturday morning or make sandwiches or snack bags ahead of time. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Liz Loop at loopelizabeth@gmail.com.



Global Outreach

Do you have a love for the world and want to support our Grace missionaries? **The Global Missions Team** is looking for new members! Contact Allison Rickman with questions allison.rickman@gmail.com.

Edward and Christine Insingoma, Grace missionaries in Hoima, Uganda, will be in town! We are planning a few events for our Global Missions Emphasis Sunday on October 2. Keep an eye out in the Weekly Email Update for events with our Global Missionaries coming up in the fall.



Local Outreach

The **Backpack Program** is starting up again! Please consider donating non-perishable, lightweight, child friendly food items to help supplement food for local families in need. Collection bins are located on the CM hallway. Contact Christen Stewart with questions or to volunteer - christenbstewart@gmail.com.



Impact Of The GMR Diaconate

Below is a story written by Michelle Dickerson who previously came to Grace and was recently in need of help from the GMR Diaconate.

"I'd been needing to move for health and financial reasons, when back in March of this year I learned that I had a place and would be moving soon. I tried my best to start going through my things and preparing to move but found I simply wasn't able physically to do what needed to be done. I had back surgery looming on April 20 and knew that I had a limited amount of time. Because I'd been unwell for so long, I had become seriously isolated and didn't have any help, so I decided to call Grace and seek assistance. I met with one of the deacons and his wife who were both kind and caring and agreed to help me out. They both came to my home several times to help me sort through things, load a lot up for donation and for trash, and even delivered them to the necessary places. Several deaconesses came over and packed my entire kitchen in one day and prayed with me - it was wonderful. On moving day they were there helping to make sure everything got moved out of my old house and into my new apartment. These wonderful people all helped to save my life in helping me get moved, because I never could have done it without them, and then by continuing to check on me and helping me after I moved. I feel incredibly blessed to now consider them friends. Another sweet deaconess provided a ride for me to the hospital for my back surgery and prayed with me, then made arrangements for a meal train to provide delicious prepared meals for two weeks after I returned home. This was such an incredible experience because of all these kind and compassionate people, and I can't ever begin to thank them enough. I hope to be well enough soon to start attending services at Grace and to meet people hopefully making more friends."

Psssst! Email gmrchurchoffice@gmail.com that you read the newsletter and you will be entered into a drawing to win a Starbucks gift card! There are 5 available!