



“THE LEAST OF THESE...”

'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Matthew 25:40

Loving our neighbor is part of the great commission and included in that is to show that love in practical ways. This month, our focus is on “the Least of These” and there is an article attached that I wrote last year for Faith2Faith Ministries, a ministry ran by a good friend of mine, Tom Miyashiro. It’s called “Seeing Jesus” and shares part of my journey of how God really got hold of me in regards to being, Jesus and seeing Jesus.

This month we are kicking off our fall “The Least of These Drive”. This drive involves a few different ministries. As part of R3ACH, we are doing a sock drive, where we hope to collect 1000 pairs of socks for the work we do throughout the year. Love Overwhelming, another great ministry in town, are collecting items for their newly established drop-in center, and lastly Cowlitz County Veterans Stand Down Committee is collecting blankets for homeless veterans. You can donate all those items through us here at Fathers House using one of the black R3ACH barrels. The fall drive goes from now until Christmas, except the blankets for Veterans part that ends October 24th.

As we’re approaching the rainy and cold fall season, please make sure to keep the least of these in mind and in your prayers!

For the Kingdom,

Sam

HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Our vision is to see the body of Christ mobilized, becoming the very hands and feet of Jesus! Therefore we need you!!

Our heart is to provide you with opportunities to get involved on a number of levels, bringing you updates of the needs in the world around us and to help create a passion for you to become a world changer, right where you are at!

Therefore, here are some of the ways you can get involved!

- Get involved through serving through the various opportunities we have right here at Fathers House, such as being part of our outreaches or joining us on a mission trip! (See the latest resource flyer for info.)
- Stay in touch via Facebook: ([facebook.com/r3ach.usa](https://www.facebook.com/r3ach.usa)) and read our newsletter on our website (R3ACH.org).
- Support R3ACH through prayer and giving.
- Start supporting local, national and international ministries through prayer and giving of your time and resources. (See our resource flyer for more info.)
- Take a stand for Justice in your World as the Lord leads and opens doors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October - December – “Least of these” Fall Drive

October 16th – Guest Speaker, Patrick Ersig
from the Jonah Project, LA
www.jonahproject.com

October 20th – Incurable Fanatics Showing
Human trafficking documentary
<http://nefariousdocumentary.com>

April 14th-29th (tbc)– Mission Trip to Uganda

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SEEING JESUS

Two years ago, God began taking me on new journey in my work in youth ministry at the time... Having come back from the Dream Center in Los Angeles, I had been challenged to take my faith to the streets by taking very practical action. Having served years in youth ministry, I knew what it meant to do outreach, but that understanding was to be rocked. Outreach had always been part of the package, such as taking our youth to Mexico, helping at our local homeless shelter, etc. but God was setting me up for something new.

We all know the phrase being “the hands and feet of Jesus”, but God was about to reveal that reaching out was not only to impact them... it was to impact me...

Jesus says in Matthew 25:

“Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

*“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, **you were doing it to me!**’*

I always had the understanding that we are to be Jesus to the ones around us, and while that is true, what He started showing me was that there is a lot more to the story than I understood... that as I live out my faith in very practical ways, not only do people see Him in me, but I will meet Him through the people I minister to.

All of a sudden, the man by the road with the “hungry & cold” sign is no longer an inconvenience – it’s an opportunity to share a meal with Jesus; visiting an elderly person in the nursing home becomes a chance to sit at the feet of Jesus; ministering to someone caught in prostitution becomes an opportunity to hear Jesus say “I will never leave you or forsake you, I love you with an everlasting love. ”

The tables were turned – I realized I was getting more touched than the one I was trying to ministering to! All of a sudden

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outreach was no longer a burden – it became a privilege, a chance to see Jesus in the face I’m talking to.

Since coming back from the Dream Center we have taken teams to Portland, OR, to feed, to clothe and to bring a breath of hope to the homeless, and it has transformed our youth, not to mention me. The rest of the church is catching on and the reports coming back are always the same – “I’m sure I was more blessed than the homeless were...”

I want to see more of Jesus in my life and I think one little secret to doing that is to go looking for Him in the people around us, because often He is found in the most unlikely places.

As we approach Christmas, (a lonely time for many hurting), determine to find the reason for the season in a place you normally wouldn’t look, go outside your comfort zone to be a blessing to someone. Bride of Christ, we have been blessed because we’re loved, yes... but we’re also blessed TO BLESS!

Let your light shine in the darkness and you will find that Jesus is already there waiting for you – in the faces of those around you.

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you.

Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.

Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help...

... Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.

Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

-Isaiah 58

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R3ACH SOCK DRIVE:

- Socks (preferably dark)

LOVE OVERWHELMING :

- Bottled Water
- Microwave Oatmeal Packets
- Paper Bowls
- Plastic Spoons
- Coffee
- Paper Coffee Cups
- Individual Sugar & Creamer Packets
- Tea bags
- Protein/Granola Bars
- Napkins
- 1-Gallon Ziplocs
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Socks

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- Warm blankets in new or excellent condition

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