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JLK365

Never Stop Reaching Lives

Wondering what happens after Catalyst Week?

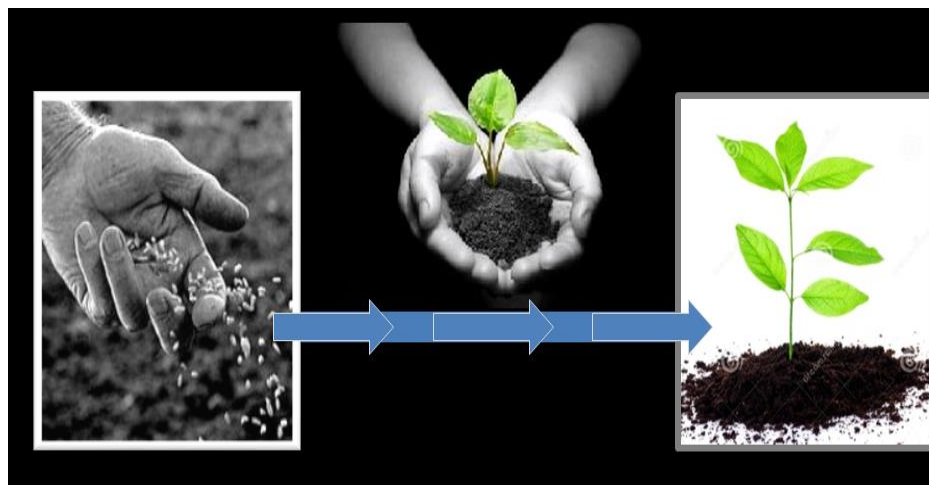
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*It's been **three months** since our major summer outreach push, Catalyst Week 2017, has ended. For those of you wondering what happens with the hundreds of prayer requests and personal information we gather, we wanted to give you a peek into our follow up efforts which we have **updated** just recently!*

- Every prayer request received during Catalyst Week (about 500) and every update received since then has been relayed to Kalamazoo House of Prayer (KHOP).
- We've made an attempt to contact the **265** individuals who provided us with a phone number or address during our initial interaction.



Although many numbers were not reachable (out of service, wrong number), of those we reached, nearly 1/3 of them are desiring further communication!

- We have conducted 9 home visits.
- We have provided 2 referrals to Loaves and Fishes for families in distress.
- We have had the opportunity to pray with over 50 individuals on the phone and in one case the woman reported back that it was the prayers and encouragement of our caller that prompted her to return to church after a long absence. They are now regularly communicating and meeting for coffee.
- Ongoing and fruitful relationships have been formed with 11 families. The activities carried out with them include...
 - Rides to and from church services and activities
 - Rides to and from marital counseling
 - Connections made for 10 individuals to housing and job placement services.

- Rides to doctors' appointments and advocacy on their part with the physician.
- Providing childcare in the home.
- Paid for registration for an individual to attend a local spirit led Music Conference.
- Groceries and household needs being purchased by our volunteer for the family.
- Non-perishable items being delivered from a food pantry by our volunteer to the home.
- A plumbing emergency was responded to and taken care of free of charge.
- Many cards of encouragement were mailed to individuals we could not reach by phone.
- We are forging a partnership with a local ministry, Emerging HOPE, which provides support, education and advocacy to under-resources individuals. We have currently put them in touch with 6 or our follow up individuals for counseling services.
- Our Women of Vision Bible study/support group meets weekly and we provide transportation for 10 ladies and their children to attend. We also supply snacks and childcare for this group.
- In early October we held our 2nd Annual Connections Brunch. This included...
 - 89 invitations were either mailed or communicated by phone
 - Each invitation was followed with a text reminder 2 days before the event
 - 93 guests attended the event
 - We provided transportation for 14 families
 - 35 volunteers were involved in either donating or helping with the event
 - We received response forms from 46 of those in attendance requesting further contact, resource help, prayers, visits, connections to a church, counseling service and sponsorship for their families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - The message at the event was shared by one of our follow ups from 3 years back and her son who has recently been released from years in prison. They shared how our ministry touched their lives through prayer and connections to a local pastor, a job placement program, subsequent employment and a local church family.
- We connected a young man with a new baby to a local Christian businessman to offer him advice for his schooling toward becoming an architect.
- We connected a grieving family to a local ministry to help plan for a child's memorial service.
- We have accumulated requests from 32 families to receive a Thanksgiving basket this year and expect our number to go to 50. The baskets will be provided by Centerpoint church and delivered by our volunteers on Sunday, November 19.
- We are currently in the planning stages of a Christmas event, to which we will personally invite approximately 50 families to attend.

**If you would like to be a part of JLK/365 please contact us!
There are a wide variety of ways to serve and gifts that are needed!**

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JLK/365 is the Spirit-led, Kingdom-focused follow up effort of Jesus Loves Kzoo.

We partner with churches and Christian non-profit ministries to connect those reached through our outreach efforts to the best ministry resources for their need. Since those we connect with are at many different places in their spiritual journey, we have different levels of follow-up outreach to meet them where they are at. And of course, it is our ultimate goal and prayer that every seeking soul would become planted and fully thriving in a Christ-following faith community!

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