ADVENTIST CHURCH CULTURE

CARING IN THE MIDST OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MINNIE MADDOX MCNEIL, 2020
FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
JOHN 3:16
BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE, BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND WE ALSO OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.

1 JOHN 3:16
MATTHEW 25:31-46

INASMUCH
HEALTH
Caring for the body as the temple of God
N - Nutrition
E - Exercise
W - Water
S - Sunshine
T - Temperance
A - Air
R - Rest
T - Trust in divine power * Weimar

STEWARDSHIP
Caring for the resources God has given
Returning to God our adoration
Time
Talent
Resources as a part of worship

MISSION
Caring ambassadors in the footsteps of Jesus Christ
Family
Neighbors
Fellow members
Community
The world

EVANGELISM
Caring enough to share the good news
About
Freedom
Healing
Hope in Jesus Christ
“IN THE HANDS OF GOD, THE HUMAN HEART BECOMES A WONDROUS THING...FOCUSBING ON THE WELFARE OF OTHERS”.

“...IN THE HANDS OF GOD, WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE, THE GIFTS YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN BLESSED WITH, ARE ALL YOU NEED TO GET STARTED AND BEGIN WITNESSING GENUINE MIRACLES.”
YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SET YOURSELF ON FIRE TO KEEP OTHER PEOPLE WARM, MSQUARED DESIGNS, 2018

• PUTTING YOURSELF FIRST DOESN’T MEAN YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT OTHERS. IT MEANS YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU CAN’T HELP OTHERS IF YOU DON’T HELP YOURSELF FIRST.
CARE TRANSLATES TO ACTION THROUGHOUT THE ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY

- ADRA
- GC
- NAD
- UNION
- AEC
- LOCAL CHURCH
- EACH ONE
ADRA – ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF AGENCY

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR INITIATIVE: ADRA PROVIDES ESSENTIALS TO 1000 KIWI FAMILIES IN NEW ZEALAND

• ADRA’S HOPE IS THAT THROUGH THIS RESPONSE, CHURCHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE WITH THE VULNERABLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND CREATE GENUINE CONNECTIONS TO PROVIDE HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME. FOR INDIVIDUALS, IT IS HOPED THAT EVERYONE RESPONDS BY SHOWING LOVE TO A NEIGHBOR, WHETHER IT IS THROUGH A KIND WORD, A SMALL GESTURE, OR PROVIDING FOR SOMEONE’S NEEDS.
THANKS TO YONARA ANISZEWSKI, AN ADVENTIST WRITER, HOMELESS PEOPLE IN GOIÂNIA, ARE RECEIVING PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS TO HELP THEM THROUGH THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF 2020.

HYGIENE KITS FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

GOIÂNIA, THE CAPITAL AND BRAZILIAN STATE OF GOIÁS

• ANDRÉ SOUZA, PUBLISHING DIRECTOR FOR THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN GOIÁS, THIS PERIOD HAS NOT BEEN EASY FOR ANYONE IN GOIÂNIA, A CITY OF 1.4 MILLION, BUT IT’S BEEN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREET.
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• GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE ACS TRAILER

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• GULF STATES CONFERENCE ACS TRAILER

SHOWER, BATHROOM, LAUNDRY
PATERNON, NJ ADVENTIST CHURCH – AEC

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC OPENED 2 DAYS/MONTH, NOW SERVING WEEKLY
HAS SERVED TO DATE (5.30.2020) 3,048 FAMILIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
PARTNERS ARE CUMAC & COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF HILLSIDE
WILLOW GROVE ADVENTIST CHURCH – AEC
PARTNERING WITH PHILABUNDANCE, SHARE & MONTCO ANTI-HUNGER NETWORK
NOW OPEN 3DAYS/WEEK
SERVED 145 FAMILIES IN 1ST MONTH
MIZPAH ADVENTIST CHURCH – AEC
ONE OF 40 SUPER SITES IN PHILADELPHIA

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY, PHILABUNDANCE & SHARE
10 VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTE
PRE-BOXED FOOD TO 402 FAMILIES 2/WEEK
BEREAN ADVENTIST CHURCH – AEC
FILLED A GAP WHERE MOST PANTRIES HAVE CLOSED

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY FB OF NEW JERSEY
15 VOLUNTEERS SERVE OVER 265 FAMILIES EACH SUNDAY
FEATURE ON MSNBC GENERATED > SUPPORT
W.C. ATKINSON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER, INC.
A NON-PROFIT MINISTRY OF COATESVILLE FIRST ADVENTIST CHURCH – AEC

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER WITH 18 APARTMENTS
~ATKINSON’S SUPPORTIVE PERMANENT HOUSING~
FOR MEN WITH DISABILITIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
ATKINSON’S 22-BED SHELTER FOR MEN
SHELTER ATTENDANT (L) AND ADVENTIST HEALTH COACH (R)

THE CENTER SHELTERED 122 MEN IN 2019. EACH MAN HAS INDIVIDUALIZED INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT.

THE GOAL FOR EACH MAN IS TO END THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS. OVER THIS YEAR, GOD HAS BLESSED, 87% OF MEN HAVE THE KEY TO THEIR OWN FRONT DOOR. AMEN!
“EVERYONE OF US IS A CATALYST THROUGH WHICH GOD CHANGES OUR WORLD FOR THE BETTER. WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, WE SPREAD JOY, WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, WE SPREAD HOPE,”
...AND WHERE THERE IS HATRED AND ALIENATION, WE REPRESENT GOD’S LOVE AND RECONCILIATION.”

CHRIST’S WAY OF REACHING PEOPLE,
PHILIP G. SAMAAN
AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST
CARING IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

• LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY - I.E. TED TALKS,
• PRAY ABOUT AND CHOOSE A SPECIFIC FAMILY TO ASSIST WITH A MEAL WEEKLY,
• PRAYER WALKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY,
• BECOME AN INDIVIDUAL CONFIDENTIAL LISTENING POST – KNOW RESOURCES R/T LONELINESS; FEAR; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; FOOD INSECURITY; PARENTING IN DIFFICULT TIMES,
• SHOP FOR SOMEONE UNABLE TO SAFELY DO THAT THEMSELVES,
• SAVE LIVES – STAY INFORMED - MODEL RESPONSIBLY,
• GRIEF AND LOSS – FIND NON-INTRUSIVE WAYS TO BE SUPPORTIVE,
• BE RESILIENT, BE CREATIVE; DON’T GIVE IN & DON’T GIVE UP & DON’T GIVE OUT,
• TAKE TIME TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST; KNOW HIS PLAN FOR YOU!!
• ALLOW YOUR CUP TO OVERFLOW WITH LOVE AND JOY AND PEACE.
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