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Thank You For Making Summer to Fall A Joy For All!



◀ Farmingdale, NY outreach is growing to the point of exceeding numbers to that of NYC. This is our Thursday outreach to the community during late summer. ▼ While folks wait their turn, Dona Carbone ministers in song and in the prayer.



▶ Hanging out waiting for food.



▲ Church Without Walls Service in Tompkins Square Park, Lower East Side carries on. We can use volunteers for that service, especially when school months resume. If interested in being a part of this please call our office at 631-752-5771.



◀ Martha Aceveda finally returned to HFTF Church Without Walls after life threatening health scare three surgeries, a 5 month rehab period. She is the heart and soul of the ministry in NYC.



▲ Summer lines grow in the good weather. We are always in need of volunteers to help with these outreaches.



◀◀ Tim Ferguson of Community Presbyterian Church of Deer Park, NY praying over the crowd and the food. He and his family and church have been faithful volunteers throughout HFTF's history.



Quote Of The Month

"I have showed you...how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35



Greeks Bearing Gifts!



▲► Efi Botzi and Linda Tselentakis, of Thessaloniki Greece came to help HFTF cooking authentic Greek Cuisine.

This Fall HFTF experienced a Greek invasion that still has us talking!



▲ All our kitchen staff were excited to learn some new recipes and work with these great volunteers.
▼ Efi introduced us to Pastitsio (Greek version of Lasagna) and Spanikoptia (Spinach pie).



Volunteers Past & Present Keeping Hope Alive

▼ Curt Ripley and his church group from Tree of Life Ministries came from Elmira, NY to do what the love to do: help HFTF prepare food for the homeless and swim at Long Island beaches.



◀ Living proof that you are never too old to serve in ministry. Standing with Pastor Deborah and volunteer Alex is Jack, 80 years young. He used to help Pastor Diane during the ministry's earliest years. While visiting family he returned to help with food deliveries.



◀ Meet Ruthie Diaz who has been a new volunteer faithful to the core. She loves God with all her heart and has devoted herself to serving at HFTF. Whether unloading vans, cooking in the kitchen or praying for those in need.



Thanksgiving & Christmas Outreaches





Well, it's hard to believe, but The Thanksgiving and Christmas the season is upon us! Which means we here at HFTF are hard at work making preparations for the season. We are in need of financial support, physical back support, prayer support. Won't you pause a moment during this busy time to pray how you can partner with us, whether it's a family, or church group venture, or a creative way to raise much needed funds to help us meet the extra cost during the holiday season.

This year the needs are many. I know with soaring inflation, rising food, gas, and energy costs the American home has been hit hard. During the last two years there are people on our lines that never thought they would ever need this type of assistance. I know that whatever you are able to do, is a sacrifice well appreciated. May God richly bless you in your efforts.

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*"For I know
the plans that I
have for
you...plans to
give you a
hope and a
future."
Jeremiah 29:11*



Dear Friends,

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I hope this finds you and your family well. It is hard to believe that we are almost to the end of 2022. But here we are, the week before Thanksgiving, as of the writing of this letter. Time goes so quickly. I began thinking about the value of time. I'm reminded of a poem on the subject (author unknown):

"You have only just one minute. Only sixty seconds in it. Forced upon me --

- can't refuse it. But it is up to you to use it. You must suffer it or lose it. Give account if you abuse it."

God has given a gift to each of us in the gift of time. All His gifts are conditional upon time. What you do with God's time is your gift back to Him. He uses both time and, yes, trouble, as tools to build His people. If we mess up the 1440 minutes (24 hours) given us today, we can change it tomorrow with a fresh start. We change our lives one day at a time.

And the amazing thing is that God never loads the weight of tomorrow on today. It makes no sense to kill time today worrying about tomorrow. I wonder for how many of you that today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday? The gospels tell us we cannot add one bit of height to our stature by worrying about tomorrow.

But many who waste this precious gift of time do it to their own injury as well as God's. God warns us about the proper use of time because time waits for no man. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven..." (Eccles. 3:1) Youths tend to count time. But wise people make time count.

I began to think about all the time saving devices we have today... more than any other period in history. Yet, we do not have enough time! Seems to me like we need to reevaluate our time and what we spend it on.

How we spend this precious life, this gift of time here on earth matters. I am truly grateful for all you who make it a point to spend time here at Hope For The Future Ministries. We rely on the goodness of volunteers and the generosity of supporters to keep this ministry going. I am committed to seeing that The Kingdom's next generation will carry the torch of HFTF forward. With your continued, faithful support and care we will be able to do just that.

Please consider giving of your time. We need drivers, kitchen prep, warehouse workers...the list goes on. We need grant writers and fund raisers. Basically, we need you! I hope to hear from you and/or see you before time runs out for 2022. Until then, may God richly bless you and yours this holiday season with good health, peace and grace.

Sincerely In His Service,

Pastor Deborah Mitchell