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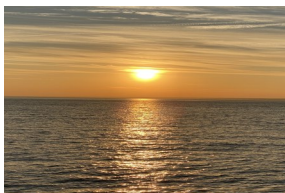
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◀ ▼ When folks drive around Long Island and see the manicured lawns and beautiful landscaping, they can be deceived into thinking there is little need here. But these lines tell a different story altogether.



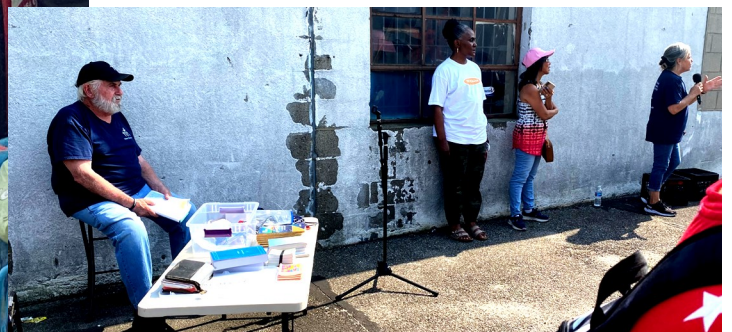
Quote Of The Month

"There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up."

Bernard Meltzer



◀ ▼ While Jim & Maritza speak, play worship music and distribute bibles and tracts, the lines grow. Both the young and the old listen with open hearts and ears.



Painting Night—A Great Success



Our resident artist at HFTF, Frieda Block, gave a beautiful painting lesson at Love & Mercy Fellowship this summer. It was a wonderful night filled with laughter, fun, delicious delicacies, fancy finger foods and great fellowship. It was a great and fun way to fundraise. All who attended enjoyed the evening.



NYC OUTREACH IN TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK

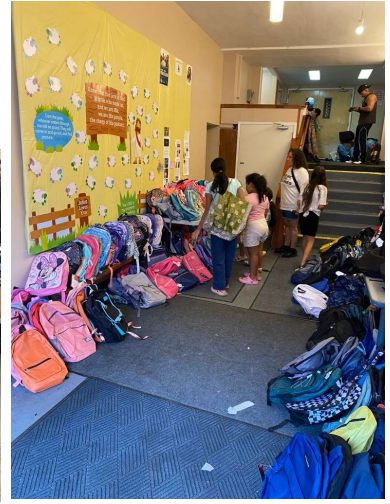
We are very thankful for the group of young folks from V1 Campus of Manhattan, NY, who come out to our Saturday Outreach at the Park. They have been a blessing to our folks that come out for food and fellowship in The Lower East Side. Though gentrification has done much to revamp that area, still a remnant of the poorer classes, especially from immigrant classes, still resides there. And, of course, there are the homeless sleeping on the park benches.



Back To School Supplies

V1 Church and Hope teamed up to get backpacks to those in need. V1 collected over 2500 backpacks and Hope helped deliver on 300 plus.

Thank you to everyone who donated both time and money. Many children's lives were impacted.



Did You Know?

While there isn't a single definitive percentage, estimates suggest that roughly 0.9% to 1.2% of New York City's population is experiencing homelessness. Some reports state that about one in every 106 New Yorkers is homeless, and other estimates place the number at about 8 per 1,000 people. This translates to over 150,000 individuals experiencing homelessness.

<https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/basic-facts-about-homelessness>>New York City

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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,

Summer has brought our outreach outside to enjoy the beautiful weather. But with summer comes vacations, extra activities, graduations, weddings and the like, so often giving gets put on the back burner. It's usually when nonprofits white-knuckle their way through to the Fall. We're grateful, though, for your steadfast generosity to this ministry. Your faithfulness helps us keep the doors open. We are struggling to meet our rent expenses, but I am trusting God that this is a temporary situation. Despite our difficulties, we are still seeing good fruit. Families are being fed, lives are being changed, hopes are renewed with each outreach, and souls are being rescued. And all of this is possible

through your continued support. We are very grateful for you, our partners. Together, we are making a difference for the kingdom of God and our fellow man.

I'm reminded of the story of the man that came to Jesus asking what he must do to be saved. And basically the Lord told him to follow the two laws God gave to His people. These two laws encompass all of the other laws. They are, "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and the other is like unto it; love your neighbor, as you love yourself." The rich young ruler looked at the Lord and said, "I've already done that." Then Jesus told him, looking deeper into this young man's soul, "Go, sell all that you have, give it to the poor and come follow me." The rich young ruler was grieved in his spirit because it seemed that he put his possessions before his passion for the Lord. Each time you make a donation to the ministry, you are deciding not to hold back. And for every soul that is ministered to, for every person that is fed, you hold a part of the reward. It's called storing up treasure in heaven. Jesus said moth and rust can't destroy that kind of treasure. The stock market can't affect it. The economy can't devastate it. No man can take away what you have done for the kingdom. Such treasure the Lord guards over, Himself.

As you can see from the pictures in this issue, we've had a very active spring. From garage sales to volunteer appreciation dinners, to fundraisers, including a night at the races, (not the actual races...a much more benign and fun event. No one goes home a loser from that kind of an event), and a really fun painting night with art lessons from our resident art teacher, Frieda Block. Many thanks to Lincia and her family who are some of our precious volunteers who have sponsored and held several fundraisers for Hope since fall of last year. Every bit has helped us with our expenses. Still our overhead is our biggest challenge. On top of rent and utilities, we have an aging fleet of vans that are in need of repairs or, better still, replacement.

We are trusting God for the breakthrough for these expenses and know that He is behind this ministry moving forward. And we also know that these are challenging times for many of our supporters. We pray for your continued blessing, health and strength. There are so many blessings promised to those who consider and help the poor. It is a cause that is close to the heart of our Heavenly Father. Just to quote two of the many passages concerning those promises...

Psalm 41:1-3 "Blessed is he that considers the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and You will not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: You will make all his bed in his sickness."

Psalm 72:12-14 For he shall deliver the needy when he cries; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight."

These are but two passages that speak of God's heart for the poor and needy and how protective He is of them. There are amazing promises given to those who will help the poor in His name. That is what you have done. You have diligently supported this work and have been the extended hand of prayerful and financial support for which we at HFTF are eternally grateful.... Especially during the summer season.

Sincerely In His Service,
Pastor Deborah