

Mission Opportunity with New Hope Fellowship Church, Chantilly, VA

On March 24th 2017, a team from ReClaim Church, WV planned a trip to Chantilly, VA to partner with Pastor Pat Deavers and New Hope Fellowship Church for the weekend. New Hope Fellowship Church is a “Christian family of faith partnering in ministry with the poor and particularly the homeless in Fairfax, VA” and provides many opportunities for your church to come along beside this ministry and show the love of Christ to these precious people.

We planned on taking backpacks for the homeless that attended New Hope Fellowship. We planned on 70 adult backpacks filled with blankets, hand warmers, Bibles, candies, lip balm and sanitizing wipes. We also packed eight backpacks specifically for teens and about eight backpacks for school aged and younger children. We had a packing party planned on Wednesday night before we left so all the supplies had to be at the church prior to the event. Here is the story of how God provided for this trip: On the Monday before we left, we only had fifteen blankets for the backpacks. Not only did we not have blankets, we couldn't find any to buy in the nearby stores. As you can see we had a dilemma in front of us. Then God spoke to the hearts of our congregation and by Wednesday evening we had about 120 blankets delivered to the church. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and His blessings!

Our mission team for the weekend consisted of four teenage youth, a family of four including two young children and five adults. We left about 11 am Friday morning and arrived at 7 pm to meet Pastor Pat Deavers and the homeless community at Hypothermia. The Hypothermia Prevention Program is managed by the churches and community partners during the cold months of the year from November to March. Every night they provide a warm place for the homeless to receive a hot meal and shelter for the night. The different churches take turns throughout the season and this evening we were at St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church. That evening we provided praise and worship music and spent some time talking with the guests and inviting them to church on Sunday.

On Saturday we had breakfast at the hotel then traveled to the Lamb Center which is a day center for the homeless. This center provides Christian devotion and service, activities, meals, laundry service, and clothes for the homeless. We again provided praise and worship music and attended the morning Bible study. What a blessing it is to study and pray with these people. They are so transparent in their need for Jesus like a child sitting at His feet. I am always blessed to be a part of this Saturday morning event.

Saturday afternoon we took the Metro into Washington, DC and enjoyed the nation's capital and reflected on our country and how God has blessed us all. That evening at dinner we listened as Pastor Pat Deavers told us her story and how God has provided for the ministry over the years. God is so available to His workers out in the World and it is a boost to the Spirit to hear how He provides.

On Sunday morning we checked out of the hotel and attended Sunday morning service at New Hope Fellowship Church. They serve breakfast so we had some time before service to talk with people. We again provided praise and worship music for the congregation and Pastor Pat Deavers brought the message. As always I was tremendously blessed by God's message through her. After service we had a fantastic lunch cooked and served by the congregation and then we distributed our backpacks. We were back on the road about 2 pm headed for home. We are still filled with the spiritual joy that always comes from serving God's precious people of New Hope Fellowship Church.

Contact Pastor Pat Deavers at 703-861-1248 for an opportunity to serve. They would love to see you all!

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