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May Update Newsletter

Introduction and Director's Update

Dear Friends of CCC,

The Work of the Kingdom has continued, and we have begun to expand what we are able to do for our neighbors in need!

With the assistance of volunteers, we did our first grab bars in a shower in a while, and are continuing to expand our volunteer pool. With more volunteers who are able to assist with these skilled jobs, we are better able to provide for our elderly and disabled neighbors. We built another small ramp, and have plans to build another large ramp in the beginning of June. Our Home Delivery has also continued to serve those around us who are in need, while expressing to them the the image of God's goodness and grace that these gifts are meant to represent.

A few weeks ago, our furniture storage was getting low, so we prayed for more donors and asked you all to help provide. The Lord has answered our prayers and our requests for more beds, so we give thanks to Him and to those of you who have been a part of the recent giving of furniture, especially beds! And please continue to give beds and other furniture, that we might continue to furnish the homes of those who are sleeping on the ground, or who have no place to gather at a table or on a couch as a family.

Please continue to pray with us for those who are facing challenges in our community, that the Lord would use his Church and the community to fulfill needs, and that the Gospel would be lived out by the staff and volunteers of CCC.

And as always, thank you to those churches, individuals, and organizations who financially support the work of CCC staff! We have brought almost exactly what we

aimed to do for these 12 months since I became Director, so thank you to everyone who contributed to that.

But if you aren't yet a financial partner, please consider joining as we still need more recurring support to achieve sustainability for the long-term. We just had to spend 1.2K on Truck repairs, and other costs have also gone up due to inflation, as all of you know.

Thank you for your prayers, your donations, and your time!

Sincerely,
Michael Lynch

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First picture shows finished grab bars installed with the help of a local church member and contractor for an elderly woman whose knees are going bad and who had already fallen multiple times in her bathroom. Lord willing, no more falling!

Bottom left is a group yard project for an elderly and disabled woman who couldn't take care of her yard, so Richard, Roy, and some UF ROTC guys served this neighbor!

Bottom right is a small ramp replaced for an elderly and walker-bound woman whose previous ramp was old and unsafe, and her porch door was slightly repaired!

A Wonderful Neighbor Story

Iya and Jay (names changed), are a younger married couple with 2 small kids who had to move because of some family troubles and the cost of living where they were before in a city. With assistance of some family, they found an apartment in Gainesville, but had no furniture... Yet the Lord had been teaching them to spend time with Him in the Word and in prayer, and to trust in him.

As Jay looked for work, CCC was able to provide a bedroom set, Living room furniture, a DR table, and Dryer, and more for this family in need who were seeking the Lord while seeking to support themselves.

After the difficult period of no beds and no furniture, the Lord answered their prayers through the local church and the ministry of CCC. We got to have wonderful discussions and prayers with this family about seeking to find a local church, learning to trust in the Lord, and how to honor God in dealing with

difficult family circumstances. And Jay found a job to provide for this precious family!

It is a great privilege that I get to see and talk about the Gospel of Jesus with our neighbors, especially when we get to see direct spiritual fruit in their lives. Iya wanted me to pass on her heartfelt thanks for everyone who makes this work possible. She says that she has never felt the provision of the Lord more strongly than through what we were able to do for her family in their time of need.

Opportunities to Serve!

Need 1: Our Home Delivery volunteer needs are met right now. Praise be to God! But we can always use some more people willing to help be a part of the rotation.

About every week, I go on a route to gather and distribute furniture. We need 1 more able-bodied volunteers to add into the rotation to move and deliver furniture to our neighbors. I ask an average of one morning volunteered a month, usually a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday morning. About 3-4 hours.

Need 2: Group projects (always a variety)

- Constructing a small Ramp for a disabled neighbor (I need 2-3 helpers, immediate need). ~4-5 hours commitment
- Pressure Washing and Painting of a neighbors home exterior. 5-10, ~4 hours
- Yard Cleaning. 5-10 people, ~3 to 4 hours
- Wood ramp construction project ~6 to 8 hours. ~8 people (Preferably skilled workers)

Please consider reaching out with your interest to serve our neighbors in need. It could be weeks of planning to schedule a time. Usually Saturday mornings are a good time, but during the week can sometimes work, when I just need a couple of helpers for a smaller project.

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- Twin, full, and queen sheet sets and blankets/comforters
- Adult Beds
- Silverware and Kitchen utensils
- Wood-working and Construction tools

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