



Kingdom Life Ministry Presents:

Keys to Kingdom Living

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Dear Friends,

Between July 11-13th we were blessed to once again go to Harrowgate Park in Philadelphia to minister to those who live on the streets. Many of you have graciously supported the work we do in Philly and would like to know more about the 'fruit' of what happens down on the streets. I have asked several of those who come and volunteer to write about their experiences so that you may get a glimpse into what transpires not only in the hearts of the people who minister but those who are ministered to.

Marilyn Monroe Herself Couldn't Make A Living! *John*

Another exciting weekend of ministry was about to unfold at Harrowgate Park in bustling North Philadelphia. The big white Ford crew cab pickup eased into the park on a sunny Friday at the end of May. It was towing a long trailer loaded with a big blue and white tent, supplies, and hundreds of dollars worth of food and clothing to be distributed over the weekend. All of the weeks of purchasing permits, securing food, arranging for a Porta-Potty, etc. were over and it was time to share God's love and provisions. Although the EL (elevated train) still thundered overhead next to the park, no longer was it necessary to clear used needles or be guarded when erecting the tent. The grass was newly mowed and several neighborhood residents eagerly welcomed the mostly small-town-suburbanite group of volunteers back to their neighborhood. There were still gaudy ladies walking enticingly down Kensington Avenue and addicts nodding off on the benches, but the neighborhood had noticeably changed, at least during the daylight hours. As one "lady of the streets" said, "I used to be able to make \$500-\$700 a day here before everyone started praying and now Marilyn Monroe herself couldn't make a living!"

Tears Were Streaming Down His Face! *Natalie*

What a hot and muggy day! The tent is up; chairs and sound system are in place. Volunteers are unloading cases of food from the trailer to the tent via human conveyer system. Lots of plans-bag the groceries, worship, prayer, instructions to treat all with dignity and kindness. Share the love of Jesus! It sounds simple to do but a lot of planning goes into a day like this and lots of prayer!

After helping pass out the bags of groceries to the homeless and the needy, we had opportunity for each to receive prayer and to share our love by listening and telling each of God's love. We encouraged each one to come back for the "picnic" at 3 PM or to stay under the cool tent and enjoy the great music and singing.

As soon as the huge grill was set up out under a big tree, lots of people from the street were watching curiously. The burgers and hotdogs were loaded onto the grill. What an aroma in the air! We began serving them quickly as they came off the grill, along with pasta salad, chips, homemade cupcakes with sprinkles, (Boy, they are going fast, first choice for most!) and lots of other goodies too. What a joy to joke and laugh with everyone! After about 2 hours serving, another volunteer relieved me so I could get in line to get food for myself. The line was still out past the big shade tree where the grill was set up. As I stood at the end of the line a young man came up to me and said, "What's going on here? What is this?"

"It's a picnic! It's free!" I said. I noticed how well dressed he was and very polite and encouraged him to join us. As we stood in line together, he asked more questions. Is it a church event? (He could hear the wonderful music under the tent.) What church, what's the name? I, jokingly, explained that it was Christians coming together, not churches-no signs, just feeding anyone who wanted to come. After finding out that he was just on his way to the EL train roaring above us, we got our food and I invited him to sit and join us. He sat in the front, right up near the microphone, and ate while enjoying the music. We continued to chat, as he noticed the homeless and the prostitutes all around us. We were all eating together and he was taking it all in very curiously.

A young pastor began to share his story of when God became "real" to him. It was a message from his heart and the quiet in the tent attested to that. After him, was a young woman who shared that Jesus was the

"answer" to everyone's questions. The young man finished eating but sat fixed to his chair. The musicians came back and began singing again and that's when it happened!!

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." You know the song- we all learned it in Sunday school. Everyone that's ever been to vacation Bible school or been raised in a Christian church remembers this song! I glanced over to my right and tears were streaming down his cheeks. I reached over and put my hand on his arm and patted it and he put his hand on mine. Nothing needed to be said. This tent was here for ALL the "lost."

She Looked Like A Different Person! John

Around 9:00 Friday evening, ambulance and police sirens could be heard every few minutes, but still it seemed pretty quiet in the park. A middle-aged woman came over to the tent and asked for ice and finally we found some and brought it over to her at the park bench where she was sitting with a friend. She was very appreciative that someone had taken the time to do something simple for her, like find some ice. A few minutes later, our friend David went over to visit with her and her friend. We saw them all stand up, so after a few minutes, we went over to see what was happening. She told us she had just gotten out of jail (where she had gotten saved), was homeless, and had liver cancer. She said she could not stand up straight when she walked, because of the pain.

David had just finished praying for her and now she could stand up without any pain. She was a little unsteady, as the Presence and glory of God was all over her. She was, in turn, speechless and tearful, and amazed, relieved and thankful. We were all awestruck and told her that God had healed her because He loved her and for no other reason. She said that she had seen people say they were healed like this on the 700 Club, but wasn't sure it was really real – now it had happened to her! God was also bringing healing to her mind and emotions. She looked like a different person than the women that just a few minutes ago had come into the tent looking for some ice to chew on because of the pain. What a miracle!

She found a place to stay that night and one of the local women let her use her shower to clean up. When we saw her the next day she looked like a new person. One of the local pastors started making arrangements for her to get permanent housing, since she appeared to be able to take care of herself and he KNEW that God had done a miracle in her life.

Never Felt The Love of God Like This Before! Gayle

I saw a young girl who looked to be about 17 or 18 sitting on the curb. I could see the Holy Spirit was drawing her. I didn't get a chance to go back right away, but all of a sudden she came over to me at the tent. She said that she only wanted someone to tell her they loved her. I found out that she was 18, on drugs, abused and involved in prostitution. A number of the women began to gather around her and pray for her, one after another. Afterwards a local worker took her to a thrift shop to get her some clothes. After changing, she came back and said that she had never felt the love of God like this before. She said that when the ladies had prayed for her, she had the sensation of "pure liquid love flowing all over her". It is the love of God that gives us new life. Thank you God for your love beyond measure!

We Need Your Help!

Going into the streets of Philly is only one part of the ministry of Kingdom Life Ministry. Lois and I continue to go and minister to churches and home groups, giving away what the Lord has so lovingly deposited into our lives. We can only do this because of the monthly support of people like you.

We ask that you look at and read the response card included in this mailing and ask the Lord if supporting this ministry on a monthly basis is something He is calling you to do.

Much love to all, your servants in Christ.



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