



Outreaches Around Columbus

Bryden Place lead by Chuck Fisher & Carol Foreman

We have been in Bryden Nursing home for at least 10 years, and I have been privileged to serve here since 2000. This is NOT a typical nursing home because it is severely underfunded, a few of the residents have mental handicaps, and others have questionable pasts, but I know my Lord loves all of them. A very good reason to continue in Bryden is the staff who witness the good done by Fruit of the Vine volunteers. The facility has 147 beds and is co-ed with an average age of about 52/54. Everyone who lives at Bryden Place is placed there by the courts for one reason or another and are generally unable to take care of themselves. My humble opinion is that the Lord has established a very worthwhile and fulfilling ministry at Bryden Place. What exactly do we do at Bryden Place? We simply love these folks sharing the love of the Lord every Thursday at 7:30. I would be remiss if I did not mention that all of the groups who volunteer as “regulars” are from Joshua House and I am very grateful to have them. **This outreach is available the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. 7:20– 8:30pm. To sign up your group contact Chuck.Fisher@vineyardcolumbus.org.**

Rebecca's Place Women's Shelter lead by Rachel Margo and Abbey & Jason Jarvis

We are so humbled to be in our 7th year of serving at Rebecca's Place. What started as some college girls making dinner and bringing women to church in our Honda Civics has unfolded into a ministry supported by the entire church. Twice a month we serve dinner, and the majority of the meals are brought by a small group that Abbey and I host. We have one dedicated small group that serves an amazing home made dinner every month. Bill brings his guitar and fills Rebecca's place with worship the first Wednesday of the month. We also bring women to church on Sundays from Maryhaven's Womens Program as well as Rebecca's Place. We have lost count of how many women have given their lives to Jesus--it's incredible!

Our prayers right now are to have a stable list of small groups providing meals, greater contact after the women move out into apartments, and a new driver for our Sunday route! **This outreach meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. To sign up your group contact Rich.Tinapple@vineyardcolumbus.org.**

homeless camps

Wednesday evenings 6pm – 9:30pm

Come out with your small group and help us bring food and supplies to the homeless living outdoors. We gather at the pantry at 6pm, located at 181 E. 5th Ave, and travel together as a team to each homeless camp area. Children welcome with parents. **To sign up your group e-mail Rich.Tinapple@vineyardcolumbus.org.**

cooking for the homeless

Saturday & Wednesday

Gather a few friends, your family or your small group to help prepare the main dish for the 60 homeless men and women we serve on Saturday or Wednesday evening. A home cooked dish expresses a special kind of love that will be appreciated more than you know. We have recipes adjusted for different quantities! Everything you need to know is there!

Minerva Park Nursing Home lead by Gayle Roy

The time had come for our small group to change activities. After a respite we selected the Minerva Park Nursing Home outreach on the second Sunday of each month mostly because we could take children. As the small group leader, I was especially interested in an opportunity to expand my teaching/preaching gift. We signed on for doing a service that included a time of worship, short teaching, prayer and snack. God knocked our socks off!

In the eclectic audience sat victims of Muscular Sclerosis, Stroke, Dementia, Foot surgery, and Diabetes. Some residents were very lonely and some were accompanied by family. The ages ranged from 33 to 93. At the end of the first message, an unexpected altar call rang out from my lips and three hands went up giving our group members an opportunity to pray with those touched by the Lord. Others asked for individual prayer. The following month we had the same results.

Whether the residents are cognizant that day, mentally acute, sitting in soiled Depends, or splashed in perfume, I can cradle their heads or hands in mine and wrap them in the spirit of the Lord. We share a common connection. Many of them have taught me because their faith is stronger than mine. At times we compete with the noise of the cafeteria workers behind the kitchen doors, but we persevere because the Lord is at his work. The goal each time we meet is to be sure each resident who attends our study or service is personally touched and loved when receiving prayer. Recently, a nurse's assistant, who spoke broken English, walked into the middle of the room during prayer and asked for prayer for herself. May I say it once more, God knocked my socks off! It doesn't matter where we serve. God is already there just waiting for us to join in. **This outreach is available the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. For additional information or to make a reservation for your group contact Gayle Roy at (614)889-7719.**

hospitality - coffee and cards

1st and 3rd Sundays from 12pm - 2pm

On Sunday afternoons we invite our homeless friends, who attend the morning church service, to the Pantry to enjoy a meal and a time of Christian fellowship, games, and laughter. Your family or small group can help by bringing lunch for the group and spending time with us! 8-10 of our homeless friends participate. **To sign up your small group e-mail Rich.Tinapple@vineyardcolumbus.org.**

"You don't have to make something happen. Serving and loving others is an invitation to us to be with Jesus in ministry...it is building a bridge of friendship and letting Jesus walk over it."

Dan Franz

Sermon, 6/14/2009

friends of the homeless - shelter

1st Thursdays 6:30pm – 8pm at 924 E. Main St.

Can your small group cook? Help prepare and serve a hot meal at this local men's shelter. Prepare food at home, meet us at the Fruit of the Vine Pantry, we'll drive down together and serve as a team. **To schedule your small group e-mail Rich.Tinapple@vineyardcolumbus.org**

ywca family shelter

2nd Saturdays 7am – 9am at 900 Harvey Ct.

Small groups—prepare and serve breakfast for these families in housing crisis. Great way for the whole family to serve. Children welcome with parents. **To schedule your small group e-mail Rich.Tinapple@vineyardcolumbus.org**

hospice care ministry

Jesus teaches us to look out for the least and the lost in our society. This ministry allows us to walk along side those needing end-of-life care. We can be there to express the love of Jesus in simple yet practical ways. We are partnering with 2 Hospice care agencies, Harbor Light and Heartland. Training and lots of support is provided for volunteers, and there are many different ways for small groups to plug in and help out. **For additional information contact Chuck.Fisher@vineyardcolumbus.org.**

distribute food at the pantry

Saturdays 8:15am - 11:30am - 181 E. 5th Ave.

Come & serve. You can help with registration, bag groceries, or help families carry their bags out and pray for them as they leave. Children age 8 and older are welcome with parents.

E-mail Rich.Tinapple@vineyardcolumbus.org to reserve a day for your small group.

Prison Ministry

We have 2 prison ministry areas where groups can participate:

scioto juvenile correctional facility

last Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:00 pm.

franklin county jail

2nd Saturday, 7:30-10:00 am, 370 S, Front Street

To learn more about any of these outreaches, please contact John Seymour at 578-8371.

monday night service

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Mondays, 6pm-8:30 pm

Your small group can serve by preparing & serving a home cooked meal at this small gathering. Then join in worship and a small group styled bible study with our friends from the short north community. **To make a reservation for your small group to participate in this outreach contact**

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