

WE ARE THERE WHEN LIFE HURTS

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straight street NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTING ON 2018 AND LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

As we prepare for what the Lord has planned for 2019, we want to thank you for your faithful prayers and sacrifice. We know that we could not continue to do the work the Lord has called us to without your faithfulness. God continues to provide for our needs in amazing ways!

At the end of December, the owner of Church Street Auto Sales in Martinsville (who had helped us locate several buses to purchase as friends gave funds) called us to say that he had a deal for us - he wanted to donate a bus! The

activity bus is a 2001 model with just over 73,000 miles on it. We are so incredibly thankful for this!

We have been blessed with buses this past year and wanted to be a blessing too. We have two large school buses and knew of an inner-city church that currently runs multiple vans for rides. We called the pastor to see if he could use a free bus and the answer was a resounding "yes!" We are so happy that we could help them with their transportation needs.

Please pray for more Straight Street drive teams to help with the weekly programs and for Saturday nights too.

Recently, we were blessed to be able to assist Roanoke City DSS as they had a young lady in an emergency foster care situation that needed a shower. When we

remodeled our current building that opened in 2007, we installed a shower and so thankful that we are able to assist teens in crisis and encourage DSS workers too. It was such a blessing to see the transformation as this young girl came in shy and not talking, but as she came out of the shower room, she was smiling and talking.

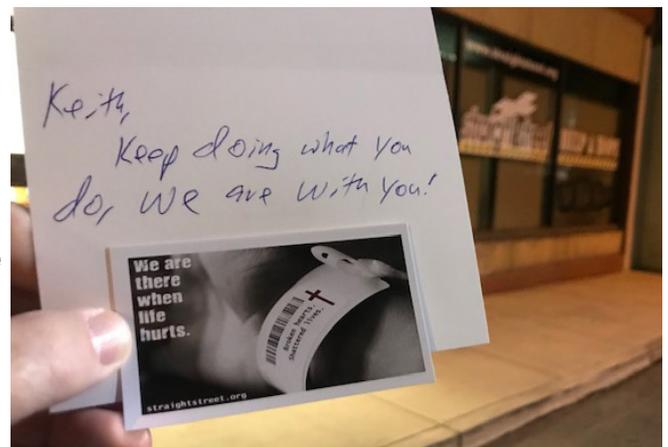
As she got into the car to leave, she stopped to say 'Thank You'. That Thank You is for you -- as you pray, volunteer and give, you allow the Straight Street ministry to serve. This is an area of need that we are working with DSS on now to be of service for the teens and the DSS staff too.

The Lord has provided numerous outreach opportunities for the ministry and we are thankful as He leads, directs and provides.

As we enter into 2019, please pray that God will continue to meet the financial needs of the ministry. Please pray for our team as the Lord calls and equips. Pray for our partners as we are able to serve and share the hope we have in Christ. Pray for the teens that are hurting and seeking help, that we are faithful to share and show the hope we have in Christ with them. Pray for more volunteers with a heart to serve and love ones that are often difficult to love. Pray that we strive to honor the Lord in all

that we do, say, share and how we serve.

I received a card from a supporter of the ministry (pictured below) that blessed me as it truly means so much. We are so thankful that the Lord sends the youth to Straight Street and we can help not only share the hope found in Jesus Christ, but show them His love through our actions and encouragement. Imagine being a teen that bounces from shelter to hotel to shelter and trying to remain positive. Imagine being a teen parent and watching your parent live a lifestyle of destruction as your role model. Imagine waiting for a parent to be released from a long-term jail sentence. Imagine being a teen sitting in a juvenile detention center with no visitors. Imagine being a Christian and being able to serve those that are hurting, hopeless and looking for direction -- don't imagine, pray, support and volunteer. We are blessed with the most amazing people and thankful for their sacrifice. Thank you for being a partner with us!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are so many ways that you or your group can get involved at Straight Street. Here are just a few:

- Help with the Angel Tree Program
- Be a mentor
- Hang out with teens on Saturday Nights
- Work in the nursery on Monday nights
- Be a prayer partner
- Give financially to help meet the needs of the ministry
- Be a driver or rider
- Donate diapers, wipes and other baby items to the Parent Life program
- Prepare & serve a meal for:
 - Monthly prayer lunch
 - Saturday Youth Night
 - Monday Night Parent Life

PARTNER WITH STRAIGHT STREET:

Give on-line:

Visit www.straightstreet.org and click on the donations page.

Mail donations:

Straight Street
PO Box 11411
Roanoke, VA 24022-1411

Volunteer:

Email keith@straightstreet.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**EVERY SATURDAY
FROM 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
YOUTH NIGHT**

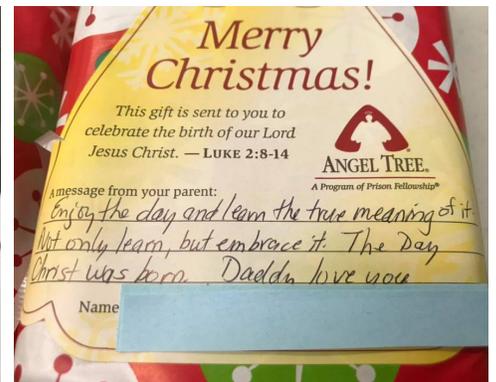
**EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAY
FROM 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
PARENT LIFE**

**FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 12:00 P.M.
DOWNTOWN PRAYER LUNCH
PLEASE NOTE: THE PRAYER
LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE
ON JANUARY 10TH**

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Thankful for 2018 and previous years as the Lord has directed the ministry. Please pray with and for Straight Street as we start 2019, that we will be faithful to share the hope found in Jesus Christ with those we meet and honor the Lord as we serve Him.



Thankful for an amazing week of Angel Tree deliveries. Over 200 gifts were delivered to area children with one or both parents in prison. Area churches helped with parties and helped purchase gifts to be delivered by Straight Street. Here are just a couple of the gift tags with messages provided by parents.

"Some wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bell, I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

~ CT Studd (evangelist from the 1800s) ~

I am thankful God created Straight Street for that purpose. Pray we continue to serve faithfully those that the Lord sends. to minister to these families year-round.