



UPDATE



The two pictures above represent unique ways the Lord allows Straight Street to serve hurting teens. The picture on the left is of an infant casket, a baby still born at 5 months to a 16 year mother. I was contacted by a former teen, now 36, who said he needed help. His niece had lost her baby and needed someone to do a funeral, wow. I am thankful for the relationships we have developed over the years and that former teens are bringing their children and family to Straight Street.

Pray for the Parent Life ministry of Straight Street, a ministry serving teen and young parents in our community. The Parent Life ministry meets twice a month at Straight Street and weekly within a high school for a breakfast group. The ministry provides support, encouragement and teaches life skills. Pray as Parent Life leaders are meeting with other agencies to see how we can better serve teen parents in our community. If you would like to learn more, please email Bethany Martin at Bethany@straightstreet.org.

The second picture is of a mattress set are putting together to help homeless students in Roanoke City and Roanoke County Schools. There is a mattress with built in pillow, sheet set and blanket. With a gift from Gentle Shepherd Hospice and a grant from Walmart, Straight Street is able to purchase 100 sets! This school year, Roanoke City has already served more homeless students (579) than the previous school year. Please pray as we deliver the sets to the teams within the schools that work directly with the students in need.

Did you know that there are over 20,000 teens in grades 6-12 in schools in the Roanoke Valley, what an amazing mission field! That means there are over 20,000 stories and a lot of hurting and hopeless teens seeking help. Pray as we strive to faithfully serve those that the Lord sends, it is a blessing and we are thankful for your support and sacrifice.



UPDATE

March 2019

www.straightstreet.org • 540.342.4971 • P.O. Box 11411; Roanoke, VA 24022-1411

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 9

Youth Night

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11

Parent Life

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Youth Night

Closed for Ignite Men's

Weekend at Liberty

Saturday, March 23

Youth Night

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25

Parent Life

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

Downtown Prayer Lunch

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 6

Youth Night

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A Simple Meal, Huge Impact

We often take our daily meals and snacks for granted, wondering what we will eat while looking into a cabinet full of options. For many, this is not their normal. In our country and community we have an excess of food, the problem is distribution and wise decisions on what to eat.

I am thankful the Lord has provided us dinner and allows the ministry to provide meals several times a week through the various outreaches. Our new addition will have a full kitchen that will be used to teach cooking and nutrition classes.

Several weeks ago we did a volunteer training and interviewed a number of our teens and asked them to share 'their story'. I wish I could send you the video, however, we do not have permission to share. One girl told of how she helps protect her sister and encourages her after family abuse – shared that the father is in jail.

Another teen shared how his family lives in hotels and they eat very little and is thankful for Saturdays, knowing he has supper. We also send food home for the family too.

Straight Street is blessed with an amazing mission field and with your continued prayers and support we are able to see lives changed for His glory. According to school records, there are over 20,000 teens in grades 6-12 in our community, an amazing mission field.

PARTNER WITH STRAIGHT STREET:

Give online:

Visit www.straightstreet.org and click on the "Donations" tab

Mail donations:

Straight Street; PO Box 11411; Roanoke, VA 24022-1411

Volunteer:

Email keith@straightstreet.org

