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December 3, 2020 (Our 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the ministry started December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1994)

Dear Ministry Team:

I know everyone has had a unique year. We are all praying for a New Year with less worry and uncertainty that we have seen in 2020. The pandemic and so many changes have also allowed us to see a God that never changes. In the midst of a chaotic and crazy year, He still provides peace beyond our own understanding.

The year has also allowed Straight Street expand the outreach in order to keep serving the students that are a part of the ministry. In March when everything closed, Straight Street began delivering 70+ meals each Saturday to the students and their siblings. The Parent Life outreach also started home deliveries in March so the moms would have supplies and a nice meal twice a month. The guys group, girls group, school outreach for homeless students, detention center outreach, mentoring program, human trafficking outreach, partnership with other agencies such as DSS, DJJ, area school systems and other outreaches did not stop, the outreaches adapted.

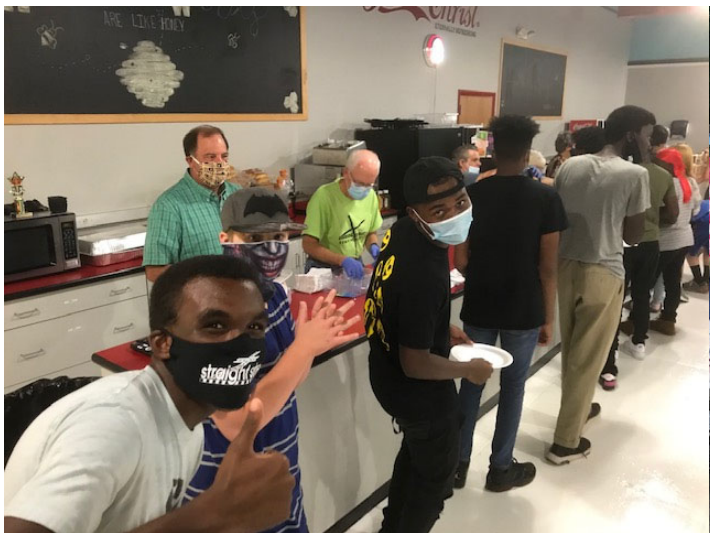
Some of the outreaches resumed with limited numbers in July based on CDC guidelines. I am thankful for an amazing staff and army of volunteers that faithfully serve. I am thankful how the Lord has allowed the ministry to build relationships with family members and even see new students and young parents get involved. It has been a unique year without question. It has also been a year that has allowed us to be more intentional as we serve. When you take time to visit a home, spend one on one time, it makes a huge difference. As a result, this morning a new young mother has joined the Parent Life group. As we prepare meal numbers and supplies for a Monday delivery, we just added a new name and address to the list of young mothers we are honored to serve and help. Last month, one young mother prayed to receive Christ as the team delivered a meal and supplies!

This year has also been hard on many financially, including a decrease in funding for many nonprofits. As we look to end 2020 and start a New Year, would you consider making a gift to Straight Street? Being able to start the New Year strong will allow Straight Street to keep serving students and families. To be able to partner with other agencies and serve alongside area schools as they assist the homeless in their classes, uncertain about the daily necessities of life – like a bed, soap, food and if they may move again soon.

On the back please look at a few pictures and the impact of your prayers and how your giving has made a difference in 2020.

In His Service,

*Keith Farmer*, Director



The pictures above show how churches provide meals for delivery; moving our devotional time to the street; feeding students on a Saturday evening; providing ice cream to new teachers the first day of school; an outing for moms/babies; sorting and providing supplies for the Roanoke City Schools homeless outreach team. **Thank you for helping to make the above pictures possible.**