



# EG First Ministry in Action

## EG First Ministry Reports for April -June 2018

July 18, 2018

### Food Pantry Continues to Meet Needs

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader



God was faithful to meet the needs of His Food Pantry Ministry during the Second Quarter of 2018. During that time, the ministry received donations of food and cloth bags in the amount of \$468.49. During the same period, we received monetary donations of \$7,390.00 with food purchases totaling \$5,718.98.

The Food Pantry Team would like to take this opportunity to thank our Great and Awesome God for making it possible to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. During the months of April, May and June we served 580 clients, giving out 690 bags of food, feeding 1,854 people for two days. Each client is given a tract with the plan of salvation and a schedule of our church services.

At present we have fifteen dedicated volunteers who work in this ministry. We worked approximately 433 hours during the second quarter. A big THANK YOU to those who set up for us and clean up after us. Feel free to stop by and check us out. You will find some of us here in the mornings Monday through Thursday. Thank you to everyone who brings us their paper grocery bags, those who donate food and, most importantly, those who pray for us. We appreciate your support.

### First Friends Preschool

Jenny Rider, Co-Director

During the past quarter, our preschoolers enjoyed some special activities. The children celebrated Easter, Moms were honored during a special Mother's Day Tea, and students had end-of-the-year fun with special playground activities and classroom parties. Two of our VPK families blessed our VPK students with a surprise graduation party of bounce houses and pizza!

On May 17th, 30 students graduated from our VPK class. Over 150 loved ones joined us for this special graduation event. Graduates from the VPK program receive a Children's Bible, and all students receive a memory book with photos, art, and special reminders from the school year.

We also hosted two weeks of VPK Summer Camp in June for a total of 29 students. These students enjoyed classroom learning activities and playground play.

Registration for the 2018/19 School Year is about 85% complete with only limited spots left in most classes. School resumes August 13, 2018 with the staff coming back the week of August 6th for planning.

Please pray for our dedicated staff, school families, financial needs, and enrollment. God continues to be faithful in meeting our needs, and we give Him all the glory for His provisions. Continue to pray for our preschool as we minister to families with preschoolers and that God will make the ministry needs clear to our staff for this upcoming school year.

RECONNECTING HEARTS  
PARENTING WEEKEND

AUGUST 18-19

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
DR. RICHARD ROSS





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## Non-Stop Summer

Matt Jackson, Student and Family Pastor



This summer is flying by! School will be here before you know it, but don't tell the youth. They are too busy having a great summer in the student ministry. Summer officially kicked off with another "Friday Night Lights" event as we celebrated the impending ending to school for the 2017/2018 year. Friday Night Lights continues to be a great time to invite friends out for a laid back, non threatening evening for fun and games including a gaga tournament, basketball, video games, karaoke, food, and more. ***We have 3 Friday Night Lights set for this fall as we continue to open our doors for the youth of the community!***



On June 1, we took a team of 11 youth and adults to Ecuador as part of our 14th

mission trip to the land of eternal spring! For half our group, this was a new experience. For some of the students, they were a little nervous (especially once we got to the jungle camp). Evidently a few bugs will do that to a person! However once we dove into the ministry, it was pure excitement. Once again, we assisted Steve and Carol Thompson and their staff in ministering to 2 different churches, shared the Gospel with the kids and families of



Machacuyaku and learned much of the history of missions in Ecuador. God continues to do mighty things as a seminary has started at the camp that is closely connected with many of our Southern Baptist Seminaries. The goal is to train local pastors and

staff, give them the opportunity to earn degrees, and be able to more effectively equip the saints of Ecuador for the service to the Kingdom. God is doing great things. ***Please pray about joining us next year as dates have already been set for May 31-June 8, 2019.*** Thank you for your continued support of missions!

Less than 2 days after we returned from Ecuador, the youth and staff packed up for X Fuge at Palm Beach Atlantic in West Palm. Camp was a little different this year. Since 2003, we have gone to M-Fuge (M=mission). X-Fuge was still all about missions, however instead of breaking up into groups according to what type of mission track you'd like to be a part of, you stay together as a church group and serve the local community. Our group was able to work in a community garden that helps feed many homeless folks in the area as well as work with kids in 2 different boys and girls clubs in the West Palm area. For many of us, when you think West Palm you probably think "beaches, expensive cars, palm trees and million dollar yachts" and yes; we saw all those things! However, all it takes is a turn down a random street and you will find extreme poverty, gangs, broken families, and more. South Florida definitely needs more churches to send teams to minister to its many needs.





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We announced at camp, we would be taking the youth to another camp next summer that focuses on discipleship called "Snowbird Adventure Camp" in Andrews, North Carolina. It has a fantastic reputation, a great staff, and even a partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. The dates will be July 7-13, 2019. We will begin taking deposits in September of 2018 because this camp fills up quick. The camp will be for current 7th-12th grade students. Put it on your calendar!

As we head into the 2018/19 school year, please be praying for our student ministry staff. We will be implementing some

changes including more training, more outreach events, more focus on discipleship and more. **Additionally on August 18-19 of 2018, we will be hosting a conference for parents of kids and youth called "Reconnecting Hearts"**. Jordan Jinright (our



children's ministry director) and I will be sharing the vision of Family Ministry here at EG First and then on Sunday, we will be hosting Dr. Richard Ross of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the founder of True Love Waits, written numerous books including Youth Ministry That Lasts a Lifetime and 30 days (turning the hearts of parents and teens) and was my mentor in seminary. He has done more in youth ministry that any person on planet earth (and that may not be an exaggeration). I implore you to get the word out and register for the conference beginning July 16. **It will be held on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning.** We hope to see all our parents of kids and teens there and even a few guests!

## Canaveral Port Ministry Mark Wodka, Director



God continues to use our chapel services to speak directly to the seafarers. Recently, after a chapel service a seafarer approached us and let us know how she had been dealing with some things the past week and everything that had been shared was like a message from the Lord specifically for her.

Your investment in seafarers through Canaveral Port Ministry will pay eternal dividends. I thank you not only for your financial support, but your spiritual support, as well as, you pray for this ministry and the seafarers. If you are interested in leading worship or providing and interactive Bible Study, please contact Andria Runyon at [andria@cpm.life](mailto:andria@cpm.life). Please pray that the Lord will help Christian seafarers and our workers to die to self daily and follow Jesus with all that we have.

## Community Response

On March 6, 2018, my wife Glenda and I had the pleasure of attending your Adult Fellowship Luncheon honoring veterans, as a guest of Mrs. Betty Jo Green.

I am a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and I just wanted to tell you how grateful I am to have been invited to attend.

It was such an honor to receive the beautiful "Quilt of Valor" and the certificates of recognition from the Quilt of Honor Foundation and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The welcome and blessings by Pastor Tim, and the graciousness of members of the church will be remembered with great fondness.

Thank you for this memorable day. My best wishes and THANKS to all of those who made it possible.

Thank you again for this wonderful honor and gift.

Sincerely, CWO Norman I Heller, US Army (Ret)

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## Clothing Boutique Open Mark Harpold, Associate Pastor



What a privilege it is to be a part of a church that's known for helping people in need! When I first came on staff in 2002, one of my responsibilities was meeting with people that were in need of financial assistance. As the needs in our community grew this task became to much for one person, so the deacons provided a team of men to take that responsibility. God has continued to grow our assistance ministries through the years by sending us people that have a heart for helping others. My mom, Barbara Harpold, does an amazing job running our food pantry. We are so grateful for her faithfulness! A few years ago Kelly Loyd started a ministry to provide clothing to people in need. Kelly and her team worked tirelessly for several years dragging bins full of clothing first from a trailer, and later from a closet to Room 200, where it had to be set up and torn down each week. This was a huge amount of work, and they longed for the day when things could be set up permanently.

As we stepped back to evaluate our church and what it is known for, we realized that we are known for helping people. That is something that we do well. We also realized that it is something that we can do better! Last quarter we realized the dream of setting up a permanent Boutique where people can come and find clothing, shoes, and household items for free. Given the current cost of living this is a huge help to families who are struggling. Donations are always welcome!

Our goal at the Food Pantry and Boutique is not to simply give out food and clothing, but to show people that God loves them by the way that we love them! Thank you church for making this possible! Thank you BASIC class for giving up your classroom to provide this space!

## Benevolence Ed Davis, Team Leader

Items	Rec'd	Disbursed	Balance
Beginning Balance			\$2,352.98
Received	\$10,690.42		\$13,043.40
Disbursed		\$11,988.12	\$1,055.28
Ending Balance			\$1,055.28
<b>Recap of Above Funds:</b>			
FPL: 2 Mbrs 27 Non-Mbrs		\$4,342.16	
Water Bills: 1 Mbr 11 Non-Mbrs		\$2,011.14	
Housing: 2 Mbrs 9 Non-Mbrs		\$3,166.63	
Misc: 6 Mbrs 5 Non-Mbrs		\$2,468.19	
<b>Hurricane Fund:</b>			
Beginning Balance			\$2,277.98
Received	0		\$2,277.98
Disbursed Members		0	\$2,277.98
Ending Balance			\$2,277.98

The church assisted a total of 52 non-members and 11 members this quarter. Emergency housing and miscellaneous needs were unusually high. We are most thankful that God continues to provide for the people He sends here for assistance.

**Matthew 25:40 ..."Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as we have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."**

