

GOOD NEWSLETTER

December 2020



Proverbs 16:9 comes to mind when I think about 2020. What a crazy year it has been and I have yet to meet someone who wouldn't agree with that statement. We had great plans for this year. We were going to do MORE events, with MORE clothes, at MORE churches, in MORE states than we had ever done before... and then March hit and the world went inside.

Was 2020 a weird year for anyone else or just us?

Sometimes I would call or email myself just to make sure the Garments of Praise phone and email were still working. Churches weren't calling because they were scrambling to figure out what to do themselves. The LAST thing on their mind was inviting a LARGE group of people to their church to crowd in their space. **We get it.** So we resigned to the fact that this was going to be a quiet year.

BUT GOD still had a purpose and a plan for us this year. In late June, my phone rang and it was the great group of pastors we have worked with before from Fellowship Church in Greenwood, MO. They had this great idea to partner with another inner city church in Kansas City and do an outside event together. We, OF COURSE, said "YES". So, we did our ONLY event of 2020 in August in Kansas City Missouri.

It was so great to do ministry again. You could see it in the eyes of those helping. Pastor Darron Edwards of United Believers Community Church said how overjoyed he was to see people in his worship center again the night we did our setup and training.



United Believers Community Church Kansas City, MO

What a great partnership between United Believers Community Church and Fellowship Church as they came together to bless their city.

We don't normally get celebrities who join us at our events, but they pulled out all the stops for this one! Mayor Quinton Lucas from Kansas City stopped by and we were able to meet him and most importantly pray for him! KSHB stopped by and even did an interview!

At this event we got to meet the ladies from Giving Hope & Help, an organization that distributes free period products. Let me be honest, what they were giving out was more excitedly received than our bags of clothes. Maybe we should figure out a way to integrate that into our distributions!

Here are the quick event stats:

Total through doors: 386

Lives touched influenced: 674

Cities reached: 19

Prayed with: 321

Shared Gospel: 126

Salvations: 8



NO LIMITS ON WHAT GOD CAN DO

Many of the people who came to our event in August had not been out much over the past couple of months. We were so excited to be able to send LARGE amounts of clothes with them as they blessed others in their homes and neighborhoods.

This one lady was able to leave with 210 garments with the hope of helping at least 4 families that she was "shopping" for.

Prayer Requests

For years you all have faithfully prayed for us and our ministry. We cannot thank you enough. Please keep it up!

- 1) **Building/Space of our own-** I know I sound like a broken record, but I suspect the necessity of relocating our warehouse this year. This is for more reasons than 3.
- 2) **Finances-** With so few events and people without work, we have seen our financial support for our ministry get very small. But we are still here and God is still providing. Pray for continued faithfulness from individuals and also corporate/church sponsors.
- 3) **2021 and beyond-** What is going to happen in our world? Are events like this even something that society would consider to be wise? Will churches follow suit with that same thinking? We don't know, but "here we are, send us!" We are ready to go and ready to share the gospel!
- 4) **Volunteers-** We COULD NOT do this ministry without the many people who help us sort, fold, and transport our clothes! Corey and Ashley Brest along with Jamie Bates have taken the sorting over and they are doing an amazing job, but they cannot do it alone!



Fellowship West in Bonner Springs, KS did their 4th event with us and this time partnered to use the school's gym!



Northland Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO

Updates

Double Header of 2019 -- We told you last year that we had two events planned on the same day in the Kansas City Metro area mid-December of 2019. It was crazy and great all at the same time.

We had a combined total of 414 guests at the 2 events, we shared the gospel 150 times and MOST IMPORTANTLY, 12 people gave their lives to Christ that day.

I cannot think of a better way to start 2020 than to have Jesus on your side and in your life!

Scribner Family Update

I saw this funny meme that said, “what a crazy 5 years 2020 has been”. Some parts of that ring true for us too!

As far as the Scribner family is concerned, we had a good and healthy 2020. We were able to take a family vacation to Alabama and Florida and have had just an absolute blast watching our children grow-up, mature, and love on their newest sibling!

Winnie- She is now 20 months old and we couldn't imagine what life was like without her! She talks up a storm, controls every one of her siblings' actions, and makes us smile and laugh non-stop.

Toby- I love watching his God-given compassion come out in his daily life. It is so neat how God created us with gifts that manifest themselves at an early age! Toby is getting pretty good at reading and he is our little athlete. He played soccer again this year.

Samuel- It is so fun to watch, as children age, how they develop in their thinking. Sam's logical reasoning is fun to spar with. He acted in a play this Christmas and enjoys theater. He also played soccer this spring.

Sophie- Sophie has a shirt that says “the fun sister” and this is so true! When summer camps got cancelled, Sophie put together her own camp for the boys and she led the entire week. She loves her crafting and has gotten into crocheting and knitting as well.

Andy- For Andy's 15th birthday, we gave him an LLC called “Handy Andy Services”. He runs his own handy-man business and keeps

as busy as he wants to be. Andy and Mark have been doing lots of driving since Andy will be taking his driver's test in January!!!

Jaime- We switched up how we do our homeschooling this year and though this was a little extra work at the front side, it has been a good change for our family. People that think a “stay-at-home mom” doesn't do anything during the day, obviously isn't paying attention. Jaime runs a taxi, restaurant, cleaning service, tutoring company, minor medical clinic, and more... all before noon on any day!

Mark- We have had some breakthroughs with my health journey this year, so please do not stop praying for TOTAL restoration from my accident 5 ½ years ago. I was able to speak at the Defender Conference this year to an international audience and share my story. God is opening more and more doors for me to disciple and witness to people. Every chance I get, I tell them about the reason I have for the hope that is within me!



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