## "WHAT IS GRACE PLACE?"

While shopping at the grocery store after serving at Grace Place last week, a lady tapped me on the shoulder while reading the words on my shirt, and sincerely asked, "What is Grace Place?"

I just stood completely still for a few seconds and thought to myself...."How can I answer this question in a just a few words?" I could give her the very short answer by merely saying "We are a soup kitchen"..... or I could ask her if she would like to go have a seat somewhere and I could really explain what is on my heart, to tell anyone who asks "What is Grace Place?":

\*Grace Place is a place where approximately 3,200 people come monthly to not only find food, but also to find LOVE, and to find tender concern from people who genuinely care about them. Our mission is to fulfill Jesus's teaching to us, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me."

\*Grace Place is a place where people suffering from mental illness come to find people to talk to, and to remind them that Jesus loves them very much and give them encouragement.

\*We are a place where people living below poverty and homeless people come to find clothing, socks, shoes, blankets, and hygiene products. We try to clothe the "naked", not only with pieces of cloth, but with beautiful dignity because they are a child of God.

\*We minister to people who feel trapped in life's situations and try to give them Hope and remind them that God created them for a big purpose.

\*We are a place where churches, civic groups, and business groups join together and create a bond, while serving as the hands and feet of Jesus, by providing a hot meal to thousands per month and providing ministry to those in desperate need. We are a place where individuals practice Jesus's teaching "Truly, I tell you, whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for Me".

\*Grace Place is a place where families bring their children to teach them from an early age that it is better to give than to receive. Where children donate their toys to children who have so little, and people donate their clothing to those who have so few.

\*We transition to a Food Pantry twice a month where we pass out groceries to those who have so little to cook at home, and treat them with the same dignity as if they were shopping at a local grocery store.

\*At Grace Place, we strive to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the sick......BUT most importantly we try to meet their deeper need for LOVE, CONCERN, and DIGNITY

\*Our motto at Grace Place, and pictured on the back of our shirts, is "Ordinary People serving an Extraordinary GOD". Our God is so amazing! And at Grace Place, we witness this every single day!

I could have talked to the kind lady for much longer about what Grace Place is really all about. If anyone ever asks you "What is Grace Place?", I pray you might use some of these examples. It is such a joy, a privilege, and an absolute blessing to come to Grace Place every day and serve those whom Jesus has such compassion for and loves so much!

May God's blessing be with all of you, and LOVE to you ALL!

Misty Loe Executive Director @ Grace Place

# TOTAL SERVED

2,906

Hot meal served 3 times a week Food pantry twice monthly

### **OUR CURRENT NEEDS:**

16oz. Cups
Monetary Donations
Mens Shoes & Pants (size 28-36)
Underwear for Men
Underwear Toddler - Girls & Boys
Boys Clothes18 month to 3T
Girls Clothes 6 and Up
Hygiene Products
Pine Sol and Bleach

#### SOUP KITCHEN LUNCHES:

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 11:30am-1:00pm

#### **CLOTHES CLOSET:**

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10:30am-12:45pm

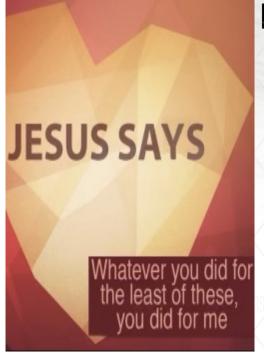
#### FOOD PANTRY:

2nd & 4th Thurs. 11:30am-1:00pm

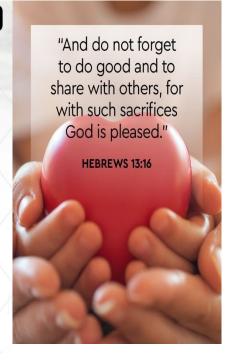
#### DONATION DROP OFF EVERY

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-2:00pm





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