



LifeLine News

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EMPOWERING UNDER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS TO THRIVE



"Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage." Ephesians 6:12 (TPB)

How can afterschool programs, tax assistance, or resume help be part of fighting a spiritual battle? Why do we care if people have driver's licenses or if they can complete their community service with us? Why does it matter that kids learn responsibility and do well in school?

Because when a person is loved and cared for they are more open to the Gospel.

- Because if a child learns to read he or she will be able to understand the Bible.
- When a person is treated well and is not labeled, they might seek God further.
- When a person has the dignity of having a job and providing for themselves, they feel valued and learn to live out God's principles.

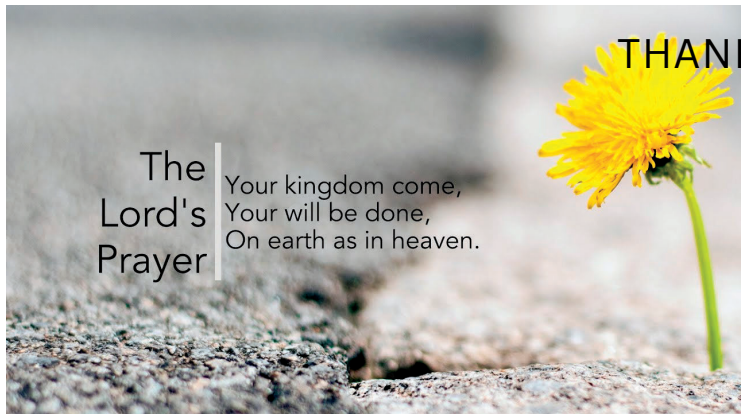


When we are able to help a person move forward and start dreaming about a better future they are developing better coping skills, feel safe, and then are more open to conversations about God and their relationship with God. Jesus often addressed the physical needs first before He addressed the spiritual needs of a person. It is in building long-term relationships with people that we earn the right to be heard and are able to share our stories with others. Maslow's Hierarchy of needs reminds that us basic needs need to be addressed before a person can focus on focus on higher thinking matters, including God.

But I have to admit that so often my fight is not with a sword, all shiny and bright, but more often it is with a toothpick... trying to stab the enemy with the limited strength that I have.

Will you join me in the fight? Will you pick up a toothpick and slay the dragon with me? It's not for the faint of heart, but together we can slay the dragon, together we can defeat the dark bondage of this world. Together we can see "God's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven". Because we know when we engage with our toothpicks, then God engages with His resources as well, and is what wins the battle.

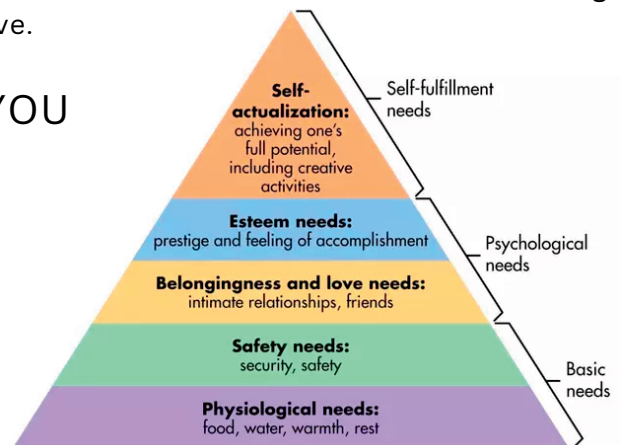
Together we can see communities change. Together we see the Shalom of God be more evident. Together we can empower under-resourced neighborhoods to thrive.



The Lord's Prayer

Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.

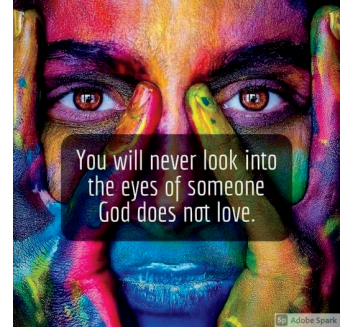
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How can you help?

- **Partner with us! We need 300 more people at \$50/month to cover the cost of our Community Centers. *****
- Pray for us that we use our resources and energies effectively.
- Volunteer with us - we are always looking for people who care enough to act.

*** We are trying to rely less on grants so that we have more focus on our message.



St. Patrick's Day Senior Social, we hope to see you!

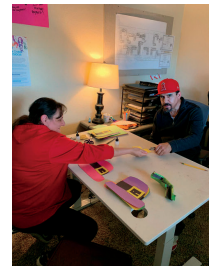
Come join us for some fresh brewed coffee, something to eat, fun activities and great conversations.....

March 3rd & March 17th
10-00am-12:00pm

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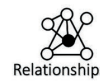
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