



April 2016 Newsletter

"The Holy One, the True One, Who holds the key of David, Who opens doors no one can shut, and shuts doors no one can open:"

Revelation 3:7

God News!!

14 from our homeless family started a new journey and or reunited with family members:

- Michael went to Montana, thanks to St. Mary's Episcopal Church who paid for the Greyhound Bus Ticket.
- Mark L. went to Oregon via airplane, paid for by St. Vincent DePaul Church who had compassion for his handicap.
- Mark (Cowboy) and William went to Missouri to start a new endeavor of which they have succeeded. Both have jobs, a house they're sharing as well as vehicles.
- CathyAnn went back home to her son. Thanks to a private donor who has given us money and wishes to remain anonymous.
- Wade left for Washington State by Greyhound, thanks again to St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- Hugh, Jody, Paul, Derick, and James were picked up at 6:30 am at a local gas station in March so they can catch the Greyhound Bus heading to Georgia. They were promised housing, as well as jobs.
- Ken rode his bicycle from Stuart all the way to St. Augustine in hopes to find financial stability. He checks in with me every now and then just to let me know he's okay.
- Della is in Illinois with extended family. The help came from an anonymous agency for relocation monies as well as LAHIA taking care of the bus ticket.
- Steve went to Pennsylvania, thanks to a generous man, Mike, bought the bus ticket out of his own pocket and we supplied the transportation. We told Mike what we do at LAHIA and needed to come and see God's Ministry. He came and saw what Love And Hope In Action does and left with a volunteer application. Welcome aboard, Mike.
- Ken M. turned his life around from alcohol and drugs to being sober for more than 10 months. He was hired from a construction company through a local Day Labor Agency. He saved his money to buy a van, paid for his tag and vehicle insurance. LAHIA helped him get his driver's license.
- Partnership is what it takes to make works with faith come true.

Six moved from homeless into housing or shelter:

- José
- Helena
- Michelle
- Bradley
- Brian
- William M.
- Ken M.

15 have been blessed with employment:

- William R.
- Ken M.
- Otto
- James
- Steve
- Anthony
- Thomas
- Eileen
- Robert
- Danny
- Salvatore
- Shawn
- Juibpert
- Cory
- Danny

19 received their Birth Certificates

37 received their Florida State ID

Out of those 37 who received their Identification, 9 received their driver's license

We would like to recognize one of our clients who has attempted to obtain his birth certificate and ID card from Florida for nine years. He even spoke to Congressman, Patrick Murphy, who told our client, there was nothing he could do and how sorry he felt because he couldn't help him. For those nine years he remained a non-existent individual.

But, RJ needed and still needs medical treatment. I told RJ to humor me and allow me to try to get his birth certificate. His friend who was with him at the time and said, "Chris, if you can get his birth certificate, I'll give you a hundred dollars." I replied, "It's not about the money, it's about God being with us, it's about prayer and faith and God brings it to fruition." Three weeks later, RJ is holding his birth certificate, and with tears in his eyes, said, " I waited nine years and no one, not even the congressman, could help me. My reply: "The Lord Jesus our God is with Love And Hope In Action; it's His Ministry." RJ says he's been all over town telling people about

LAHIA and how we don't only feed individuals but we help with birth certificates, housing, etc.

Our next goal for RJ is to receive health care through Volunteers In Medicine (VIM). VIM is a clinic in Stuart that works with a group of doctors and surgeons in Martin County. Those doctors and surgeons, out of compassion, help the neediest who do not have or cannot afford health insurance. Those we serve who are patients of VIM feel like they have the best insurance out there because of the wonderful care they receive.