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What’s Happening Report
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Greeting from Doing for the Least Ministries!

This will be our last report of the year, and we are happy to report that the nursing home healthcare ministry is doing well, and with the support funds we have received, we have been able to purchase extra bibles and other materials to aid in our ministry efforts. We have recently ordered a shipment of large print Bibles for those in the nursing home, as well as some regular print bibles to be offered to the residents and the staff as desired. I am also hoping to open doors of opportunity by establishing relationships with family of the residents during visitations by offering them bibles and pursuing any interest by setting up bible studies with them. Along this line in preparing to minister to staff and family of the residents, we have recently purchased some devotional bibles and bible story books for children to offer as the opportunity arises. We have started placing a label inside the cover of each bible distributed stating that Doing for the Least Ministries is providing the bible. There is also an offer of a bible study for the staff or resident’s families. Then with each new bible distributed, we will also be placing an inspirational bookmark in the bible.

In the Meridian Nursing Home, we have had a steady number of 8 to 12 residents in the Bible group weekly plus a few visits during the week. We have just completed the video on Acts and are now starting to use the DVD series, “Sermon on the Mount” by Eddie Parish. This DVD can be ordered by anyone though World Video Bible School ([www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org)).

On the Drake (Alzheimer’s Unit) side there have been 8 to 9 in attendance with a couple more from outside the group. We continue to use CD’s of gospel singing groups such as Heavenly Love, Psalms IV, Prism, Jubilaires, and Place of Grace. I continually mention the subject of grace and God’s Love. These folks are responding well, and they even remember me week to week. I am always looking for more ideas and options with the nursing home here in Alice. The field is truly ripe for the harvest in the health care field, and I feel the need to be more involved and to get others more involved in this type of ministry. As a gesture of encouragement and support to assist the residents during the holiday season, we will be providing boxes of Christmas greeting cards to the residents that they can send to their family and friends.

The behavior group for Parolees and Probations is about the same with low numbers, but with continued attendance. We get parolees and they stay a while, get jobs and leave or relapse. Although the last few months’ attendance has not been the best, I am staying with those that come, focusing on what I call the Foundational Principles from Matthew 5,6,7. Our mission is to not give up on anyone. In dealing with offenders, our goal is to change their hearts allowing the mind to change, which in turn opens the door to change for an offender’s life. We recognize that all crimes have innocent victims and family affected by bad behavior. By working to help change the lives of convicted offenders, we aid and comfort their victims.

Periodically, I like to recognize some of our volunteers with our ministry. For this quarter, I am recognizing, Joline Huddleston. She has done the work of a board member plus has taken care of clerical and financial work for the ministry in addition to handling the ordering of bibles and materials for the groups. With all that, she has gone the second mile, helping in my own personal matters. So, I thank God for this one in the ministry.

In conclusion, I again appreciate our contributors that have remained with us through good times as well as the hard times in ministry. Thank you and may God bless you in your faithfulness. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you or someone you know would like to become involved in this ministry, please contact me.

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