

THE JOY OF GIVING REPORT

December 2014

Methow Valley Community Covenant Church was blessed in many ways in 2014. One of those blessings came in the form of a little extra money in our pocket. It was agreed by the council that we should pass some of this blessing on to the community and beyond. We know that we in no way met everyone in the valley's needs. There are still people you may know that have a true need. Remember, the Church has a Good Samaritan or Crisis fund for these cases.

FUNDING:

Jim Haverlock, Compassion Care Ministry

Over the years Jim has supported several young people in Uganda; sending them through school, counseling them on life skills, supporting people caring for deaf and dumb African children, teaching orphan children, and drilling village water wells. Jim, a man of giving, attends our church.

Paul Eklund, Lightshine Ministries

Paul went on an Agros mission where he met the founder. He was so blessed, he started his own ministry establishing an orphanage in Peru for abused girls. Over the years he stepped away from his lucrative law practice to care for 40 to 50 abused orphan girls. He is currently establishing a clean water ministry for the poor living in jungle villages. Because of his law expertise he has been instrumental in helping other ministries in Peru get established. Paul currently lives in Seattle. He has a home in the Valley, was married in our church and would like this to be his home church.

Jamie's Place

Jamie's place does a great job of caring for our elderly in the community. Without Jamie's Place many of these people would need to move to care facilities outside of the valley and away from friends and family.

Valley Teen Center

The teen center has been talked about for years and came into existence with some dedicated volunteers a couple of years ago. It is a safe place for teens to congregate, talk, play games, watch videos and socialize. There is a dedicated board and staff who keep it open on a regular basis. It has been very helpful to many of our teens. This is a way of saying "thank you" and a means of outreach to the community.

Highway 153 Church, Bob and Betty Gibson

Over the years Bob and Betty have been an integral part of our church. Bob led worship for several years. Gregg Oliver suggested Bob start a Bible study for the people of the lower valley. Bob found out that the only time most could meet was Sunday morning and the Highway 153 was born. This is our way of extending our love and support for the lives they are reaching.

Room One

Room One has grown to be a very active community support program. They work with families in crisis, single moms, health issues, educational issues, and are a resource center for helping mostly women and children. They are well associated with the Cove and Aero Rescue. They have become very professional in their approach and have an inside track with professional organizations that can assist the needy. Our gift will be used to support the **Lookout Coalition** and the **Red Shed Produce**.

Lookout Coalition

The Lookout Coalition harnesses the skills and expertise of retired licensed health providers and other volunteers to address our neighbors' unmet needs. Current volunteers include retired physicians, social workers, counselors, nurse practitioner, yoga and meditation specialists, and hospice-trained community members.

Lookout Coalition services

The Lookout Coalition serves its clients through house calls. To ensure clients are connected with wraparound services, The Lookout Coalition partners with the Cove's Guardian Angel program, Frontier Hospice in Omak, and Jamie's Place. Providers serve clients for varying lengths of time, from a single visit to ongoing support. All services are free of charge.

Previous clients served by the Lookout Coalition have faced difficult health challenges including:

1. Diagnosis of cancer, heart or lung failure, chronic pain, or dementia
2. The challenges of remaining independent and healthy in one's own home during the aging process
3. The loss of a spouse to disease and the need for support through the grieving process
4. The process of identifying and hiring full-time care for family members facing chronic disabilities

Red Shed Produce

Red Shed Produce provides local, high-quality organic vegetables free to low-income families across the Methow Valley. Concerned about people's access to nutritious foods, organic farmer and mother Kelleigh McMillan created Red Shed Produce in 2007. Kelleigh has dedicated a full acre of her family's farm to growing high quality produce for distribution to people living in poverty across the Methow valley. In 2013, Red Shed Produce provided over three thousand servings of carrots, lettuce, broccoli, green beans, cabbage, summer squash, and more to local families.

Red Shed Produce services

In addition to providing produce to all clients who receive services from Room One, Red Shed Produce distributes fresh food every week to low-income women, children, and families through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, the Cove Food Bank in Twisp, the school summer lunch program, and the Friday Food Program.

The Carlton General Store

Jeff at the Carlton store totally refurbished the store waiting to open in the spring of 2014. The fires came and devastated his business. Instead of despairing he kept the store open 24/7 for an information and command center for the whole lower valley. During this time he had almost no revenue to cover his expenses. Then the floods wiped out the highway and with no traffic things were even worse. Many people have been very thankful for the Carlton Store. This giving is a way of outreach in his direction to help him recover some of his losses so that he can keep the store open and continue to support the community.

The rest of the money gifted

The rest of the money went to different individuals in varying amounts according to the need. These names have been withheld in order to protect their privacy and dignity.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact the special giving decision-making team of Keith Larsen, John Rohrer and Gene Westlund.