

MIDDLE SCHOOL CCD  
WEEK OF 1/4/2021

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HOW WAS YOUR TIME OFF?

# WHY WE NEED TO PRAY AND HOW OFTEN



# **HOMELESSNESS IN OUR TOWN**

**IN OUR TOWN OF MARSHFIELD AS OF TODAY 1/4/2021 THERE ARE 26 FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS. YOU ARE PROBABLY THINKING THAT I AM BEING DRAMATIC. WELL AFTER SPEAKING WITH A FEW PEOPLE WHO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THEY TOLD ME ABOUT THIS STATISTIC.**

**THERE ARE 42 CHILDREN WHO ARE A PART OF THIS GROUP OF FAMILIES. ALL GO TO SCHOOL IN MARSHFIELD AND ARE TRYING TO KEEP UNDER THE RADAR. CAN YOU IMAGINE ,SOME SLEEP IN CARS, SOME COUCH SURF WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILIES,SOME LIVE IN THE WOODS IN MAKESHIFT BUILDINGS**

# **WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR THESE FAMILIES?**

**UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NOT MANY OPTIONS.**

**THE BEST CASE SCENARIO IS MOVING IN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS, THIS CAN BE OK FOR AWHILE BUT THEN IT CAN BECOME A BURDEN FOR THE HOSTING FAMILY.**

**MR BURSAW AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A STORY WITH YOU:**

**MY BROTHER-IN-LAW KEN, MR, BURSAW'S BROTHER FOUND HIMSELF HOMELESS AFTER THE FAMILY HOUSE WAS SOLD. HE HAD HIS NAME IN ELDER HOUSING BUT THE WAIT LIST WAS LONG.**

# THE STORY CONTINUES:

**WE WERE ABLE TO FIND HIM A WINTER RENTAL IN MARSHFIELD THAT HE COULD AFFORD IN HOPES THAT HIS NAME WOULD BE COMING UP WITH THE HOUSING. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS NAME WAS STILL ON THE LIST AND HE COULDN'T AFFORD THE SEASONAL RENT.**

**HE WAS SAD AND DEPRESSED AND HE TOLD US HE WAS GOING TO LIVE IN HIS CAR. WE SAID ABSOLUTELY NOT. HE HAD ANOTHER IDEA THAT HE WOULD TAKE A ROAD TRIP TO VISIT HIS FRIENDS IN CALIFORNIA. HE MADE THE TRIP BUT HE ENCOUNTERED MANY OBSTACLES. HE HAD A FEW CAR ISSUES AND THEN WHEN HE ARRIVED IN CALIFORNIA HE FOUND THAT HIS BEST FRIEND WAS**

**CONTINUED:**

**FROM ALZHEIMER'S. HE WAS AT HIS WITS END. DURING THE TIME HE WAS AWAY WE CONTINUED TO MONITOR THE HOUSING ISSUE AND IT WAS AT A STAND STILL.**

**MR B AND I DECIDED THAT WHEN KEN CAME BACK HOME HE WOULD LIVE WITH US. WE LIVE IN HUMAROCK IN A 3 BEDROOM HOME WITH A GALLEY KITCHEN A FAMILY ROOM AND COMBO DINING AND LIVING ROOM. IT IS SMALL BUT WE FELT WE COULD DO THIS.**

**AFTER ALL HIS NAME HAD MOVED UP THE LIST WE PRAYED EVERY DAY.**

# **A LITTLE TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY.**

**KEN SLEPT ON OUR COACH FOR ALMOST 6 MONTHS. WE HAD 3 BEDROOMS BUT 1 WAS AN OFFICE SETTING NO BED. ONE ROOM FOR MR B AND MYSELF AND ONE BEDROOM FOR OUR SON PETER.**

**WE ALL WORKED AT THE TIME AND IT BECAME AWKWARD AS WE HAD TO WALK PAST KEN AS WE LEFT THE HOUSE EVERY DAY.**

**SOME DAYS WERE GOOD SOME DAYS WERE STRESSFUL BUT WE KNEW WE HAD TO SUPPORT kEN.**

**THEN AT LAST HE GOT A PHONE CALL THAT THEY HAD AN APARTMENT FOR HIM**

# LOOKING BACK AT THE SITUATION

I BELIEVE THAT WE GOT THROUGH THAT TIME USING OUR FAITH THROUGH PRAYER. WE PRAYED FOR MANY THINGS, KEN TO GET HIS APARTMENT, THE PATIENCE TO LIVE THROUGH THIS, THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE WERE HELPING A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME.

AFTER KEN WAS SETTLED WE AGAIN PRAYED THIS TIME IN GRATITUDE THAT GOD HELPED US AND STOOD BESIDE US.



**I'M SURE THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A SIMILAR STORY**

**WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS PROBLEM? HOW CAN WE HELP IN GETTING PEOPLE BACK ON TRACK?**

**THESE ARE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. WE HAVE AN AMAZING GROUP OF PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN WHO RUN THE MARSHFIELD FOOD PANTRY, SOWING SEEDS AND VETERAN'S SERVICES.**

**IF YOU NEED TO GO TO THE FOOD PANTRY, THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS ASKED AT ALL, YOU CAN EVEN DO CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR GROCERIES. I WAS JUST TOLD THAT THE PANTRY WAS GIVEN 30 COOKED TURKEYS THAT ARE NOW FLASHED FROZEN WAITING FOR DELIVERING TO THOSE IN NEED.**

# ***PRAYER IS A POWERFUL GIFT***

**I'M SURE THAT JESUS PRAYED EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE FOR VARIOUS REASONS. HE PRAYED WITH HIS DISCIPLES, HE PRAYED ALONE, HE PRAYED WITH LARGE GROUPS OF HIS FOLLOWERS. HE TAUGHT US TO PRAY!**



# LET US PRAY THE WORDS GOD GAVE US

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

AMEN.

# CONNECTIONS TO GET HELP

## **MARSHFIELD FOOD PANTRY**

**1837 OCEAN STREET MARSHFIELD 781-837-0359**

## **SOWING SEEDS**

**974 PLAIN STREET MARSHFIELD 781-837-3337**