

EMAW Testimonials

Collection for Inspiration

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“A Loving Challenge to All EMAW Groups”

This is a wonderful report regarding how a growing love for Christ plays out into the lives of those around us. How are some of the ways we can effectively come alongside a grandmother solely responsible for 7 grand-kids.

A lady called and spoke with Pam in our North Canton Church of Christ office to ask for help with groceries. As I understand it, her son-in-law skipped out and her daughter is in drug rehab for a court ordered time frame. Pam asked me to deliver 4 bags of groceries from our food pantry. While I was there I noticed a large side window had been broken out and taped over with plastic.

The Grandmother is in her 60s and the G-kids are 17,16,15,14,9,6 and 2 years of age. She said she is doing her best to keep the kids together and out of the foster care system where they would, no doubt, be separated for the holidays. They have no transportation other than the public bus system. Matt, age 17, works after school and contributes to the the family's very meager income. He is a good kid who spoke of his hope to one day run his own auto repair shop.

When I shared the story with John Gasper he had the idea of getting some guys from the Warrior Group to repair the window for the family. Lloyd Collins went out to do an estimate and learned it was a bigger job than we first thought. One entire large window was missing and four more were broken. We found a good used window at the Restore Ministries location, and ordered glass from a local supplier. Then Jerry Pickering joined the team, which was an answer to prayer because he has a home remodeling background and most every tool needed for the job. Lloyd and Jerry installed the window after significant repair to the casing and frame wood. They are scheduled to go back this coming weekend to install the window glass.

John presented the need to our Warrior Study Group. The guys donated \$324 for repairs and a Christmas gift fund for the children. We added the family to our ongoing prayer request & praise journal.

John bought a turkey with all the fixings, which we delivered with another supply of pantry food just in time for Thanksgiving Day. Mrs Carpenter, the grandmother, was very grateful and thanked us many times. We will make another food delivery this month and follow through with Christmas gifts for the family prior to the holiday.

If you need additional information, please let me know. I hope you can use this story to inspire other EMAW groups to get involved in their communities.