

THE BRIDGE

GOD'S BODY SHARING HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

March 2023

A New Season



Welcome, Stephanie!

This month, we welcomed a lovely new staff member, Stephanie. She is stepping in as our Free Store Coordinator; she is excited to serve the community in this position and we are delighted to have her on the team!

Congratulations, Bryce!

We also celebrated with Bryce, our intern, as he completed our 4-month "Released Internship." His presence on our team will be missed, but we are excited about where he will take his new skills and knowledge to help others!



New Skills & Deeper Relationships



During sewing class, the students would usually sit at their sewing machines, but recently they decided to gather to the middle table for a time of fellowship. Those teaching the class shared that they were blown away as the ladies opened up at the table. They had deep conversations, a devotional time, prayed for one another, and still had a lesson on sewing.

Another day, the sewing students all stood in a circle and showed what they had made that day. One person shared the stitching mistake she had made, but then realized she actually liked the way it looked. She was allowed to appreciate what she had done! Complimenting one another and celebrating the work that is done seems to be something that is in sharp contrast to the other places in these students' lives. It is beautiful to witness the celebration of new skills and deepening relationships.

His Presence Changes Everything



We love sharing stories of how the Lord's presence is bringing healing, joy, and strength to our visitors - how it is changing everything! Here are two recent stories of this:

A visitor came into The Bridge with a cross and the name "Jesus" tattooed on his hand. He shared how he was no longer living out his faith. One of our staff members asked him if he would like to give his life back to Jesus and he said, "Yes!" As they prayed, the visitor shared that he could sense the presence of God with them in a very real way.

A visitor came into our 10/40 building and sat down during a time of live musical worship. As she was sitting there and listening to the music, she began to cry. After a while, she stood up and said, "Thank you for the music," and then she left in a different spirit than she came in. This moment is a beautiful example of how Holy Spirit does more in our visitors' hearts than we even know.

Beginning Construction



We have begun construction on our new addition! This addition will provide much needed storage space for us, as well as freeing up space in our workshop. We hope to begin using the workshop for classes in the near future. This will give opportunities to our visitors to learn hands-on wood working skills while being ministered to in a classroom context. As we spring into spring, we are eager and ready for this change!

Current Needs

Small & Medium Men's Clothing

Small & Medium Women's Clothing

Small & Medium Men's & Women's Underwear

Hygiene Items

(shampoo, body wash, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)

Ground Coffee & Whitener

Finances

As our team and facility have grown, our financial needs have increased as well. We would like to invite you to prayerfully consider, or even increase, monthly or one-time giving to the Bridge.

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"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. "

John 15:4 (ESV)

