

ACTS

Special Outreach Report from Saturday, July 4
with Prophetic Evangelist Angela Greenig

Bring What You Have-God Will Bring the Rest
Testimonies of God's Faithfulness

On Saturday afternoon, July 4th, in the middle of Angela Greenig's visit with us, we hosted an outreach for two of our apartment complexes. We planned to feed as many as 400 people with BBQ and all the fixin's. We had put out flyers, advertising prizes for all ages, BBQ chicken, beans, bread and sweets. Friday morning we had the chicken, sauce, and beans. Drinks and ice were on the way.

What we did not have were any prizes. One person brought us 4 small bikes and another brought a check for \$25, a crock pot and two basketballs. We also wanted a bounce house and waterslide for the kids, but could not get the man power to make it happen.

We decided to buy what was still needed in faith Friday night so everything would line up for Saturday. Saturday morning Pastor Sawyer called for all the prizes to be brought forward and prayed over. CCM has a small storage room where we have been keeping all the extra toys purchased to use as games and prizes for SideWalk Sunday School (SWSS). The people went in and cleared out our store house, leaving nothing for the SWSS to be held on the 11th. We believed the Lord said, "go ahead give it all away, trust me to fill it up again." So we did.

However, Saturday afternoon we discovered Mrs. Bairds, who has always been faithful in giving us an abundance of bread and sweets, was open but had nothing to donate. Karen, CCM's ACTS* Coordinator, ended up at Sams right before the outreach to get what was needed. She was checking out and in front of a couple that was having a very bad, heated argument. It was the kind of thing that destroys relationships. But Angela taught us to be watchful, to look for opportunities to show the love of God in our everyday lives. God used Karen to give a sweet word of encouragement. It healed their relationship right there before her eyes. We don't know sometimes what God has planned for us. When it looked like a donation had fallen thru, it was actually a divine appointment to save a marriage.

When we got to the outreach to set up the cooker, we found someone was setting up a huge bounce house with a waterslide. Karen found out it was for a birthday party for the granddaughter of the woman she was talking to. She was concerned the outreach kids would get

confused and naturally gravitate to the birthday party. When the woman was told about all the kids coming to our outreach from both apartment complexes, she quickly responded, "that's OK they can all come and join the party. We have nachos, snow cones and corny dogs for them all too". Karen then invited them all to sign up for the prizes and get some BBQ chicken. The two parties joined together. God had already provided the bounce house and slide we were unable to get. We had provided food for the adults. He provided for the children. When it came time for the bike drawings, the birthday girl won the first one!

A young Christian rapper, Heata, agreed to come at the last minute and help us out. When he started to rap, people came out of the apartments and stood on the balconies and sat on the steps of the apartment buildings. He stopped and shared that he had not only lived in those apartments, but had sold drugs there before being set free by Jesus. When it came time to ask people to come forward to give their hearts to Jesus, many adults appeared, coming forward off the steps and balconies.

That's the way our Heavenly Father does things. We fed over three hundred people. At least 30 people prayed and asked Jesus to come into their hearts. On the following morning some of the same people were in church, sitting right up front. Over the next few days, checks came into the church to cover the expenses incurred by the outreach and purchase the bikes and prizes needed for the SWSS on the 11th. Trust Him, step out in faith if He tells you and wait to see what He will do!

It turned out that two brothers who love Jesus owned the business providing the bounce house, waterslide and snow cone machine. They were so touched by what they saw us doing, they offered to donate the waterslide and bounce house to CCM to use twice a year, free. Then they said, "You provide the ice and we will make you a great deal on the snow cone machine and everything else". God's loving kindness never fails.

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