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FRI Looking Back

2023 was a year in which FRI saw God work in big ways. Our volunteers hosted five children. Additionally, a mother and her children were hosted, mentored, and encouraged by their wisdom and peace. Two of our hostings allowed mothers to receive medical care that they desperately needed but had no one to watch their children.

A teenager was hosted who had nowhere to go while finishing high school.

FRI volunteers were able to minister to client families and host families, through babysitting, meals, diapers/ wipes, clothing, housing, rides to appointments, furniture, and so much more. Several Family Friend volunteers regularly babysat for a host family, allowing them to take a break, have devotions, go to church as a family, etc. This support refreshed the host family so they could continue ministering to these children and their parents.

Client families were ministered to, prayed with, encouraged, invited to church and provided tangible spiritual support. FRI staff and volunteers helped clients in various ways including sharing the Gospel, counseling and referrals for hard situations (such as domestic violence, cancer diagnoses and custody issues). Homeless clients needed good used furniture for new homes, clothing for their children, groceries, Christmas gifts, etc. These clients work extra hard to provide for their families, but often ends just don't meet and there is no money left for things that the children need. Some clients just need to talk through decisions and/or need referrals for different services, which our staff is able to provide.

Please pray that God would continue to provide client families who match up appropriately with our volunteers and that more people would be open to "radical hospitality" in ministering to the lost and hurting families all around us.

THANKS TO

INDEPENDENT BIBLE CHURCH!!!!

For inviting FRI to be part of their Missions Weekend in April. Thank you for your generous gift and allowing us the opportunity to share our ministry, meet new friends and to be blessed by the speakers and the other missionaries present.

FOLLOW AND LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!!

Search For Family Renewal Initiative.

ENJOY GREAT COFFEE & SUPPORT FRI

FRI has teamed up with a nonprofit coffee roaster called Gobena! If you order Gobena coffee **through this link** (**https://my.gobena.org/stories/family-renewal-initiative/?id=794**) **(IMPORTANT – Only this link will support FRI)**, FRI will receive 50% of your purchase. *Thanks!*

One Way FRI Helps

The Family Renewal Initiative comes alongside families facing crisis and who are in need. One small part (but one that makes a huge impact) involves brokering of tangible items. When people donate quality, lightly used furniture and other household items, we are able to provide them to the vulnerable families that we serve in Jesus' Name. Items such as, beds of all sizes (full size beds, bunk beds, toddler beds, cribs, etc), dressers, kitchen tables, television stands, nightstands, couches, microwaves, highchairs, toys, new and lightly used towels and bedding, medical supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers and crutches. A generous partner has provided a storage trailer to store such items and give them to families in need. To date, we have helped at least 5 families, many of whom had been homeless and had no furniture or household items for their new homes. When the items are delivered, a volunteer or staff member prays with the family, over their new home, and for continued blessings. Families are encouraged to reach out again should they find themselves in need of anything else.

Volunteers and staff pray for continued opportunities to minister to these families, and for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives through our efforts.

How can you help? We need volunteers who are on standby, willing to be called when furniture needs to be picked up and/or delivered. You may not be able to help every time, but a roster of a dozen volunteers who might be able to help when called, would be a huge blessing to FRI and the families that we serve. Likely times might include evenings and weekends and can be arranged to incorporate the greatest number of volunteers available at any given time. YOU may serve someone who has never been loved in Jesus' Name in their whole lives. Who KNOWS how God might use you in their lives?

You and many others like you are the strong roots and the branches of the Family Renewal Initiative. You pray for us, volunteer alongside us and give to ensure that the ministry of preserving families and transforming lives continues and grows in the Eastern Panhandle!

Would you pray with us for the "Family Tree Monthly Donors" Campaign that will kick off in May? Only God knows what He can do through the members of the local church!

Please pray with us that the ministry of Family Renewal Initiative would grow in 2024!!!!!

Want to join our prayer team??? Send an email to info@familyrenewalinitiative.org asking to join the prayer team and receive monthly updates!!!!