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What You Have Done for the Least of These, My Brethren...

Matthew 25:34ff: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

Whether we like to think about it or not, people in our communities are daily faced with challenges that sometimes lead to unthinkable circumstances. Currently, in the eastern panhandle, in wooded areas that are out of sight one can find tents and plastic tarps that are lived in by homeless families. These families include people of all ages with limited resources to get by on a day-to-day basis.

In one homeless camp that is hidden by dumpsters, a father is trying to help himself and his young daughter to find a better life. After a move across the United States, he was without a driver's license, birth certificate or a way to care properly for his daughter. Difficulties getting forms of identification and finding opportunities for jobs impact his ability to care for his daughter in order to prevent his daughter from being removed from his care. These are the challenges that prevent families from being able to help themselves improve their circumstances and it encourages a life of desperation and isolation.

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FRI (www.familyrenewalinitiative.org) is coming alongside our community's families, by showing them a better way of life, by extending nonjudgemental service that combines networking and problem-solving with our faith-based mission to serve our loving God, offering them hope and purpose. FRI is unique in our community because we do not require any form of payment or insurance to help families to identify barriers and develop plans to navigate these challenges. We provide a variety of support with a goal of reflecting the love of Jesus Christ and introducing them to Him. With winter weather coming in, we are working quickly with emergency services and other organizations to build relationships and make family preservation a reality.

We can do these things because you stand in the gap with us, praying for those we serve, supporting us financially, meeting with the hungry, homeless and hurting, and even housing their children in times of crisis. If you would like more information about how you, specifically, can minister in Jesus' Name to the least of these, please send an email to info@FamilyRenewalInitiative.org or visit our website at "FamilyRenewalInitiative.org". We appreciate you, each and every one!

Would You Remember FRI as you Plan for End of Year Giving?

Those who volunteer in many ways with us are vital to our ministry to lost, hurting and unloved people in the Eastern Panhandle. Without you, we could not demonstrate the Love of Jesus to those in crisis. Many of these have never heard that there is a Perfect, Loving, Righteous Father, who wants to rescue them from hopelessness and adopt them into His Family, where they can be loved, discipled, strengthened and encouraged.

As we approach the Holiday Season, would you consider supporting FRI financially in your end of year giving? We will soon begin our Year End Fundraising Campaign with the goal of establishing us on a firm financial footing going into 2025. If you would prayerfully consider what God would have you do, we would be extremely grateful for your financial support. You can donate now by going to our website (www.FamilyRenewalInitiative.org) or respond to one of the emails that will come your way in November and December.

Thank you so much for all that you do to assist us as we serve those in crisis in Jesus' Name.

Celebrating FRI Family Tree Fun And Appreciation Day

September 7 was a special day for the Family Renewal Initiative and for the families, children, couples and individuals who serve the "least of these" alongside us, by volunteering as Family Friends, Resource Friends, Prayer Team members, Host Families and financial supporters.

Fellowship Bible Church hosted an outdoor celebration at their beautiful pavilion. The event highlighted face painting, balloon animals, refreshments, small gifts of appreciation and lots of good fellowship. To all who were able to be a part, thanks for coming and thanks for what you do to minister to the least of these. To those who were not able to attend, please know that we love you, we appreciate you and we pray for you. May God bless all who look with compassion on the needs of the least of these!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!

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