



Mission Grant Report Form

Iowa District West

Grant recipients are asked to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort or, if a continuing ministry, by January 31 of the following year in which the grant is received. Please submit any pictures, as well, that would help to share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their ministry.

1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort.

Calvary did a targeted bag-a-lunch program for the summer of 2015 with special targeted outreach at Pheasant Acres (a local low income housing place). The outreach event at the trailer park was also targeted.

2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?

1. Wednesday impact 60-80 children and their families with the bag-a-lunch events/Day Camps.

We would like to invite half of these to VBS, Sunday school, and the Bag-a-Lunch teaching.

2. We would like to come in contact with at least 30-40 people at each of the Low-

Income/Disabled Events and invite them to Bible Study.

Attendance at worship: It is our prayer that ultimately that all of the families that have been participating would join with us in worship. Potentially if all of them would come we could have 30 more in worship.

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

We did reach 60 to 80 children, but regular attendance having it on just Wednesday was lower. The positive was that we got to know the youth better than in the past. We intentionally told them about Jesus and invited them to VBS. Many did come!

Secondly, we did three dinners for Pheasant Acres and also outreached to Midsteps (a handicapped home). The result was serving 50 people at the first two meals at Pheasant Acres and then for the third we invited Pheasant Acres and Midsteps to come to our Parish Hall for a Thanksgiving dinner. We had 30 come to this final event! Good things happened. We had two people start Bible study as a result of the events and our first worship service ever had 8 people at Pheasant Acres. It will continue once each month along with the weekly Bible Study that now has between 9-13 attending weekly.

Our goal to do an event in the trailer park did not come off as there was not enough room to host the dinner. As a result we set up a time for this spring to do the event. The trailer park is willing, they just only had space for 20-30 people and we wanted to serve a meal for 200-500 people. We will have to do it outside! The money was given by a congregation member for this event.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?
We will do many more of these. Don't be timid, just try it! Going out to do outreach is not a failure!

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?
We learned to not spend so much time planning, but go ahead and do the events, even if they are small. Both homes were extremely receptive and thankful. It was different than our events at church, these people have responded!

6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?
Serve your neighbor well. Don't be cheap! Continue to meet with the people after the event.

7. Contact person

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