



IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31st of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

Contact Person, Congregation, and email address:

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort:

Our group determines those within our community needing Christian outreach of visits and receiving care packages. We have different volunteers who contact potential recipients; others purchase and pack the care packages and those who minister to individuals in need.

2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?

We wanted to reach out to members of our community who may need extra prayers, connection to people, and receive an overall feeling of being loved and knowing others care.

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

Our group has reached the goals of visiting, taking care packages and sharing the words of Christian faith. We will continue to make a connection to others to a greater extent by visiting, care packages and sharing the messages of the Gospel by utilizing RightNow Media and sharing messages shared during our church services during home visits.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

Our group realizes that we need to be more organized. Also, there is a need to ask other individuals and/or organizations within our church to assist with the visiting and offering monetary donations.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

There is a great need of outreach within our own community. We have learned that it takes dedicated teamwork, commitment to make visits in a timely manner and the fellowship that we share in doing God's work is AMAZING.

6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?

Yes, our outreach program will continue. There is an ongoing interest within our congregation of this effort.

7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

A few suggestions that would be helpful are to know your needs within the community yet realize new and diverse needs arise. Have an ongoing list of items to tuck into care packages. Set aside a fair amount of time for each visit; those in need want your time more than the care package. Be mindful of how to present the ministry of God; yet know Christian faith is real and needs to be shared.