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"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."
Hebrews 10:24

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When Everything Seems to Go Wrong… VIA Brings Hope.

The City Code Enforcement calls VIA asking if we have a volunteer to help a woman with her yard. Too many weeds and leaves. If not attended to, she will face a substantial fine from the city. Claudia* cannot afford the penalty fee, nor can she afford to pay a lawn maintenance company to remedy the situation. On top of everything, she is saying good-bye to her sister who is in hospice care. Her brother has been diagnosed with dementia. His wife unexpectedly passed away, leaving them all stunned and in need of finding new ways to support him. The yard violation was the "last straw."

VIA's visit to Claudia brought her much needed hope in her very gray and busy days. Not only did we discuss the work to be done on her yard, Claudia wanted to know more about our Christian organization. She wanted Jesus back in her life and asked for a list of churches near her that she could attend.

Our volunteer cleaned up her weeds and leaves on a Saturday afternoon. The code enforcement officer cleared Claudia of the violation. And even though Claudia's sister has passed away, Claudia has a renewed hope in her community and continues to seek out Jesus at the churches in her neighborhood.

*Name changed

Come Join Our Team! VIA Staff Openings

We are excited to be able to add another staff to our Faith in Deed program to meet the increasing need for meaningful supportive relationships. We are also looking to hire an Administrative Assistant. If interested, please e-mail a cover letter and resume to donnh@viadenver.org or send to Volunteers in Action, 9185 E. Kenyon Ave. #130, Denver, CO 80237. Feel free to contact Donn Hansum at 303-713-9144 for a job description or if you have questions.

Faith in Deed program staff position opening: Job tasks would include screening referrals, recruiting, training, supporting volunteers and making matches for supportive relationships with our neighbors needing help. This position has the flexibility to be either full or part-time.

Administrative Assistant position opening: This involves providing administrative and office assistance, bookkeeping and distributing organizational communications. It is a 10 hour a week position. Hours of the day and days worked are flexible.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars to attend VIA's Spring ***Servants' Dinner 2022,*** Friday evening, April 8th at the Wellshire Events Center, Denver. We would love to have you join us for this time of raising funds for VIA's ministry, celebration and reconnecting. Look for an invitation coming soon.

VIA provides Bibles and prayer. The Holy Spirit provides moments.

At the close of 2021, VIA received lonely and desperate calls for our services, unspoken requests for Friendship. Hope. Love.

A home visit to Leo* unraveled a long history of emotional and physical abuse from parents, telling Leo that he was not worthy for Jesus to love him. During our visit, we spoke of the love of Jesus who accepts us for who we are. None of us is worthy of salvation. Jesus' love for us through his death on the cross makes it possible for us to live eternally. Jesus' love, period. Jesus' love extends to anyone who believes in Him. Leo asked for a Bible so he could read about Jesus' love for himself, with a new perspective, without preconceptions from his childhood. Upon unwrapping the Bible on our next visit, Leo held the Book of Life to his heart. He hugged it, closed his eyes, tears slipping down his cheeks as he held the Living Word. Together, we read verses of comfort, hope, healing, and the love of God. We prayed together, asking God's Spirit to descend upon our visit and that he would guide Leo reading and understanding.

Margie* suffers from a brain injury and anxiety. She has been told for most of her life that she is not good enough. Not good enough to be in her family, not good enough to keep an apartment, not good enough to run a business. Margie grew up learning portions of the Old Testament but was very curious about what the New Testament has to say. VIA brought Margie a Bible and discussed verses of God's peace and comfort. In her anxiety, Margie grasped on to the verses, highlighted them so she could find them back with little effort. We prayed the verses together, that the peace that passes all understanding may guard her heart. We prayed that the message of Jesus' love for her would be enough to calm her anxious heart. Margie calls VIA weekly to talk. In her anxiety, we now can ask what she has recently read in her Bible. She is eager to talk about her new findings and list her questions concerning the passage. We continue to pray that Margie may accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior and to guide VIA in our relationship.

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