



WELCOME TO THE
**COMPASSION
BEAT**
we're so glad you're here!

Every Drop Matters



There are times when it feels like The Compassionate Way is serving so many different populations that we are simply putting a drop of water into many buckets. With so much need around us, a single drop can seem insignificant.

But I have been thinking about how much those drops matter.

The Compassionate Way ministry is built on consistency. Every week, we show up. We foster relationships, offer spiritual guidance, sing songs, teach lessons, pray, and share words of compassion.

Certainly, there are interactions that seem more impactful than others. Sometimes we leave knowing that a conversation touched someone's heart. Sometimes a song is sung with enthusiasm, a lesson leads to meaningful discussion, or the good news is received with obvious joy. But the truth is, we never know exactly what God is doing with our faithfulness. We cannot always see what a conversation, a song, a lesson, or the good news proclaimed is doing in another person's life.

A single drop of water may have a greater impact than we can imagine. God can use even the smallest drop.

A drop of water may not seem like much, until you are thirsty.



What Does a Missionary Look Like?

When most people hear the word missionary, they may picture someone serving in another country. Perhaps they imagine someone translating the Bible into a language that has never heard the good news or serving communities through humanitarian work. But missionaries can serve right here at home.

I serve as a missionary with The Compassionate Way in Baxter, Brainerd, and Little Falls. I go to people who may not otherwise have a connection with a church or an opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. The Compassionate Way takes me to many different places and people. I serve individuals in recovery, adults with diminished cognitive ability, children living at Stoneybrook Mobile Home Park, and adults in assisted and independent living communities.

I don't simply bring a program or an activity. Relationships are formed through deep listening. I offer encouragement and spiritual guidance. We worship together. We pray together. Through our Compassion Closet and Blessing Drops, individuals also receive tangible expressions of God's love.

Missionary ministry is about going where people are and meeting them there. Sometimes that means crossing an ocean. Sometimes it means driving a few miles down the road. Wherever I go, my hope is the same: to help people experience the compassion, presence, and love of God.

Compassion Notes

Transitioning to college is a major event in a student's life, filled with new adventures, opportunities, and challenges. The Compassionate Way has created a College Compassion Pack to offer encouragement during this exciting transition.

Each pack includes an encouraging note, ideas for staying connected to God, suggestions for connecting with others, instructions for forming a Compassion Connection Circle, and stickers. Each pack was lovingly assembled by Good Samaritan Society - Woodland residents. If you know a first-year college student who would like to receive a College Compassion Pack, please email revadams@hotmail.com.



School is Back in Session



This week marks the beginning of a new school year for many children, and with it comes a variety of emotions. Some children look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Others are excited to learn new things and discover what the year ahead will bring.

For many children, however, the beginning of a new school year can also bring apprehension and anxiety. They may worry about making friends. Unfortunately, some worry about the possibility of being bullied. Others find schoolwork especially challenging, which can lead to ongoing frustration and discouragement.

Recently, I learned that some children are shifting to online school. There are many different reasons families make this choice. Pray that these children will have meaningful and positive interactions with their peers. Pray that they receive the instruction, support, and encouragement they need to learn and grow.

Pray for all children as they begin a new school year. May they learn and grow. May they experience meaningful friendships, new adventures, and the encouragement they need along the way. Most importantly, may every child know that they are valued, loved, and never alone as they step into a new school year.



Over thirty children at
Stoneybrook Mobile Home Park received
back to school blessing buckets!

Ways to Support The Compassionate Way

- 1- Pray for the ministry
- 2- Get involved - find out how you can serve
- 3- Invite Candace Adams to speak to your organization or group
- 4- Donate to The Compassionate Way, 7761 Excelsior Road, Baxter, MN 56425 (Checks must be made out to Lakes Area Presbyterian Church put a note on memo line for The Compassionate Way.)