

More Grace Newsletter

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MORE GRACE OUTREACH

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- *A student and a volunteer speak out about experiences*
- *Food pantry serves 492 in September*
- *Adoption/kinship group meeting Saturday, October 5th*
- *A preview of this month's video devotional series*

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A Student's Perspective (Educational Enrichment)

Amanda Luffy, Student

MGO Educational Program has been a wonderful experience so far this school year.

I am in 6th grade tackling several classes that help keep me on track while being home-schooled. I have tutors for Pre Algebra, Science, Ancient History, and a really fun Junior writers class. We may actually get to publish our short stories at the end of the year into a book. WOW I have made lots of friends and the teachers are

amazing. I can't believe how much it has grow since last year. All the tables are full and most days we are all smiling unless we got a ton of homework from the teachers. One of my favorite subjects is science because Ms. Rhonda is so sweet. The teachers and the volunteers that pull off this program have been incredible for all of us and I have no words for them except, "You all are astounding because of

what you do and how you teach new things every week!"



A Volunteer's Perspective

Kyler Able, Volunteer

After missions week 2018, Stephen Luffy invited me to MGO August 2nd to come and check out a volunteer opportunity at MGO. The night before August 1st was when Stephen prayed with me and I accepted Jesus into my life. Back to MGO...My first thought was "wow, they have to help a lot of people and I don't know if I want to come back here." You see, I struggled with social anxiety from autism and being around people was really

hard for me. Before mission's week I basically chilled in my room by myself. I didn't have any friends, so my life was isolating. After my 1st initial time and thinking I would never come back.. I met a guy named Israel and he was so nice. The people who volunteered made it feel like a church to me... a place I could belong. I been serving now every Tuesday and Thursday a year and 2 months. I keep serving because I like helping people and all the

"Old ladies", give me kisses on my cheeks. I feel loved and I belong.



Food Pantry Update

In September we helped 472 dependents/families.

Special thanks to those that partnered with us to supply the food pantry for the coming month of October.

If you are interested in partnering with us to help feed the hungry in our community, the following are our primary needs. Thank you in advance for your help, as the need in our community is still very great.

Current Pantry Needs:

- Non-perishable food items (canned goods)
- Instant meals (noodles)
- Hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)
- Cereals
- Seasonal items



Desk of the Director: Identity Crisis

Elizabeth Luffy, Director of Operations

“...the world’s opinions skew our vision of who God declares his children are.”

In this world we can be guaranteed to face circumstances that will throw us often into an identity crisis. It is easy to forget how Jesus defines us when the world preaches their own gospel of everything. Definitions hit us daily and with social media the worlds opinions have become magnifying glasses that skew our vision of who God declares His children are in this world. In John 10:10 Christ says, “The thief or adversary comes to steal, kill and destroy: I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” This truth we can anchor in when we are caught in a spot of identity crisis. The Bible states clearly that when we are faced with these chal-

lenges, when the enemy hits us with identity theft, God answers back with these strong words, “I will give you life and that to the fullest.” The King James version uses the wording...they may have life **abundantly!** So when you are falling in to self doubt or feeling weak and incapable of going on, stand firm on this promise of God in 1 Peter 2:9

1 Peter 2:9, NIV: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Adoption Support Group Reminder

We are excited to offer our Adoption/Foster Care Support Group taking place on the first Saturday of each month.

Our next meeting will be October 5th. You can call our office with any questions.

We'll see you there!

Adoption/Foster Care Support Group

When: First Saturday of every month
@ 6:30 pm

Where: MGO

Who: Foster/Adoptive/Kinship
Parents



Led by
Kathleen
Gaire

October Devotional Breakdown

Stephen Luffy, Media

In our October Devotional, we will be breaking down the idea of the “identity crisis” mentioned in our Desk of the Director article. We’ll be looking at certain encounters Jesus had where he looked past the labels placed on individuals by the society surrounding them, and asking

how we can adapt that behavior into our lives today.

You can join us each Monday morning as we discuss Scripture and what it means today on our facebook page.

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