



Freedom Project

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:36)

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Dear Friends and Family,

In our affluent society, the “poor” are often a group that goes unnoticed. It’s not that we don’t care but for most of us we are either “too busy” or we aren’t aware of their needs. Yet it’s our demonstration of love and compassion for people that defines us as Christians. That’s what Jesus meant in John 13:34-35 when He told His disciples, *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another.”* While loving others can be demonstrated in many ways, it is often the acts of kindness, compassion and mercy that show our love for others.

But what does that mean in terms of the poor and downtrodden? The Apostle John gives us a glimpse in 1 John 3:17-18—*“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”* Jesus demonstrated his love and compassion by meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in tangible ways. And as His disciples we should do the same.



A couple that has great need for tangible acts of kindness and compassion is Alfred and Robin Born. Alfred and Robin are a couple with special needs. Though married, they live separately in homes with caregivers. They work at Papa Johns making pizza. Last August they began a relationship with Jesus. They followed through with believer’s baptism and began growing in their faith. In January, Alfred was in a car accident during a snowstorm that left him without a vehicle. With no money to purchase another car, he and Robin walk or ride the bus wherever they need to go. Humbly, he asks us each week to pick he and Robin up for church and Sunday evening fellowship meal and bible study because they do not want to miss being with other believers. Our prayer is that the body of Christ will step up to meet their need for a vehicle. Thus, we ask that you pray and ask God how you can tangibly show your love to this precious couple.

Another way we are reaching out to the needy is through a monthly food distribution sponsored by Compassion Food Distribution of Colorado. Once a month we prepare boxes of donated food to distribute to those in need. This past Saturday we served 196 families. While physically sorting, boxing, and distributing food items we share the gospel with other volunteers and those who come to receive the food. Our hope is that those we come in contact with experience the love of Christ through our deeds and the gospel through our words.

As we think about ministering to the poor, let us keep in mind that if we want to be agents of the Great Commission, first we must become agents of the two greatest commandments because people will know we are Christians by our love. Therefore, ask God to fill you afresh with His love and compassion for others.

Please pray for the fruit of our labors as we make God’s ways known on earth and bring His salvation among all nations (Psalm 67:2). Thank you for your prayers and financial support. It is a pleasure to co-labor with you for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Serving Together in Christ,

John and Anna



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