



## **PRAISE REPORT February 22, 2016**

### **A Day in my Life.....**

**I thought I would give you an overview of a typical day, when I am not at the Community Center.**

**I usually rise about 5 am. I start with a prayer and then review my plan for the week and determine what items need to be addressed that day. As I drive and before each meeting, I pray for GOD's direction and blessing. This day I went to the Men's Bible Study at Cherry Hills Community Church, from 7- 8am. It is a great way to start the day!! I receive all the leftover donuts from the Bible Study for the Community Center. This day, I also received clothes and shoes from two of the men for the youth at the Center. I then met with Michelle Woodruff, the local ministry pastor, talking about upcoming events, including the Love-In-Action Week, of which the Community Center and ACTC men's halfway house are project locations; talking about the food boxes Manna provides for the ex-offenders at the A Future and A Hope apartments; the food Manna will be providing for our Sunday Celebration at the Community Center, a church service for the youth, and the new procedures for using the Church vans for our Mountain trips.**

**I stopped by Manna and picked up seven food boxes for men at the apartments.**

**I then stopped by Andre's office. He is my "IT" guy. I don't know what I would do without him. He manages the ministry website, volunteers at the Community Center, and helps undo all the problems I create, due to my own stupidity with my computer!!!**

**As I was leaving Andre, I received a call from Austin, one of the homeless youth. He was being transferred to a different apartment house, sponsored by Urban Peak. This housing unit provides closer supervision and counseling, which Austin needs. He had a meeting that morning, and he needed a ride. I could tell he was very apprehensive, so I agreed to take him, as it would give me time to help him realize how much better this program would be. In addition, I would have the opportunity to meet his case worker and apartment manager.**

My next stop was the ministry insurance agent, who is also a member of CHCC. We reviewed all of our various coverages, making changes that would cut costs, without any major changes in coverage. I left there having made changes that will save over \$1,500 per year.

From there, I went to Littleton Hospital, where a close friend and ministry partner had just had surgery. He and his wife have a ministry, A Future and A Hope, which provides housing for ex-offenders, when they are released from prison. I am their resident manager. He was conscious, but heavily doped, so I didn't stay long.

Then I went to my apartment, where I spent some time balancing the financial statements for the month of January. My roommate, Bill, had not been feeling well for several days, and asked if I would take him to the hospital, as he can't drive. Of course, I said yes. I dropped him off at Littleton Hospital and picked him up several hours later.

The last stop of the day was a meeting with the Director of ACTC, to discuss the schedule for this year. We covered the Bible studies, the mountain trips, LIA, and how we can better coordinate our programs. It was very productive. We have been doing programs at ACTC for five years and have a great relationship.

I settled in for the night, eating dinner and watching TV. During the evening, residents came to get the food boxes provided by Manna. I had several phone calls that evening, but none were urgent. Sometime after nine o'clock, I fell asleep on the sofa, and didn't wake up until 5am the next morning.

Ministry work is very demanding, but also very rewarding. God consistently blesses me with a joy and peace that gives me the strength to endure the challenges of this ministry..

May GOD bless you and thank you for your prayers and support.

Skip Starr