



PRAISE REPORT November 5, 2015

I was walking to my truck in the King Soopers' parking lot, when I heard someone yelling my name. I looked around and saw this girl running toward me. As she got closer, I recognized Andrea. It had been almost a year since I had seen her. She was a homeless youth who regularly attended our Community Center and our trips to the mountains. Andrea had come from a Christian family, but had gotten involved with drugs and left her family for the streets. Even so, she loved to come to our Bible studies.

When I managed to break free from her bear hug, she excitedly told me that she had graduated from high school and was attending Arapahoe Community College. She was living with her family and had a part time job. As we were talking, we were joined by an older lady and a little boy. Angela introduced her mother and her younger brother. Her mother hugged me and then said, "So you are Skip. My daughter talks about you all the time; especially your trips to the mountains. I want to thank you for giving me my daughter back. She returned home with a renewed faith in GOD and a desire to rebuild her life." I thanked her, but told her that it was GOD who brought us together and the strong Christian foundation she had provided for her daughter.

After reliving some of our mountain adventures, we parted ways, but not before Andrea made me promise that she could come on some of our mountain trips.

Part of the frustration and challenge of our homeless youth ministry, is that the youth are very transient. We serve about 300-400 different youth each year. We pray that the Christian love and concern we demonstrate to them, stays with them when they leave. This chance encounter in a grocery store parking lot, is GOD's affirmation of this ministry.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

GOD Bless,

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