

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Timothy 2:2

In our **18th year celebration of Bridge The Gap Ministries** a common ground foundation is gradually being laid under the umbrella of intercession for our official leaders in Gwinnett County. At First Baptist Church Lilburn, our April 18th yr. celebration luncheon brought 60 plus people together including 4 of 7 Gwinnett County elected officials. Our prayers for them around the tables brought compassion and tears of responsibility they hold in their governmental position.

This principle has been known since the days of Moses in the Old Testament. <u>Yet it is almost a mystery to us all</u> <u>how God uses our prayers to affect the leadership's</u> <u>success in a nation.</u> *"So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered and Moses Aaron and Hur went to the top of the Hill as long as Moses held up his hands the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands the Amalekites were winning."* Exodus 17:10 -11



YOUR POSTCARD OF ENCOURAGEMENT IS PRICELESS! Please pray, and consider sending a postcard in the mail today for your the elected official. Write what God has put on your heart to encourage them.



Gwinnett Chairwoman Board of Commissioners – Nicole Hendrickson

Attended



Keybo Taylor – Gwinnett Sheriff **Unattended**



Gwinnett County Solicitor – General Brian Whiteside

Attended



Carolyn Bourdeaux – US Congresswoman Georgia **Unattended**



Patsy Austin-Gatson District Attorney Gwinnett County Attended



Gwinnett Probation Officer Debra Kelly-Whitfield

Unattended



Gwinnett County Judge -Deborah R Fulker

Attended



Chaplain David Burgher Nancy Burgher - soloist

APRIL 10 – A RAINY DAY SHOWERED US WITH SMILES

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Bob Buckner and I saw the rain clouds headed our way as we helped unload another 1200 40 lbs food boxes off the semitruck. But it was not a hinderance to the 300 smiling families in five different motels on the intersection of I 85 and Indian Trail Rd. It was a delivery of grace and mercy to their soul and their body. "LOVE THAT NEVER ENDS" flyer was the main lasting attraction! Even the coldest or harden hearts felt its warmth of conviction that people still do CARE on that rainy day.



GOD IS VERY PERSONAL ! He is not on zoom or virtual. He shows up in person whatever it takes under any conditions. Basically, He takes us all be surprise when we least expect it or at least deserve it. Why? Because His love never ends! Gwinnett Extended stay motels are loaded with much drama, conflicts, disappointments & illegal relations





Showing up in person at extended stay motels is a total shock to them all. It is a personal wakeup call from God Himself saying, "Yes, I'm still watching over you and every move you make. I know where you are and what you are going through at this moment just surviving week after week in this place. But I have better plans for you than here. Call upon me and I will answer you with My strength, security, purpose for life, and forgiveness of your sins that only I can provide!"

Fresh food delivery has also been an open door to the heart of each manager. Building long term relationships with the managers is the key reaching out to each family unit. Meeting families and single adults where they are in their conflicts of life is the most effective tool for the Gospel to bring repentance and salvation.

Your help with us is simple. YOUR TIME IN PERSON where darkness prevails.

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3