



# Outreach Ministry

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The vision for outreach ministry this year is *"With Open Hands, We March Forward."* This vision acts as a small practical extension of my vision, The Great Invitation, as outreach coordinator. It is my hope that outreach ministry can serve not only as a platform for CCF to share God's love, and develop relationships with non-Christians, but also as a space for us as brothers and sisters in Christ to foster strong bonds and relationships with one another.

## Open Up Your Hands

It's very easy to get caught up in our own agendas when it comes to sharing The Gospel. We often worry ourselves with questions like "who am I going to reach out to?" or "What type of outreach event should I host?" Our minds often get lost in all of our creative ideas, that we lose sight of the most important thing: God is already working. Over the past few months, I've been reminded that despite what I plan as the leader of outreach ministry, God's will is always the first priority, especially in outreach. He is already working in our university, city, and in the communities we surround ourselves in.

When we are able to take a step back from all the thoughts in our head, God will allow us to see that there are already people and communities that God has put on our heart. These are people whom we love, whom we live with, and whom we want to see accept the gift of eternal life that God is offering. We open our hands because it signifies that we completely surrender to God, and that we want His will, to become ours. We open our hands so that He can give us a Gospel to share, so that we may understand it ourselves as well. This is why we with open hands, we will rely on God to change the hearts of those we reach out to, to help us come up with a theme of outreach for each month, and to present us with opportunities to try different types of outreach to further His kingdom in more areas.

"But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

- 1 Corinthians 2:9



### **We, Not I**

Outreach and evangelism is one of the hardest aspects of the Christian faith. No matter how much we want people to believe in the Gospel, only God has the ability to change hearts. It can be really easy to be caught up in our personal failures, laziness, and convictions that we get discouraged from sharing the Gospel again. However, Outreach ministry is a community. We are reminded that we are not alone. We are supported by one another that are on the same journey of glorifying God and sharing His love. We are also reminded most importantly that an Almighty God who delights in all of our triumphs, as well as our failures supports us. WE march forward, surrounded by grace and power from the presence of being with one another, and it is my hope that by coming to outreach ministry, we will all find the strength to carry our cross together, as a community, and extend the gift of eternal life to all those who we reach out to.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

- Hebrews 10:24-25

### **How Do We Hope To Achieve This?**

- Bible study, and introduction of a theme at the beginning of each month. Working on understanding the Gospel ourselves
- Outreach opportunity with St. Felix afterschool care program
- A new outreach event that focuses on the experimentation of outreach
- Close off the month with a time of sharing, prayer, and visioning for a new theme for the upcoming month