

NEIGHBOR IN MY HOOD

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Our ministry fundraising dinner, usually in May, went online in June due to Covid19 for safety. Now, our usual “Pedal 4A Purpose” is being reborn online as “Payoff 4A Purpose.”

Which brings us to the calls I’ve been getting lately. Churches and individuals that love to serve with us each year at our “Trunk or Treat,” “Thanksgiving Dinner Outreach,” or our “Christmas” outreaches have been calling to find out ROP’s plans for this year.

Our outreaches are not gone. They will just be changing with the times. If you’d love to help next year be even better, consider donating this year by clicking here for [Payoff 4A Purpose](#).

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Restoration Outreach Programs

If you haven’t heard about our new Executive Director, Mary Tellis, check out the ROP [newsletter here](#). As Christians, we know that God can use even the tough stuff for good in His kingdom purpose.

That’s why I feel our ministry has been growing and getting stronger during this time of fear and uncertainty. My ministry has been adapting as God leads. Though I had to let our childcare workers go due to Covid19, I have used my budget to hire more janitors to keep up with cleaning and disinfecting. These are people I mentor toward more stability through relational ministry and a part-time job.

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Some still need the safety of the “Stay at Home” guidelines, my elderly parents included. Yet others, practicing social distancing, are ready to serve safely in the community again. Being a natural extrovert, I understand the desire.

Our Food Bank Ministry never has shutdown. We’ve just reinvented it several times to meet the safety guidelines for participants and volunteers. We did a soft opening of our offices with masks, temperature checks, and social distancing. Each of our programs has found ways to open safely with new precautions and new and previous volunteers’ blessing.

If this is something you’d like to know more about, please [contact me](#).

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Who chooses to do what’s hard and disconcerting? Usually, only those doing it for a far more significant benefit than the easy thing right now. Think about dieting, dealing with addiction, or following Christ’s call to His broken brothers and sisters.

Loving unconditionally, not only our neighbors, but our enemies has got to be the toughest commandment Jesus gave us. “Yes, I can love, but…” and our caution and resistance to pain or another’s lack of respect for any help or kindness rears its head and raises our defensive walls.

These are the topics being shared at my church right now, which the Connect Group I facilitate online on Thursday nights discusses on a more personal level. I’ve been training ministry interns and small groups and volunteers about this practice for years. Want to know more, explore more, and share? [Let me know](#). I’m happy to help.