



## OneFamily

### Homeless Family Sunday & Love Offering Fall 2010

#### Talking points / local facts / outcomes of ministry / Scriptures

**Our hope is that area churches would give 5-10 minutes on a Sunday morning to:**

- Become more aware of the homeless crisis in Kitsap County
- Learn more about OCOF and our community partnerships
- Learn how you as a church and individuals can actually meet the need
- Learn about our simple - doable strategies of ministry

#### Update and Outcomes from our OCOF Ministry

- **1<sup>st</sup> We are all sobered by the great need in our county (Kitsap County)**

Over the last 10 years we have experienced almost a 1000% increase in the need

	Jan 2000	Jan 2010	INCREASE
Homeless Households	167	1,554	931 %
Homeless Individuals	317	2,953	932 %

- **1644 homeless households**
  - **3,124 homeless individuals in Kitsap county**
  - Over 130 homeless families on our waiting list for housing
  - Causing us to ask the question: How should we as “The Church” respond?
- **2<sup>nd</sup> We are pleased at the many churches saying ... “We want to help”.**
  - Both with finances / and with people
  - Over the last 4 years we have had over 40 churches supporting us financially
  - And we have had over 200 volunteers helping in various ways
- **3<sup>rd</sup> We have been growing very rapidly over this past year**
  - Last year - we had 7 units we were supporting total of 7
  - This year - we will have added 8 more units for a total of 15
- **4<sup>th</sup> Significant and measurable Outcomes !**
  - As of September 2010, we have provided housing for 90 Families
  - Every family has received weekly personal ministry and prayer support
  - 69 % of all the families have moved on to some kind of permanent housing.
- **5<sup>th</sup> This growth is wonderful to help meet the great need that we have !**

- With this kind of exponential growth, our need is simple
  - more people and more finances

## **OneChurch – One Family**

### **Simple Strategy**

- Local Churches - Giving financially - to support housing
- Local Churches - Providing Support Teams
- Local Churches - Adopting-A-Home
- Kitsap County Resources – Providing housing, homeless families & case workers

### **Guidelines regarding who we will help:**

- Genuinely homeless families with children
- Employable
- Willing to sign a contract of commitment and personal conduct
- Willing to meet with a support team

### **Our Goal is Holistic Ministry**

- Physical Ministry - Food and shelter
- Social Ministry - Help them find work
  - Address the family's real needs
  - Financial counsel
- Spiritual Ministry - Address spiritual needs / Meet weekly with the family / Pray with them

## **criptures that speak to our call and God's heart for the poor and downtrodden**

### **Isaiah 58 (New Living Translation)**

**God was giving his people the “what for” for having lots of religious activity, but not taking care of the homeless and hungry)**

5 You humble yourselves by going through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like a blade of grass in the wind. You dress in sackcloth and cover yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting? Do you really think this will please the LORD?

6 "No, the kind of fasting I want calls you to free those who are wrongly imprisoned and to stop oppressing those who work for you. Treat them fairly and give them what they earn.

7 I want you to share your food with the hungry and to welcome poor wanderers into your homes. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

8 "If you do these things, your salvation will come like the dawn. Yes, your healing will come quickly. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind.

9 Then when you call, the LORD will answer. 'Yes, I am here,' he will quickly reply. "Stop oppressing the helpless and stop making false accusations and spreading vicious rumors!

10 Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as day.

11 The LORD will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

12 Your children will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as the people

who rebuild their walls and cities.

### **Isaiah 61 and Luke 4 (New Living Translation)**

**These two scriptures in both the Old Testament and New Testament shows God's consistent call and anointing of His Chosen Servants, and then the very heart of Jesus' ministry ... "to Bring the Good News to the poor and bind up the broken hearted."**

- 1** The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.
- 2** He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.
- 3** To all who mourn in Israel, He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.