



HOW WE SEE GOD ANSWERING PRAYER IN THE COVID-19 SEASON

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice." Phil 4:4

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LANE COUNTY'S FLATTENED CURVE

When COVID-19 came to town, churches took a faith-filled stand praying for God to protect our community and for the virus spread to be curbed. One praying friend even spotted the "flattest rainbow she'd ever seen" in West Eugene after we focused prayer through One Church – One Day.

That is just what God did - the state and county numbers testify to the answer! The numbers in Lane County are far less than first predicted.

As of May 26, 2020, Lane County only reported 67 confirmed cases and 2 deaths - that's less than .02% of our population. While, these numbers do not show a complete picture, the numbers are still incredibly low for a county our size. Additionally, over the line in Linn County, for three straight weeks OSU tested 600 people, finding no new positive cases.

With much faith and gratitude, let's keep praying for God to continue to protect our community.



ONE HOPE | A COMMUNICATION HUB FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS & CHURCHES

When schools stopped in-person teaching, One Hope reached out to the school districts to see how churches could best serve them. The districts asked One Hope to be a communication hub for churches during the crisis. As result, churches were able to help deliver meals to local school families and provide financial assistance to families in need. We received word that One Hope (representing the churches working together) was celebrated in meetings with all three district superintendents and principals. The Church has been and is showing up!



FAMILIES FEEDING FAMILIES

At the beginning of this month, the Springfield school district reached out to One Hope with a big ask for the Church. They wanted families in churches to adopt families who have barriers and deliver food boxes once a week. We are thankful to report that 40 church families stepped up to fill this gap, and local churches are still working to meet this need.

God's Relentless Pursuit

A local church family was matched with a Springfield family for food box delivery. This Springfield family happened to be "couch-surfing" in their West Eugene neighborhood. In the process of setting up the delivery, the church family discovered they had history with the mother. Twelve years ago, they opened their home to her for six months, ministering to her, helping her get clean and sharing the Gospel with her. Unfortunately, when her children were taken into foster care, she returned to meth, and they lost touch. Now 12 years later, through Families Feeding Families, they are connecting again! Our Father pursues his lost sheep (Matthew 18:12-14).

A BAG OF BOTTLES

A local man felt moved to bring a bag of bottles and cans to the recycling center on Broadway. He told the Lord he would give the bag to whomever was at the end of the line. When he got there, he was stunned and overjoyed to see at the end of the line a homeless man he knew from the Egan Warming Center. The homeless man had a huge smile and heartfelt thank you when he received the bag of cans.



What a testimony to following the prompting of the Holy Spirit! Be encouraged to ask the Lord how you can do the same.

PRAYING HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Health workers come together to pray in the chapel at the hospital. A doctor who never expressed interest in prayer stumbled into their meeting, feeling distraught. The group took the opportunity to pray for him!



COMMUNITY-WIDE WORSHIP

On May 18, 540 devices tuned in to Community- Wide Worship Online! People from all over Lane County came together *in spirit* to worship together and pray over our community. We are thankful that technology and church resources made it possible for us to virtually gather! At the end of the service, **we presented the Gospel and 11 people responded.** Praise the Lord!

OVERFLOW HOPE: Sharing Hope Together

It all began with a new billboard structure going up on the One Hope office property.

What would the message be? What COULD the message be? God was stirring us. What if His words, His living words, were artistically put on display declaring truth 24/7 to every commuter on a busy street? As we pursued this in prayer, we began dreaming and creating with God. We felt His love and compassion wanting to draw people to Himself and give them hope!



On Good Friday, Overflow Hope launched as a platform to share the Good News!

Overflow Hope engages Bible phrases artistically crafted on billboards. They are linked to social media and a website where the curious can discover who Jesus is and connect with Jesus' people in local churches.

All of this began stirring and was put into motion just before COVID -19 interrupted all of our lives... when hope is all the more needed.

First Fruits: Overflow Hope Website Inquiry

Just recently, a local student reached out through the Overflow Hope website wanting to know more about a lifestyle of following Jesus. Praise the Lord - His message is reaching the curious!

OVERFLOW HOPE IS FOR YOU: Your Voice Matters

- 1) Follow [@overflowhope](#) on Instagram and Facebook.
- 2) Engage with our social media posts: "like, comment, tag & share."
- 3) Pray for the Gospel Message & Share your faith