

Blessed to Give

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In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

—Acts 20:35

We cannot think of a better way to demonstrate thanksgiving than to assist Mike Taylor and Hebron's Bus Ministry team in assembling and delivering meals to families in our community who wouldn't otherwise have a Thanksgiving meal. This year our family, along with our co-teachers, Brent and Christy Hardman, were able to deliver 20 meals to families that attend our church. This was only a small portion of the over 100 meals our church provided to families in our community.

Just as Jesus ministered to physical needs in order to open the door to meet spiritual needs, we are called to follow His example. Delivering Thanksgiving meals was an eye-opener to our families regarding the physical needs right here in our community. We don't have to get on a plane and take our children around the world to teach them about poverty and hardship—it is just around the corner from our church!

In many cases, area children begin coming to Hebron on the bus each Sunday. As Mike and the team are able, they minister to physical needs of their families, and many parents begin attending classes at Hebron such as English as a Second Language (ESL) or Celebrate Recovery (CR). We were able to see families blessed by the generosity of our church. The children were excited to have us come to their homes and their parents were more than grateful.

There is no greater way to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus than to assist in providing basic necessities. In Matthew 25:40b, Jesus describes His pattern for us, saying, "inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." When we are willing to step out of our comfort zone and serve the Lord, He blesses us in ways that have nothing to do with material resources. Our families were privileged to have a very small part in what God is doing through Hebron's Bus Ministry. Because of our participation, Thanksgiving became more meaningful for our family as well as for those we served.

