

Kindness in Progress - Village Pantry - August 5, 2006 - 1-4pm

1 John 4:19 - *We love because he first loved us...*

Role of a Servant Evangelist

The servant evangelist from Cicero Christian Church is called to glorify God by unconditionally sharing His love with others, both Christian and Non-Christian, at specific out reach events. This unconditional service requires nothing of us but our time and a joyful spirit. Our role is to show the love of Jesus Christ in a practical form to the community that our heavenly Father has entrusted to us.

Why Serve?

Each project that the Servant Evangelist participates in is part of the “*No-Strings-Attached*” evangelism model as presented in scripture. We see this model presented by Jesus Christ and His disciples both in words and by example.

Matthew 20:26-28 – Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

We serve the community with “No-Strings-Attached” so that we can build up a loving relationship with those that surround us and live among us. We serve others in an unconditional way, expecting nothing in return, because we have been called to do so by our Savior and because we are called to follow His example.

Our motivation to serve comes only in the form of obeying God and carrying out His commands for our lives to reach out to the world that is dying around us. (**Mt. 9:37-38**)

What Ways Will We Serve?

This specific project is focused on serving others in our community at the local gas station called the **Village Pantry** here in Cicero Indiana. During this project we will serve others in several practical ways:

- Offer to **Pump Gas** for others
- Offer to **Clean Interior Windows**
- Offer to **Clean Windshields**
- Pass Out **Gift Cards** for their Gas
- Ask them if they have any **Prayer Requests**

There are eight stations or gas pumps at the **Village Pantry** and it is beneficial to have 2 -3 people serving God at each station.

- One Person Talks
 - One Person Pumps
 - One Person Cleans Windows
- There are plenty of people to serve. If you get to clean the interior and exterior windows, don't hesitate to pull someone from a pump who isn't currently serving.*

What Do We Say?

SMILE STEP #1 – Extend Your Hand Out to the People and give them the: **You've Been Served Card** and say:

- “Hello, my name is _____ from Cicero Christian Church and today we are here showing the Love of Christ by simply serving you.”

SMILE STEP #2 – Extend Your Hand Out to the People and give them the: **VP Gift Card** and say:

- **“Here is a Gift Card you may use toward the purchase of your gasoline.”**
- **“We would like to pump your gas for you, clean your windshield, and clean your interior windows if you would like.”**
- **“Is there is anything we could pray about for you?”**
You’ll write the prayer request on the notepad at the pump for prayer later – you don’t have to pray with them at the time unless they request it. If you are uncomfortable praying with them in person, call over one of the ministers or elders who are there.

SMILE STEP #3 – As They Leave simply tell them:

- **“May God bless you and may you have a nice day!”**

Questions We May Be Asked:

- **Why are you doing this?**
 - Answer: “We simply want to show the Love of Jesus Christ in a practical way to those in our community.”
- **What church or group are you with?**
 - Answer: “We are with Cicero Christian Church and we are here to serve you.”
 - Point them to the website www.cicerochristianchurch.org for more information (the church info is on the “you’ve been served” card).
- **What do I owe you?**
 - Answer: “Absolutely nothing. But if you want to, you can join us for church tomorrow and learn more about the Love of Jesus Christ.”
- **Who is in charge here?**
 - Answer: “Point the people in the direction of one of the ministers or and elder that might be able to address any concerns or problems.”
- **How do I learn more about Jesus Christ?**
 - Answer: Hand them one of the evangelism cards titled “The Free Gift” and walk them through the card.
 - Answer: Point them in the direction of a minister or elder if you are not comfortable answering their questions.
 - Answer: Invite them to Cicero Christian Church to the service that YOU regularly attend, maybe invite them to sit with you and get their name.

ABSOLUTE DO’s

- Serve with a **Smile**
- **Be Considerate** of those we are Serving
- **Be Kind** to the people even if they refuse your service
- **Invite** them to **Church** to learn more about God’s Love

ABSOLUTE DON’Ts

- **DO NOT Accept any MONEY**
- Do not be **Rude** in any way
- Do not be **Afraid** of having the right or wrong answer to a question



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