

InAsMuch

On Saturday, 19th of November Open Baptist Church hosted its first InAsMuch event. Pastor Norman caught the idea from Alice Drive Baptist Church when visiting there earlier this year. It is about mobilizing believers to serve in their community and based on the scripture of Matthew 25:40

'And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' **NKJV**

There were nine areas of service for people to choose from, some were addressing the environment and community's beauty and others were showing the compassion and love of Jesus through provision and relation building. What was common amongst everyone who participated was that they served because they love the people and care for the community in which we live; besides having a personal relationship with Jesus which gave the instruction of Matthew 25:40.

The unity of everyone was tremendous as no one was looking to their own interest of how, when or why, what we were doing was going on. There was an ease of patience and amicability that only through the Holy Spirit's presence could be explained when organizing 160 volunteers.

Yes we picked up trash along the roadside and could relate to God having given us this beautiful planet from our very beginning of existence.

We painted eight screen security walls along the Limpopo Blvd. where in what was a drab and depressed sight now reflects the glorious colors of a rainbow.

We reached out to the convicted at the Village prison, the ill at Princess Marina Hospital and the orphaned at Spring of Life center; bringing the healing and saving Word of God. Spending time with those who have no one else; laughing, playing, praying and sharing life together.

Food was packed and delivered to the needy in our community which not only will fill their bellies but lift their spirits when the Gospel was shared.

The homebound we visited were brought a caring conversation, read or just listened to.

Children were cared for in both the community park and our Sunday School Hall. We organized soccer and other games where there were none before. Boys and girls of all ages came out to participate and hear the Gospel while they rested and received some nourishment during break time. The children of our parents who volunteered were involved in crafts and bible stories with other volunteers who shared the joy of Christ with them.

We pray that those who heard the Gospel and prayed to receive Christ will continue to grow and learn what it means to follow Him. We pray that the many volunteers that participated will continue to serve Him by reaching out to those around them with "Christ-like" love. We pray that the lost which witnessed us serving will seek the One who sent us.

We thank God for enriching our minds with the openness and acceptance we have towards others.

We thank God for laying on our hearts the forgiveness, mercy and love we can share with others.

We thank God for saving our souls through His redemption of us in repentance and salvation that He wants all mankind to have and we are blessed to be a witness of.