

Breakthrough Day in the Office

Now to him, who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. Ephesians 3:20



Yesterday, the Holy Spirit had an early start in our church office: a stranger came asking for food, and Sherril Lewis sent him home with enough food for several days. If not for your donations, the man would leave empty-handed.

Then, the phone rang. A young woman asked for gas money. Again, because of your bigheartedness, the mother of two beautiful girls, who just lost a job and needed to drive around the city to apply for jobs, left the office with the smile and a gas voucher. Right when the family was walking out of the door, Father George crossed the threshold of the building with a poster in his hands. Great news! Our congregation is invited to take a part in the ecumenical service at Christ Episcopal Church on December 3rd at 4 pm. Father George emphasized that the free will offering will support the *Backpack Buddies* –

the local program that provides breakfast, lunch and a healthy snack each weekend to children enrolled into the program.

Now, this is really getting interesting. Our church member Mike Buckler coordinates that very *Backpack Buddies* program as well as many other programs for children in the city. He is also the *Hall of Fame* Coach. Mike comes to the office just a few minutes later to discuss how our congregation could get involved in *Backpack Buddies*. While I was pondering how to set up a basketball hoop on the parking lot to help kids stay physically active, Mike came up with a better idea. He offered to coach local kids at the Salvation Army gym. I had to shake my head to be sure that the whole day was not a dream. No, it was not a dream, but a genuine breakthrough. Things are happening at Francis Street First!



–Pastor Lydia