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"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me ...and I give my life for the sheep.

John 10: 14-15

It has been a remarkable nine months since the hearts and doors of Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch opened to the homeless and struggling of our town. Was it worth the endless hard work, time and money spent to resurrect 531 Hillsboro Street? Are lives being changed?



YES! and a resounding Amen!

Each day the vast needs we see and hear are overwhelming. Yet, we stand amazed by the divine extravagance lavished upon us by the one who knows our every need.

Someday we'll sit together and tell you countless stories ...stories of those whose hearts have been pierced by the grace and mercy of Jesus. Anyone who has stepped foot on this holy ground can testify to the majestic power of God's Love so visible every morning.

On the best of days or even difficult days we feel the gentle hands of Christ leading us towards lives of purpose and expectation.

May we share some moments with you?

We stood in awe... as a man thanked God for a prized new job. The only thing he lacked was size 13½ black shoes for the next morning's work. Later, he proudly walked out the front door wearing size 13½ black shoes and a youth pastor from Manna Church walked out the back door honored to be wearing only his socks.

We witnessed faithful service... as a bowtied orthopedic surgeon used his gifted hands to joyfully wash pots and pans *for the least of these*.

We were humbled... when one of God's faithful daughters from St. Johns Episcopal Church heard our prayer for a canopy to shelter His people from the pouring rain. In courage she made the plea and a compassionate heart said yes!

We are amazed... that all who enter this place leave with their heart and mind touched by God's unconditional love for each of us. Whether serving or being served, the transformation is undeniable.

A Honey Of A Donation

Evidently, God told Harold's bees... 'Operation Inasmuch is going to need a lot of honey for breakfast this year, so lets get to work!' **Dr. Harold Newman**, surgeon turned bee-keeper, exclaimed 'I've never had such a bountiful supply of honey as this season'. He has gifted Inasmuch with liquid gold from his lovingly tended hives. Every morning, the honey is poured into hot tea, spooned over oatmeal and drizzled onto biscuits. Thank you Harold Newman for sharing this sweet ministry with us!



Cops Who Care

On Wednesday mornings you can count on **Officer Stacy Swinton** and **Officer Wayne Alsup** to set up their mobile office at Inasmuch. Anyone needing a Homeless ID or Cumberland County birth certificate is welcomed to talk with them. Having this vital resource and a friendly police presence within our walls, adds another positive dimension for those who come each day. Thanks Officers Swinton & Alsup for being part of our team.



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Vision Statement

To walk among the broken and struggling,
 being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Mission Purpose

Operation Inasmuch is designed by God to grow and make it's home in any church or heart where Jesus Christ is Lord. Our purpose is to go outside the church walls to a world in need, offering the talents and gifts with which we have been blessed. We believe that God has called us to be His hands and feet as we share His love with 'the least of these'.

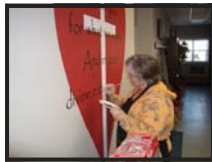
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Painting By Pandy

God has brought many gifted people to Inasmuch but **Pandy Autry** turned ordinary walls into extraordinary works of art! Eating breakfast surrounded by scripture, encouraging words and a prayer reminds us that Our Lord is watching over us. During construction the scriptures were written on the framing and now His word is visible for all to see.



Learning With Alice

After enjoying breakfast, thirteen



courageous people enter an Inasmuch classroom three days a week and commit themselves to changing their future. Instructor **Alice Redding** from FTCC conducts GED/Basic Skills classes that renew the

student's hope in the person God has gifted them to be. Alice brings a warm and encouraging perspective and says; 'There is a genuine sense of joy when students reach the moment of understanding.'

Been Called By Tischa?

Thanks for the overwhelming response to serve breakfast! Our volunteer breakfast



teams, coordinated by the incredible **Tischa Eddy**, are an integral part of FAOIAM. If you are scheduled to work on a serving team, we depend on your faithfulness!

Unscheduled volunteers result in too many servers and a cramped dining room. *But* we still need you! Please call **Tischa** to add your name to our substitute servers list or our waiting list for the new teams forming.

Bread & Bowls ... Our Deepest Thanks!

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