

She sat there...

... unsure of what the process was or whether or not to pull forward. I waved her on, motioning her to pull up a few feet as the food pantry team sprang into action, picking up boxes of canned goods and made their way towards her vehicle. She put it in park and got out, stating that the door was jammed on that side and they would have to load the boxes on the other side. As she made her way around the car, I noticed she had a limp and asked if she was in pain. She went on to explain that at her job caring for people, she was on her feet 12 hrs a day which made her sciatica flare up and it gotten perpetually worse to the point where she could barely walk.

Tears welling up, she explained that she couldn't get in to the chiropractor because of time and money and that she tries her best at work despite the pain. "I never would have thought I would have to come to a food pantry, but I don't know what else to do."

"So sorry that you're going through all this. Is it ok if I pray for you?"

"Um, sure."

As I prayed for her healing, the Lord revealed some family situations which we also prayed into. The tears flowed freely now as the Lord continued to proclaim His love over her and reminded her of how He sees her. After the prayer, she grabbed me in a strong hug and said thank you so much. Then went on to explain how the prophetic word about family rang true.

She made her way back to the driver's side door, wiggled a little bit, checking on her back and with a shocked look on her face said, "hey, it feels a lot better!" The team let out a few phrases of "yes!" and "praise God!" as we celebrated with her.

Getting close, I looked into her eyes once more, "It's because He sees you. He sees you. He sees you and He loves you." Her hands covered her face as she burst into crying again while I just held her for a short time while the presence of God ministered to her broken spirit and weary heart. She drove off, overwhelmed by the love of El Roi, the God who sees her.



The Family Room Food Pantry gives away an average of 2,300 lbs of food, serving 250+ people per month and continues to grow! It is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9AM-1PM. If you or someone you know is in need of food or would like to volunteer, please contact us!

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Dear Family & Friends,

It's been a hot minute since we sent our last newsletter and thought it would be great time to do so before the holiday rush starts! Here's what we've been up to -



Ayana is enjoying her Sophomore year at UNO as a communications major. She works part time at a clothing boutique and loves to hang out with friends from her campus ministry group. This past summer, we had the honor of baptizing her after she rededicated her life to Christ. She still enjoys photography and plays cello on the worship teams at both The Family Room and Providence Church. She pops in pretty frequently which softens the edge to this season of "almost empty nesting" for us!

Ayana

Broghan is in his freshman year at University of Nebraska at Kearney enrolled in the aviation program. When school and flight lessons aren't keeping him busy, he picks up a few bucks as a ref for intermural sports on campus. Earlier this spring, he and Matt had the opportunity to go on a men's retreat where he also rededicated his life to Jesus and just had to get baptized right away, so he did so at 11pm in the lake with other men surrounding & celebrating with him. He enjoys going on adventures with his college roommate and flag football.



Broghan



This one keeps us on our toes, which constantly reminds us of how old we are, haha! Everly recently celebrated her 3rd birthday with family and friends by having a dinosaur party... dinos are her latest obsession. We try to keep busy during the day by playing outside and running errands with the occasional trip to the zoo or library. She really is a great toddler and content to be just 'along for the ride.' She chatters constantly and her curiosity & joy are contagious. Her favorite things are taking walks, Bluey and watching her butterflies grow.

Everly

Things at The Family Room Church have been going well. It's been amazing to see the Lord pursue & engage people. This summer, we had our first baptism since becoming pastors, which was so much fun! We also felt the need to train others in inner healing ministry, so we hosted a couple of workshops taught by our friend, Jeannie Hughes which had attendees from a few different churches in the city. Looking forward to more in the near future!

Most recently, we took a spontaneous trip down to Texas for a conference & to spend some time together to refresh... the first time in over 3 years, so it was long overdue! God met & ministered to us powerfully and our hearts came back full. Some things the Lord pressed upon us was to 'dream bigger than what you've been dreaming'. More details to come, but the first step in that is to focus on our Spiritual Direction practice and to pursue training in marriage counseling/coaching.



Matt & Nikki

In the short time we've been pastoring, we've learned so much and the Lord has been doing a deep work in us. One of the things we realized is that we need to be more intentional about communicating and gather prayer support around us. If you are interested in joining our email list, have questions or a prayer request yourself, feel free to contact us at any of the ways listed...we would love to hear from you! So very thankful for each and every one of you!