

# Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the  
homeless and  
needy for over  
27 years

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## Serving

**God is in control. We serve an amazing God.** This is Gods ministry and I am just a vessel. We were **feeding the hungry** and trying to meet their needs; we are about **relationships**: a safe distance hug, an encouraging word, prayer, acceptance, love. I say “we serve in rain, snow, sleet, hail, tornado and hurricane winds, sunshine and covid. God is so good.

It's always great to support the vendors that support **Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg**. They were kind enough to donate so to show your appreciation please tell them thank you by patronizing their establishments. You can always tell the manager too. Some of the vendors: **The Healthy Grocer, The Broad Street Market, Bonefish Grill, Carabbas, Red Lobster, Starbucks on Trindle Road and on Erford Road, KFC and Karns in Lemoyne, and CHIK-Fil-A and Wegmans on the Carlisle Pike**. We never know what foods we will receive or how much but any and every amount is a blessing.

This is been a challenge for all .. We have been serving outside since the twenty-second of March 2020. We were **servng Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday**. We provided blankets t-shirts, hoodies, winter clothes and a hot meal to those who are hungry and in need.

I am so **thankful for the volunteers** who faithfully come to serve, they are on the frontline giving to those in need.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.



## Sabbatical—Our last night serving was Easter Sunday.

After a lot of prayers, **God has shown me** that it is time to take a **sabbatical from serving a hot meal to the homeless and hungry FIVE nights a week**. I have always said this is Gods ministry and I am a vessel. This is not being taken lightly or for any other reason than this is **God's will for us**.

A **Sabbatical** is not an extended vacation, nor is it limited to advanced studies. A carefully planned sabbatical will give me a chance to step back from my role and will allow me the chance to rest, to heal, and reflect on my faith. The time away from regular duties will allow me to hear from God on our next step and what He wants for Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. I hope to return from this sabbatical with a fresh outlook on my faith and with renewed energy to perform my job or whatever the Lord leads me to do.

**27 years. God is amazing!**  $27 = 10 + 10 + 7$ . I found this interesting, in the Bible 10 represent human completeness, for example the 10 Commandments; 10 fingers, etc.. The number 7 represents the perfection of God, the works of God,, etc. Putting the two tens and the 7 together tenemos algo que es perfecto, completo desde el punto de vista humano y Divino. “We have something that is perfect, complete from the human and Divine point of view. — translated by google translate It is also interesting to say that the New Testament is composed of 27 books. Its final book is the Book of Revelation. We are in end times. One day closer to the rapture, to the tribulation...

Lets do a math problem for you who have a stronger left-side of brain—lets see 27 years is 1408.79 weeks@ 4.2 days a week is 2347.9833days—that was the average for all that time. How about average of 70 people for those days - now that's people not servings — how many people is that? 164358.831 people. Then if you want, how any meals actually served lets figure 1.8 times the number of people because not everyone everyday got seconds but then again what is a serving size— o my if I were to give them a serving size of chicken or pork or meatballs no-no .That came out to be 295845.8958 meals prepared. Hmm is that right? That's not serving size just meals— give or take 1000.

**Needs**

The needs are for prayer. We will be doing things for the homeless and hungry but not in the same capacity or regularity. All being done according to Gods will and to give Him glory.

Please to pray for all those who live on the street, those with addictions, and those with mental illness.

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**Love For All**

This is really challenging and difficult because **I love all the guys.**

In 27 years there have been births, death,s and those who have been born again.

We have served inside, outside; we always served through rain, snow, sleet, hail, hurricane, especially sunshine, and through covid.

We served one day a week to start and ending( for now) five nights a week.

I have seen the greed and the frustration from the greed.

We have seen the guys get their stimulus checks and some have made good decisions with their money. They are off the street. Pray for them because they are making good decisions and being off the street they are able to get jobs.

Some got their checks, got off the street, got jobs but still hangout panhandling. Pray they make better choices.

Others, well, they got their checks, they “get” lots of “stuff” given to them, they go on the hill and sell their “free stuff” and buy drugs. They need prayer to make good decisions, seek Jesus and seek help to kick their habit.

**Hebrews 13:2**  
**Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.**

We served our Thanksgiving meal  
 On Thanksgiving Day  
 And  
 Christmas dinner on Christmas Day and our Easter meal on Easter Sunday.



**Donations**

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**Behind the Scenes**

**Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg** consists of many hands . First and foremost this is Gods ministry and I am thankful for all He has provided. We are truly blessed.

Second, my husband is the backbone. He deals with all the food that is picked-up, stored and taken to soup kitchen. He is my help-mate and I am his; I am so blessed that Terry is my husband.

Third, the people who help do some of the pick-ups, Paul, Roman and Jim, David and Sharon, and Chris, who also comes and serves.

And, most grateful to those who come to serve; we are truly blessed by volunteers. Brandi who has wrapped forks for us; Jane who wraps fork for Fridays, and serves; Donna and Marty who serve and wash the dirty pans, Elaine also washed pans for awhile; Bob who has been with us for over 10 years and puts up with my shenanigans and more,; Christina who faithfully comes after teaching all day—even though she doesn’t like the cold (lol) and Ron. And many thanks to those I did not mention who come down and serve.

Mark for preparing spaghetti on our Spaghetti Fridays. And St. Johns Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown for making casseroles monthly for years. And we have had Indian food made for us, it is wonderful to have that added to our meal a great taste thank you Son-tyanna and Punam.