

From Carole McCulloch "Volunteering at Lifelines": Since volunteering at Lifelines, I have been struck by the many different types of people who show up in so many varied circumstances. Many have held jobs for years, but their unemployment has run out, and they cannot find employment. It is very difficult for them to even come for our services, but they are practical, logical people who realize that at this point in their life, they must accept a little help. They are so grateful for the help, and many have told me that they are equally grateful, if not more so, for the counseling help. They desperately need someone to share their story with, and I have discovered that many of these have a strong faith in Jesus Christ, and their testimony has actually been a blessing to me on several occasions. We've shared many smiles and hugs sharing our love for Jesus, and Lifelines has proven to be much more of a blessing to me than I ever imagined.

On the other hand, there are many who come whose life is in a shambles in every way imaginable. They are unemployed, in bad health or disabled, and just seem to be "lost in general." There is a hopelessness about these that touches your heart, and you want them to accept Jesus and let them know that He will restore "hope" in their lives again. The Holy Spirit has convicted several of these, and it is such a joy to see them leave with a smile on their face and hope in their hearts.

It is truly a blessing to see an occasional convert who demonstrates a dramatic change. We have all witnessed the transformation of William Gibbs. He accepted Christ one Thursday, and since he is still unemployed, he has joined our ministry to help in any way he can. There is a huge smile on his face, and he is truly a joy to watch as he loads food into cars, or helps distribute it into the boxes to be given. On a recent Thursday, I was witnessing to and counseling a couple who truly seemed hopeless. They were "poor lost souls" who had lost their way it seemed in all areas of life. However, they did listen intently as I explained to them that there was hope and a better way of life open to them. Just as I finished, I saw William approach, and I asked him to come and share with them. His words were exactly what they needed to hear, especially the husband. He addressed the fact that he had been in the same place this man was and how hopeless life had been to him. He, of course, had not heard any of our prior conversation, but the Holy Spirit used him to really connect with this individual. The man had said that he did know Jesus and had accepted him as his personal savior years ago, but that he had not lived for him. I do not know if this person kept his new commitment to change or not, but I do KNOW that the Holy Spirit is alive and well at Lifelines. He is using the volunteers in a marvelous way because of their sweet, sweet spirit of commitment to others in the name of Jesus. He is even using some of the recipients of this ministry, and their witness is so powerful!! The physical needs of all are being met, and souls are being fed with the gospel of Jesus Christ in a meaningful way during a troubling time in their lives. I, personally, am grateful for the leadership of so many who selflessly serve week after week, year after year. If you have extra time on hands, please consider getting involved, and I promise you that God's word is true--we can never out give God!!! You will definitely receive a huge blessing.



*William Gibbs (left)
William with JP Kirkham (right)
on April 30th, 2009,
the wonderful day
William got saved! William is now
attending FBC Madison*



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