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What’s Happening Report
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Greetings Everyone from Doing for the Least Ministries!

Just a little update on What’s Been Happening as well as a new program I’ll be telling about from Doing for the Least Ministries. The support groups are still about the same with some mild improvements. Five parolees have been coming around in the last few months. Although I’m afraid most are hit and miss, two have been fairly steady. We have a new volunteer helper that has joined us - a friend of Baldemar - Letty Garza. She’s been coming and participating plus helping out with group matters. She has not been involved in drugs and crime, but just comes to help those that have the problems. There is great need for helpers such as these that make up the ministry TEAM.

We have just lately begun working with a new program called *“The Truth About Drugs”* DVD from Drug Free World. The program consists of a DVD of several people telling their stories about when and how they got into the drugs plus the horrible consequences they faced. The video presents 14 of the worse drugs that the people tell about. Along with the DVD comes several packets of booklets that tell about the drugs and their affect. I took a chemical dependency course through a Mental Health program many years ago, and this video far exceeds any that was taught. Also another part of the organization is an Educator’s Packet can be sent. All this can be sent to anyone free of charge. So far I have had one order of booklets with the DVD and just received another 200. I have also ordered the DVD and Booklets to use in the Educator’s Program started with the Drug Court meeting at the Probation Department. I also showed this video at my groups. In each group we go through one drug at a time and discuss them. I’m hoping to send this program around to others in the area as well as to different churches, where I believe this approach could be a grand educational and ministry opportunity. The website is [www.drugfreeworld.org](http://www.drugfreeworld.org) and the DVD is “The Truth About Drugs.” The statement that introduces the video is “They Said They Lied”. These stories are telling the truth about drugs and addiction working against the lies that have been told about these chemicals. I encourage anyone as individuals or congregations to look into this.

One last update is about the nursing home ministry. I’ve still been able to continue with the Bible group at the Meridian Nursing Home and the group at the Drake Unit. Both are receiving the messages well. Although good, I now am experiencing more physical problems that slow me down, but by the grace of God I keep doing what I can. I also try to encourage myself when my physical ailment (which is scoliosis) kicks in, that while I’m limited, this world is becoming more corrupt every day, and whatever I can do is sufficient in this world. So again, by the grace of God I am what I am, and that grace will not be without effect. I am very thankful that just this past week, my new volunteer, Will Vinson, offered to volunteer in the nursing home ministry. This is a great move in the nursing home ministry, as it has been a long time since the ministry has had volunteer help in this area of the ministry work.

Thanks for remaining with us and keep praying for the ministry.

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