PRACTICE: Outreach 2021

FORMATION IN THE WAY OF JESUS



While there are an infinite number of ways to practice Outreach, to love our neighbors, and to "go and do likewise" (as Jesus says in Luke 10:37), we want to invite you to consider these practical steps this season, here in 2021.

- 1. Help Staff the "Treat Trail" on October 31st. The Treat Trail is an annual event hosted by the Davis Downtown Business Association. It helps create a fun and safe environment to trick-or-treat during Halloween. Since Discovery has a downtown presence we are invited to participate! We are looking for 6-10 volunteers (8 would be perfect) to fill four 40 minute shifts. All you need to do is be present, be enthusiastic, and pass out candy. It's awesome and easy! To sign up for a shift send an email to info@discoverydavis.org
- 2. Help Staff the "Circulo" Program at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary (MME). MME is our local school serving kids with the widest variety of socioeconomic diversity in our city. Here's the pitch from the school: "Help us build a love of reading by volunteering for the Circulo Program. Students received new books this week, because volunteers were working overtime covering multiple classes! Volunteers are still needed to check books in and out for grades 1st-3rd (Kinder classes will begin January). The commitment is for 30 minutes to an hour per selected day of the week, depending on class size and number of students." Volunteers are needed Tuesday-Friday, mostly during the morning hours (9 am 1 pm). Email Amy Boutry if you would like to know more about this or get connected with the school's volunteer coordinator. amy.boutry@gmail.com
- 3. **Become a Volunteer with World Relief**. This fall we've been introduced to World Relief (Sacramento) and their work in helping to resettle Afghan refugees. While there have been opportunities to serve in the Warehouse, there are also opportunities to serve in a longer-term capacity. Volunteers can serve families, mentor youth, and build relationships while also meeting tangible needs. To find out more and to start the process go this webpage:

 https://worldrelief.org/sacramento/get-involved/volunteer/
- 4. Finally, go to Discovery's Generosity page and check out the variety of local partners we have!
 - a. https://www.discoverydavis.org/generosity
 - b. Empower Yolo
 - c.STEAC
 - d. Make It Happen
 - e. Yolo County Foodbank
 - f.4th and Hope (Woodland)

Recommended Reading:

The Hole In Our Gospel

by Richard Stearns

The Year Of Small Things: Radical Faith For the Rest of Us

by Sarah Arthur and Erin Wasinger

Seek The Welfare Of The City: Christians as Benefactors and Citizens

by Bruce Winter

Everyday Justice: The Global Impact of Our Daily Choices

by Julie Clawson

The Art Of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door

by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon