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Love Initiated Ventures Investing In Neglected Groups



All Are ALIVE

"He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Luke 20:38

How's your life? Are you alive? Do you feel alive? While these questions may sound silly to you, they are very serious for the men and women that we serve. For many of them, life is not good. Problems pile up and life's outlook is bleak. Joblessness, homelessness, hopelessness, loneliness, all rob our friends of joy, causing life to lose its meaning and importance. In their minds, they are not alive. But thankfully, it is not our opinion of the state of things that determines our destiny! While we may feel dead inside and out, to God, we are alive. As long as we have breathe in our lungs (and even when we don't), we matter to Him and have value and worth. Our value is further displayed in Jesus Christ's desire to lay down His life for us on the cross. This is a very important message to the homeless, one that not only provides hope for eternity, but also freedom in the midst of very difficult circumstance now.



Last Saturday, we were blessed to be able to put on our 8th annual festival called ALIVE. The premise of this event is to celebrate the fact that in the eyes of God, we are all alive! Because of this truth, we get together to celebrate. The homeless are afforded very few opportunities in life to celebrate. In fact, much of their lives are spent in disappointment, frustration, and despair. Everything around them looks dismal, and that can be clearly seen on their faces and expressions.



But not at ALIVE! At ALIVE, the homeless are all smiles. They are given the freedom to worship, smile, laugh, and enjoy themselves. Each individual is treated as the creation of God that they are, and are embraced as friends. Volunteers, the homeless, and neighbors alike all join together in an awesome picture of the kingdom of God. ALIVE is an amazing testament to God's work of redemption in the lives of His people.



As you enjoy your Thanksgiving this week, remember that no matter what situation you find yourself, in God's eyes, you are alive, and there is no better place you could be than that! Be blessed this Thanksgiving friends!

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