



Mary Craig Ministries, Inc.

God Answers Prayer in Fellsmere, Florida

The Barnabas Project Report

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The Barnabas Project began as an outreach ministry of Mary Craig Ministries back in 2003. Sixteen years later, we have a manual called “Expanding Barnabas” which provides guidelines for how to do this kind of ministry. The Barnabas Project has gone as far north as the Fellsmere/Sebastian area, south as far as Homestead and Florida City, west as far as Immokalee and Belle Glade, and in our own area in Broward/Miami-Dade/Palm

Beach counties, Florida.

The Fellsmere community in Indian River County, Florida, is about 60% migrant workers. Link here: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Fellsmere-Florida.html>

The people of Fellsmere wanted us to come to their area while we were at Indiantown some time back. They really wanted it; and they prayed BIG.

The Barnabas Project begins with prayer, which forms the foundation of all we do. Vendors, like Publix Supermarkets, donate goods along with many, many private donors. Donations, as much as possible, are put into “banana” boxes to be stacked and stored for distributions across South Florida. These happen throughout the year, but twice a year we hold BIG distributions.



Fellsmere was BIG. David Patten, our Barnabas Project Director, drove a 16-foot Budget truck with all the donations inside, up to the Fellsmere New Bethel A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Pastor Bennett and his wife Carolyn.

Shirley Smith provided so much help with her great administrative skills and heart for the need in the Fellsmere area. Many got out the flyer Shirley had prepared into the community, and the community responded. Janice Meehan of the Mental Health Collaborative Organization in Vero Beach saw the flyer and called offering volunteers and help. We thank her for doing so, as we needed people who could speak both English and Spanish. www.mhcollaborative.org



People came to help unload the truck, including a long-standing friend of MCM and the Barnabas Project, Rosa Vega. She knows just what to do and we do so appreciate her.

The tables were set up and marked, the church provided free food and water, and outside an excellent band played music, not only to entertain but also to alert

surrounding homes and such that something BIG was going on. Boxes being stacked outside tell



their own story.

Every Barnabas distribution begins with prayer, including that it doesn't rain until after it's over. We ask for God's blessing, that people will experience the goodness of God and His grace by receiving for free, tangible help in order to be encouraged to put their hope in the God who answers prayer. Sometimes we look at something that comes in for donation and wonder, "What!" But then we discover that someone showing up at a distribution was praying for that specific thing. God is good!

"When we saw the amount of volunteers and how organized everything went, we didn't know that we would have music, we didn't know that we would have children working with us and that they would work with a smile the entire time. Everyone was on one accord, so I know that God put His stamp of approval on this community and on this Project.

In addition to enjoying the Barnabas Project we were able to offer a bag lunch, We also experienced the PRAYER TENT. Your Prayers and Prophetic Gifts you shared with God's people will never be forgotten; what a wonder and powerful child of God you are! Thank you. We trust the community will remember over the years your generosity of spirit, and those of your staff. May God continue to bless you is our Prayer!

Shirley Hicks Smith, Walden Tucker Area Women's Missionary Society in Partnership with New Bethel AME Church of Fellsmere Florida under the leadership of Pastor Theodore Bennett." June 4, 2019

Pictures do better than words to see some of what God did in Fellsmere.





Pastor Bennett and Carolyn Bennett above

Thank you to all who dreamed, who prayed BIG, who dedicated time and resources, and whose heart it is to glorify the LORD. May He bless you abundantly, breaking strongholds and establishing you in His grace, peace, and love.



Praying for Rev. Bennett *****Blessing a family with “the Barnabas Box” and the Gospel

The LORD moved and did great things in Fellsmere. Many of you made a difference, touching lives through your giving to Mary Craig Ministries. Thank you.

Giving God the Glory,

Mary Craig

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Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:1, 2



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