**GRACE MISSION**

Episcopal Church

*…a transformative ministry of the forgotten*

Dear Ministry Partners,

‘It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, stepping outside your door. You step out onto the Road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.” *Lord of the Rings*

At Grace Mission, we have *stepped out onto the road*; and we are continually amazed at where we are being *swept off to.* The call of Christ on our lives propels us forward in mission – *onto the road* so to speak - despite great challenges. But, throughout the history of Grace Mission we have seen God’s provision time and again. This risky business of church, especially an outreach mission church, is a daily practice of faith in which we allow Christ to use us in spite of our circumstances and shortcomings.

For the past couple of years, we have been asking “What if” – *“What if God we could do this or that for you?”*  At unexpected moments, we have received some whispers from Him and doors have opened while others have closed. *Stepping out onto the road* with Christ isn’t always easy, can be downright uncomfortable and uncertain but one thing we know as Christians – we do not step out alone especially when we are stepping into His will. The whole process is a journey taking time, patience, prayer and presence keeping Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

*The road we were swept off to* began with the Organic Garden, Healing Prayer Service with music on Tuesday, the Water Walk and Adopt-A-Lot Outreach, The Reading Academy, Children’s Bible study night, partners with Goodwill Industries, Inc.…to name a few of the newer ‘*roads*’ at Grace Mission.

But the call of Christ in our lives keeps propelling us forward in mission – to continually *step out onto the road* and reach others for Christ. Our next step out *onto the road* is the One Campaign. **One Church – One Saturday**…in partnership with HUD, Second Harvest Food Bank and Farm Share, we will be delivering wholesome, nutritional food to residents of the Joe Lewis Housing Project in Tallahassee. Our theme is **One Church** - **One Saturday** and we hope to partner with 12 churches that will be willing to volunteer One Saturday – once a year – to help deliver and distribute food to those in need.

Grace Mission is moving the Children’s Program into the Joe Lewis Housing Project, as well. There are 200 residential units in the Joe Lewis Housing Project and approximately 200-300 children we can reach for Christ.

At Grace Mission, we continue to *step out onto the road…* won’t you join us? Maybe you have been asking God the same question, ‘*What if God I could do this for you?’* Maybe it’s time to be *swept off, too*…for His sake. Thank you for your support!

My Love to you in our Lord,

Pastor Amanda+

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