WCLJ Indianapolis Report for December 2015

WCLJ's studio program this month mainly focused on the homeless problem here in Indianapolis. We did the program live mainly because of an event that was held the next day in which we were one of the participators. One of the guests on our program and also a guest speaker at the event was the brother of the late John Denver, Ron Deutschendorf (pictured right, with his brother. He joked



about how that would have been a difficult last name for his brother to have lived with.



I was asked to make the opening remarks and pray over the event which was held last Saturday. I then introduced Ron who was preceded by the presenting of the colors. Following are a few pictures, which really tell the story of the day.



Foot washing and new shoes were just one of the many things that were provided for the people at the event. Clothing of all types and many kinds of gifts were also available. We also focused on homelessness on Joy in Our Town this past month. There is a real push here in the city to deal with this problem which continues to grow.



Even our Facebook page was very active concerning providing help for the needy. Our *Joy In Our Town* post concerning calling 2-1-1, a service that provides help for the needy, was seen by more than 3,300 people. Our video on the subject was viewed by more than 1,000 people.

Also in the area of community outreach, two of our employees were part of an outreach to the Chin Community in Indianapolis. Steve and Karen Ward were invited to an appreciation dinner and presentation by the Chin community to thank local members of the community for their involvement in helping Chin refugees find jobs, education, healthcare and public safety concerns. Many of the Chin population have visited our food pantry here at His Hand Extended.

Concerning the ministry of His Hand Extended, December was by far the most active time of the year as is to be expected. Besides the regular Thursday services, we hosted a Christmas service here at our station. There were 85 families served with a Christmas meal which



included turkeys donated by Mount Pleasant Christian Church, and toys for the children in the families, some of which were donated by the Red Hat Club. Grace Assembly of God Church lead the service with Pastor Wayne

Murray bringing the message and some of his staff also included in the service.

I will leave you with a post on the next page from Pastor Murray on his Facebook page later in the day. In case you cannot read the post, he said that 28 people responded to the altar call and many more were prayed





for. Thank God for the great response. The elf, by the way, was their Children's Pastor praying with a young boy.

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Buddy the Elf (aka Pastor Ryan C Jackson) helped us pray for people at today's TBN outreach service at Channel 42. 28 responded to altar call and many more were prayed for. Pastor Steven Sherwood Jr. Lead in Christmas Carols and God showed up to minister hope and life to more than 100.

