A LIFE WITH PURPOSE

When asked to share about his experiences and relationship to Hope For The Future, Emil had to think back 20 years. That’s how long it’s been since he remembers asking a neighbor, “where can you go to get food if you need it?” More than one person said, “Go to 9th & C” (one of Pastor Diane’s old locations). Emil recalled that first time, waiting as patiently as he could, hungry and tired, on a line that ran long and wrapped around the corner. When it was finally his turn, his cart was filled with a variety of all the major food groups including dairy, grains and meats. The food line ended with the distribution of a hot, well-balanced meal. Emil was pleasantly surprised, even shocked at the amount and quality of the food. He was a regular on the line for about 4 years when his life began to go even further downhill. He knew that he needed to make some changes and fast. He decided that it would be a good thing to start giving back. Emil began to volunteer his time and has been doing so ever since. He enjoys learning new things and if for that reason alone, he has been such a great asset to our weekly outreach. He is flexible and never has a problem when given a new or different task to do, a rare breed! Whether he is required to off-load a truck or slap on a pair of gloves and a hair net in order to serve food, no complaints are uttered.

Emil is a Nursing Assistant by trade who says that he is often called upon to lift the heaviest of patients on his job. He is also frequently asked to tend to patients who are angry and irritable. Heavy lifting and dealing well with people that may be angry and irritable?? Any one who has been out on the streets with us knows, this is a perfect match! And we are thankful that Emil is willing to put his skills to work on behalf of those who are in need.

Emil has been attending the “Church Without Walls” services conducted every Wednesday for many years now. He finds Pastor Diane’s messages thought provoking and Hope For The Future has become part of the answer that Emil was looking for. He says that the messages help him to cope with life’s every day trials and

To all our dads we say...

Happy Father’s Day!
In gratitude we give to others.
But in giving we express our gratefulness to the God who gave and keeps on giving.
Evelyn Miranda-Feliciano

Who Says Typical has to be Ordinary?

Typical Weekly Menu

Roast Chicken with Rice & Green Beans
Cake
Salisbury Steak
Corn
& Homemade Smashed Potatoes

Homemade Meat Chili, Rice & Carrots Brownies

Voted Best Food on Lower East Side!

The votes are in...
Pastor Diane and her staff are elated that the consensus on the streets is Hope For The Future serves the best hot dinner on the Lower East Side.... “Out of all the charities that serve”, said several participants... “this is the best food!”
This means a lot to Pastor Diane, as this is a priority... to serve the best food she can to “the guys”. Every effort is made to serve a nutritious and well balanced dinner along with the highest quality pantry items. We serve a great God who gives the very best!

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their meaning are especially helpful to him when family crisis arise.

Most importantly, Emil’s heart belongs to Jesus. He has accepted the Lord as his Savior and says that he reads his Bible and prays each night. His life has been drastically turned around and he is so appreciative to Pastor Diane and to Hope For The Future ministries for the positive influence they have had on his life.

Emil is the proud father of one daughter and has one on the way. This is one respectful and hard-working young man and we are so grateful for his love and commitment to Hope For The Future.

It is you, our supporters who have kept this ministry alive, enabling us to reach out to souls like Emil. We were right there, on the street 20 years ago where the need was! And the need remains the same for many, so that’s right where we are today! Thank you for your prayers and financial support. You have made it possible for us to fulfill the scripture: “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled!” (Luke 14:23)Ω
Dear Pastor Diane:

I wanted to take this moment to thank you sincerely for giving me and others your Godly words of wisdom and the messages that touch each and every heart that hears it including mine. You are a beacon of hope in times of despair and sorrow for many and myself. Thank you for the help you have given me since I've met you. The pantry has assisted me in so many ways that I thank the Lord that He brought me to you. And thank you for extending extra help to me when I told you my situation that involved my ex-partner throwing all my personal and household things out. You stepped in and asked me how you could help me, telling me to make a list of things I needed and I am forever grateful for anything you can do for me. Pastor... I pray God multiplies it for you so you can continue helping others... God bless you and your staff for all you do for others. I Promise to continue volunteering as long as the Lord permits.

Love,

Hortencia Ingles

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- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time... Thank you
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“A Word From The Pastor’s Desk

Dear Partner,

I couldn’t believe my ears as I listened to the news one night recently. The President was in Ireland and had promised the country aide and help to get their economy back on track. Am I alone here,… or wouldn’t that be something that should be done here first? Don’t get me wrong, … I’m from Irish descent and I love that country and people. But as the old expression goes… Charity begins at home. I can’t help but think how our country’s economy is in the tank. When I go into the City there are Vets sleeping in boxes and building doorways. It is time to help our own! I’m all for missions. I have traveled extensively, worldwide for the purpose of missions, but right now we have much need in our own home. At the current time there are over 1.5 million people struggling to make ends meet in the City of NY alone. They will need the assistance of a Food Pantry or Soup Kitchen this year. About 27% of NYC’s children (more than 1 out of every 4) will go to bed hungry tonight. That is not including the suburbs. Don’t let the green lawns and nice houses fool you either… Hunger is just as much a challenge out here on Long Island as it is in the City. The country is facing a major crisis of unemployment and a very bad job growth problem. To hear the stories and struggles of many to whom we minister, it is amazing to see how many of their days seem to swing between hope and despair. But God who is rich in mercy is also seeing each and every one of us through this time of recession! Let’s see to it that we help those who have a need right here in our own backyards. As someone I know used to say all the time … “You don’t have to travel over an ocean to go to the mission field. You have one right here in NY… the greatest mission field in the world!”

I do believe that even though giving is down, unemployment is up, and cost of living is also on the rise, our God is a provider who will always honor us when we take care of the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the defenseless. It has taken faith to keep these doors open (along with the sweat of faithfulness). And, I know that every time we load the vans and make that journey to the streets of NY and here on Long Island that the hopes and prayers of our partners march with us. Please remember us, especially during the coming summer months, when it is a usual time of leanness for all non-profits and churches. We depend upon your faithfulness to help us lift the weariness of hunger and hopelessness that only hope can ease. Thank you in advance… and may God meet every one of your family’s needs with His rich bounty!

His Richest Blessings Be Yours!

Pastor Diane