



Showing God's Love and Making a Difference

Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission — \$98,000

2021–2023 Biennium
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Mission Grant #23

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The International District is in southeast Albuquerque, New Mexico and is home to an ethnically diverse and disadvantaged people. The population is multicultural representing more than ten nations. Forty percent live below the poverty level. Crime, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, prostitution, teen pregnancy, poor living conditions, low education levels, low paying jobs, and health issues put the well-being of adults and children at risk.

In 2009, a mission outreach was initiated in Albuquerque. The pastor and members of Christ Lutheran Church had a passion to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help people. They reached out to show God's love in the International District and started God Cares About You, a mission to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in the community. By sharing Christ's love, they are transforming lives now and for eternity.

Mission volunteers embrace and work through cultural differences knowing that God is using them to further His

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kingdom and help people in their daily life. As they serve, they build relationships and meet people where they are. God Cares About You uses various programs to reach people in the International District. Some of the programs include children's ministry, tutoring, helping with homework, Bible lessons, adult Bible study, supplying meals, fellowship, providing groceries and clothing, teaching life skills, supporting a Back to Work Program, and guidance to connect with community resources. Volunteers help them learn how God cares about them and that God is real as they grow in faith and learn about His promises.

God Cares About You is currently open three days a week. This grant will provide funds to hire a services coordinator and a kitchen manager. With the increase in staff, services can be offered six days a week with extended hours. The needs of the community are great and the funds from this grant will help improve the lives of people physically and spiritually. It is estimated that 2,000 people are touched by God Cares About You each month.

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