



# The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives



Marie Siebe is now a new staff member who is working in our kitchen. She is an international student from Germany, who just graduated from Moody Bible Institute of Spokane this summer. During her time at Moody she had the chance to minister to homeless people and has also volunteered at The City Gate for about 2 years now. She first heard about The City Gate through Elder, Bill Davis, from her church. Among other studies, Practical Christian Ministries required her to work 2 hours a week to serve as part of her degree. This is only where her story with The City Gate began.

It has been challenging socially reaching out to people, as Marie practices this, she is gifted and enjoys serving. People who attend The City Gate are real, down to earth and open about their lives. Working here has been a blessing to learn from Pastor John and how relatable he is and how much he loves the people he serves. It is also, encouraging to see the success stories." Marie said, "It is neat to see James and see there is hope to come out of the hard places." Marie feels she has been so blessed and already learned so much as being a part of this ministry.

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### The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko, director/office mgr.
- James Gulbranson, assistant director/security
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee coffee station/kitchen
- Parris Wentz, kitchen/newsletter
- Marie Siebe, kitchen
- Douglas Ceniza, cook
- Kathy Gibbons, front desk
- Elisha Shelton, Albera House Manager

### Please PRAY for:

- Jeff
- Jimbo
- Lance
- Marilyn
- Trish
- Rebecca
- Lori
- Nancy

### Marie' s Interview Continued . . .

Marie also, reports, "To our faithful supporters, I want to thank you for your discipleship to The City Gate, as it takes time for positive change to occur. Thank you."



### Pastor John's Morning Bible Study:

James 3:13-18:

Wisdom from above.

"By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom."

~James 3:13

In The City Gate's Staff morning meetings, Pastor John often shares a message to unify us as team directed toward Christ. Pastor John, shared James 3:13-18. These scriptures encourage us as Christian's to seek wisdom from God. We will know a person by their character and the fruit we see from their works. Not to boast, but to allow our actions to speak for us. These actions hopefully will only show others Christ and His love for them through us as His beloved servants.

From these scriptures, God showed me that I must breathe, take a step back and fix my gaze on Jesus alone. Only with Him, will I show others God's grace and love.



## Clothing Bank Update:

Buffy is the head of the clothing bank and is staffed here at The City Gate. She has been running the clothing bank for 2 and a half years now.

Buffy mission behind the clothing bank is to first, work with Jesus. She also, feels that it is amazing to give clean clothes and bless others who may not have a home, but there is something about knowing you are wearing clean and new clothes that help give people a sense of worth, comfort and value. The City Gate's mission is to Rebuild, Reclaim, and Restore Lost and Broken Lives. Buffy says she very much stands behind this mission as she comes to work every day.

When people come down to the clothing bank, first there is a sign up sheet. They have to sign up right away as the list fills up very quickly. There are respectable rules while in the clothing bank, so Buffie distributes those rules and tells people they have 15 minutes to shop. The guest may choose one item in every section and there is an abundance to choose from. Hygiene products are also, provided if desired. Diapers and wipes are also, available.

Buffie loves her job and loves seeing smiles on people's faces when the Clothing Bank was able to help someone in need. She would still work here at The City Gate even if it was only to volunteer. She loves it that much. With this said, she reports that the Clothing Bank at The City Gate is in great progress as we are extremely blessed and give all the glory to God.

### **STATISTICS THROUGH JUNE:**

**TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED:**

**FOR 2016: 2,656 INDIVIDUALS.**

**TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD SERVED:**

**FOR 2016: 69,050 LBS.**



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## The City Gate

**"A Gathering Place"**

**Matthew 11:28**

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### Needs:

**Prayer**

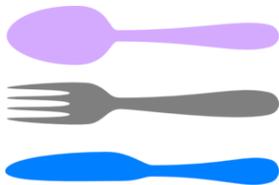
**Hygiene products**

**Plastic utensils**

**#10 cans tomato sauce**

**Ranch dressing**

**Thousand Island dressing**



**Evening volunteers**

**Grocery bags for produce**

**Coffee**



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors everyday. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley