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We are doing this *to bring the churches together in a way that fosters relationship-building outside the walls of the churches and blesses Rockwood (Oregon's poorest and most diverse community).*

## Shalom on the Streets...Good News and Bad News..

Regarding our previous correspondence about the network of church leaders (known as Shalom Rockwood) planning a **collaborative street outreach** on December 30th...the good news is that **half of the 12 prayer stations** planned for that day have been "adopted" by Rockwood churches who will supply people, food, and/or funding. **This significantly reduces our original cost estimates from \$3,000 to \$1500.**

The **bad news is that we have yet to raise even \$1 of the \$1500 still needed** for the other 6 prayer stations. As a reminder, we plan to have representatives from Rockwood churches at each station who will ask passersby if they would like someone to pray with them, while offering something to eat and drink. Some stations may also include something extra

**WHY are we doing this?** In a simple answer, *to bring the churches together in a way that blesses Rockwood* (Oregon's most diverse community).

**WHY can't the churches pay for this themselves?** Most (almost all) of the churches in Rockwood (Oregon's *poorest* community) are not financially secure enough to even pay a full-time pastor. Most are meeting in rented/shared facilities and struggling just to pay their rent. Most have bi-vocational pastors who are working very hard just to meet basic needs. There are some churches who can afford to contribute (and some *are*) but most cannot.

**WHY does it cost this much?** 12 (stations) x **\$2.60** (estimated cost for food and drink) x **100** (estimated number of people to visit each station) = \$3,120.

\$3,120 - 1,560 (**Half taken care of by local churches = \$1,560 yet to be raised**). It's really not that much when you think about it.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- \* A significant **investment in the unity** of the Church in Rockwood
- \* Opportunities to **invest in local vendors**
- \* **Prayer for and with** hurting people
- \* Invitations to **churches, recovery ministries**, and other service provisions
- \* **Relationship-development** outside the walls of the churches



If you sense God leading you to make a financial investment in this outreach (ANY amount will be helpful), you can give directly to our partner organization: the **Rockwood Community Development Corporation** (fiscal sponsor for this event). Instructions are at: <https://www.rockwoodcdc.org/donate/>

*If you have ALREADY given, or PLAN to give soon, please*

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