

# *Jesus loves tea parties*

You should have seen their faces.

Giant, billowing white sheets hung from the ceiling making it look like we were in the clouds. There were twinkling lights woven in between trellises. The tables were an array of purples, pinks, blues and green, all dusted with sparkling sprinkles. Classical music played as close to three hundred Moms' and daughters enjoyed the afternoon of their lives.

At one point sixty little princess learned how to waltz while others made home made cards and necklaces. Everyone got their nails done and Moms were treated to a massage. Cinderella was there handing out Teddy Bears and hugs to everyone who came. Young and old drank tea out of real tea cups and feasted on cupcakes that they'd decorated themselves.

They all heard a story about how special they were to God and how He loved them so much He came to die so that they could have their sins forgiven and live forever in His house.

In another end of town sat Irene.

As soon as I walked into her front entrance the smell of neglect filled my lungs. There were followers of Jesus up on ladders in the kitchen scrubbing the walls and cupboards. I thanked them for being part of the Cambridge Section "We are Christ Day" and turned to leave to go on to the next place. As I was bounding down the stairs I heard a faint whisper. I looked over and that's when I saw Irene.

She was sofa bound, hooked up to oxygen gasping for breath. I sat down beside her and was undone as she told me how thankful she was. She told me that no one had ever done this for her before and she was simply undone by everyone's kindness. I assured her that she was no longer invisible.

Then there was Connie, a single Mom with four kids who had been left with no floorboards in her living room or grass in both the front and back yards. A team of men went in there and laid brand new flooring and baseboards. They put in new grass and planted a cedar tree. They fixed her kitchen cupboards, recovered her sofa and took all her garbage to the dump. When she returned home from our free community feast she walked into her new candlelit living room and was presented with a dozen red roses. Esther, our Cambridge Section Team Leader went to visit her the next day and Connie told her that she'd stayed up until 2:00 am just staring at her new floors and marveling at the love and kindness of that team of men that had come to her rescue.

Weeks before the Fergus "We are Christ Day" over 300 huge hampers overflowing with food and blessings were hand delivered to needy families. Each one came with an invitation to come to the free community feast at the arena. Over 200 responded and were treated to a scrumptious spread of cottage rolls, baked potatoes, two vegetables, a salad, warm rolls and over 60 home baked pies! Two homeless shelters were blessed

with the leftovers. Joanne Goodwin held the crowds hearts as she talked about Jesus and over thirty raised their hands for prayer.

The Body of Christ did it again.

Hundreds gathered from all over the Cambridge Section to do what they were created to do. There were teams raking leaves and digging out gardens. There were teams cutting carrots and wrapping potatoes. There were teams helping to create Mother's Day cards and decorate cupcakes. There were 9 pastors in the mix, all with their sleeves rolled up making Jesus famous all over Fergus!

Between 5:00 and 6:00 pm I'm sure there was a standing ovation in heaven as 85 of Christ's Ambassadors changed the arena from the Princess Tea Party to a Banquet Hall for the free community feast.

Much to the wonderment of the arena staff...in less than an hour...they cleared the tables of all the dirty dishes, scrubbed down the tablecloths and set up new tables and chairs. It was a mammoth assembly line. Some had knives; while others followed with forks and spoons and napkins. There were those with trays of cups and saucers and others with vases holding fresh flowers. It was an incredible feat.

When His Body works as His Body...He works through us and in us and beside us and the final product is indeed a masterpiece.

It left us all speechless and teary-eyed.

On Saturday, May 9th, almost 300 from His "church" within the Cambridge Section banded together and did what was right in Fergus. The love of Jesus made inroads into hearts of the lost, the lonely, the broken and the forgotten...using a tea party, mounded hampers, drills, glue sticks, Cinderella, grass seed, Lysol, scrub brushes, rubber gloves and rakes.

A big, huge thanks to Esther Alison, our Cambridge Section Team Leader whose leadership made this day what it was! Her smile reflects her faith and confidence in a God who finds the Connie's and the Irene's and puts them right in front of our face for us to love.

I'm on the edge of my seat to see what He does next!

In complete awe of our Jesus....

*Sue and the W.C. Team*

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