



REAL HELP FOR PRACTICAL NEEDS

On the surface, Vine Church's Project Compassion may seem like just another program, a way to share donations, a place to volunteer, or even a chance to make a simple purchase at a rummage sale. But for those with tangible needs – real needs like food, clothing, furniture or gasoline – Project Compassion is more than a program. It can be life changing.



Take for instance, the story of and and of Carbondale. As a young couple expecting their first child, budgets were already tight. Caught between jobs and facing the reality of having nowhere to live, the looked to God for assistance.

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Members of Vine Church prayed for the couple during worship services, relatives opened their home to them and people in the church found ways to help.

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ONE FAMILY'S STORY

Just four days later, to found a new job and a new place for the couple to live—a home lacking in furniture. The turned to Project Compassion for help with some basic furnishings.

"Project Compassion was a huge help to us," says. "Without it, we'd still be sleeping on the floor and we wouldn't have a place to sit in our living room. Project Compassion has helped us to feel stable again."

says that volunteers with Project Compassion treated them with respect and kindness.

"Everybody was really nice and willing to help. They didn't look down on us, they just wanted to help," he explains.

Now the want to help others, continuing the circle of giving. They recently donated a microwave and bedding to Project Compassion so that they can be given to someone else in need.

"They were willing to help us, so we would like to help other people," X says.



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