



St. George Outreach Ministry

The St. George Outreach Ministry, formerly known as Friends of St. George, evolved from Fr. Jim's Bible Study class and his need to better organize our ongoing food pantry which had been in existence for over 20 years. The food pantry takes care of neighborhood needs. It also brought the awareness that our neighborhood community had significant need.

- Worked with Birney Elementary to supply 28 children with backpacks filled with school supplies.



- A Food Pantry with more stable kinds of canned foods; soups, pastas, beans, etc allowing for needy people to get a bag of food for their families.



- Food Boxes for both Thanksgiving and Christmas containing enough food to complete a whole meal, including a turkey or ham were delivered annually to over 40 needy families, organized by Friends of St. George with support from the church parishioners.

- A Sock Drive for the homeless collecting over 250 pairs of socks, some given out in our Brown Bag Lunches as well as others shared with the Fresno Rescue Mission.

- Blanket Drive to collect twin sized blankets for the Fresno Mental Health Pro-gram at the Hacienda. We collected 25 blankets.



- Pascha (Easter) Food Drive to fill the Food Pantry at Fresno City College for students in need and those that are home-less.



- Diaper Drive for the Holy Cross Center for Women to gather diapers or money to help young families with this expense.

As Friends of St. George, we have been able to reach out to our neighboring community with caring involvement and support, a very worthwhile endeavor indeed.