



# Disciples of the Way Ministries

*A Ministry of People of All Nations  
reaching out to People from All Nations*



DOW staff are distributing adult and children's masks, as well as gloves and cleaning supplies to our refugee neighbors.



## Resting But Yet Serving

***"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor,  
in any of your towns within your land  
that the Lord your God is giving you,  
you shall not harden your heart  
or shut your hand against your poor brother,  
but you shall open your hand to him  
and lend him sufficient for his need,  
whatever it may be." - Deuteronomy 15:7-8***

Once every seven years, the Israelites rested. Their entire lives changed and they had to depend on God's provision for an entire year. Israelites experienced this time differently. Some had stores of food while others had

nearly nothing. ([Leviticus 25](#) & [Deuteronomy 15](#))

Our country is experiencing a period where many people are required to stay at home. In other words, we are required to rest. The Coronavirus threat has disrupted our activities, livelihoods, families, and even our peace of mind. Disciples of the Way had to rethink what our service to the refugee community would look like and how we could best build relationships and love those we are called to serve while protecting our community. We rested in the Lord, changed our approach and continued to serve our neighbors. We moved our Bible studies and advanced ESL classes to virtual meetings. We changed our refugee services and basic ESL classes to phone interactions.

In the Old Testament, God used the Sabbath year to draw people closer to Him, their ultimate provider. God commanded that His people follow His example and bless others who were poor.

Disciples of the Way has been blessed with fabric for our Sewing Seeds of Faith (SSOF) program. DOW has distributed this fabric to our SSOF students and refugee professional sewers who have made masks for our refugee community. DOW has distributed **over 500** masks for adults and children sewn by the loving hands of our SSOF sewers in their own homes. DOW also received a gracious donation of cleaning supplies and disinfectants to distribute and help keep our community healthy.



**Disciples of the Way prayerfully thanks Mike Austin and his son Chandler for their generous and thoughtful donation of disinfecting cleaning supplies for our staff and the refugee community during this time. Blessings to you both!**

This last month of Sheltering-in-Place has been difficult, but it has also drawn people closer to God, toward their true source of rest.

***"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest." - Matt 11:28***

DOW has focused on two types of Bible studies in the past month. Our Discipleship Bible Study meets virtually on Monday and focuses on training missionaries to go out and disciple others to be disciple-makers based on 2 Timothy 2:2.

DOW staff has also been reaching out to the refugee community with phone call Bible studies on Wednesdays & Fridays, focusing on helping our neighbors with the fear and worry many are experiencing during this uncertain time. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will convert our Muslim neighbors' fear of death from the Coronavirus into faith in Jesus Christ who defeated death on the cross. As Jesus said in John 12:32 *"But, I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself"*.



Helping our neighbors,  
bringing hope to our  
community,  
and praying for God to  
provide all that we need.



Baha, a disciple-maker with  
DOW, reaching out to our  
Bible study friends  
with masks & cleaning  
supplies.



DOW also gave away free  
sewing machines to help with the  
mask sewing project for our  
refugee community.



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