



Saying Good-bye to Elizabeth Crowe:

Dear Ministry Partners:

James instructs Christians to live out their faith with their deeds: "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:17). He was concerned that the church take care of the widows and orphans, and he wanted them to rely not on empty words but to act on their faith with deeds of love.

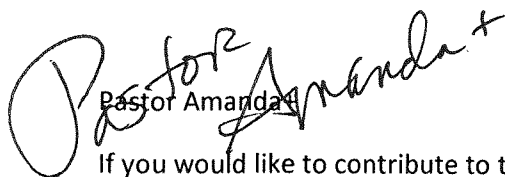
One person I know exemplifies what James is instructing Christians to do – Elizabeth Crowe. She has been a faithful servant by living out her faith – not on empty words – but acting on her faith with deeds of love. We are saved by faith, not works, but we **LIVE OUT** our faith by loving others and caring for their needs. She has lovingly cared for the disenfranchised children that attend the Grace Mission 'SOAR' After-School program.

Around eight years ago I met Elizabeth when I became the Vicar at Grace Mission. Elizabeth was the first person who showed me kindness and understood the stress and demands this position encompasses. Many nights we were the last two in the building finishing up one project or another. A fond memory I have of Elizabeth happened late one night in her office years ago. We were thinking (brain-storming) on how we could recruit more children for the After-School program. We came up with the idea (although I know the Holy Spirit had something to do with it) to begin focusing on Joe Louis aka Springfield Apartments. This particular public housing subdivision is the largest in Tallahassee. It has the most families with children and it's within our '*mission zone*.' Elizabeth jumped right in and began recruiting. We have been in Joe Louis ever since.

Elizabeth has been the anchor of the After-School program. Guiding and directing it to a top-notch private academic after school program – the largest in Leon County. She has made the necessary contacts to achieve success with the program and has personally seen that all children learn, do better in school, and achieve their own success. She has dried eyes, wiped noses, read, helped with homework, designed kid-friendly crafts for particular projects, and always made sure kids were safe and got home safely, and well, this list could go on and on. Her passion and love for the Lord shows in every detail of her life. Her love for what she does and WHO she does it for spills over to the children, staff, volunteers and frankly, everyone she meets. She is beloved by everyone.

She will be deeply missed at Grace Mission when she closes her door for the last time on July 1st. We can only hope that we can 'walk in the way of love' (Eph. 5:2) as she has shown us through her life and actions. God-speed Elizabeth, it has been the privilege and honor to serve alongside you!

From All of us at Grace Mission


Pastor Amanda

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