

Reaching the Lost and Gathering the Reached Since 1959

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Friends,

A few weeks ago, I was having a conversation with some gospel mission leaders, and I was asked, "If you had to brand your secret sauce, what would you call it?" I immediately answered **CONNECT**.

What they were getting at was that every ministry has a secret sauce, something that makes it special and unique. What is yours? I said **connect**, because making connections is key to everything we do, and we use this sauce on everything.

We CONNECT people to local churches. Our tagline *Reaching the Lost and Gathering the Reached* is about reaching people that are lost and separated from God and His people and **connecting** them to communities that will love and care for them.

As a para-church ministry, we are connected to the local church, so we champion the gospel with clarity, compassion, courage, and joy. In doing so, we encourage the men and women in our discipleship program to join a local church where they can be connected and build authentic, healthy relationships that will last a lifetime.

We CONNECT people through relational restoration.

God is in the business of restoring relationships...yours, mine, and the men and women in our programs. With that said, restoring relationships can be difficult and cannot be pursued without the grace of God. Because of this, God is our primary relationship. From day one we help

people understand this **connection**. This is so important because all other relationship flow out of it.

We are created to praise our Creator and serve Him

in our thoughts, words, and actions. This changes how we see ourselves, created with dignity and worth, not burying our identities in guilt and shame. This also changes how we see others. It is why we make every effort to help our participants make healthy connections to each other, the staff, and especially members of local churches. Because the church is where we can know, love, and encourage one another with the gifting that God has blessed us with.



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Lastly, we equip participants to have a healthy relationship with God's creation. Not only appreciating it, but being **connected** to it by thriving as they pursue their place in it, living for His glory.

We CONNECT people to their skills.

Our asset-based approach to development starts off with asking people, "What skills do you have?" Everyone has gifts, abilities, and assets that can help them attain their goals. Sometimes these are buried or out of practice. Sometimes people have even been discouraged from using them. We want to help people discover and **connect** to their assets.

As we walk alongside people, we seek to show them how to utilize their assets and add them to our micro-community at the Medford Gospel Mission. We value and hone these assets, developing them so that, over time, people thrive while in our program. This gives people skill and confidence to thrive in the future. Preparing them for employment, housing, and meaningfully contributing to the community they live in.

We CONNECT people to the community.

This is where **community connect** comes in. Nightly, members of local churches, our program participants, and staff all come together and enjoy each other's company over dinner. Our participants get to experience what healthy communities of Christians are like. And for the local church, they get to know our program participants. In doing so, they are more deeply **connected** to our ministry. And after connect time is over, we serve the community together at the Main Ingredient Restaurant. Church member, program participant, and staff member, working side-by-side providing Christian hospitality and together letting their lights shine to those that are in desperate need of true **connection**. **Connection** that only God can provide.

Matthew 5:14-17 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Thank you for your support! You help us make real lasting connections in peoples lives.

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