

Ministry Report

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Giving While Receiving

Meet Daniel. At 75 years old and reluctant to walk outside into the blistering desert heat, he spends all of his days relaxing at home with the A/C turned down to around 65 degrees. Once a very active and faithful volunteer, he no longer does much these days... but that is not by choice.

Born in Colorado, Daniel was raised by a hard-working, coal miner turned farmer. At a young age he was relocated to Mecca (a small farming community east of our campus) and soon learned the value of hard work when his dad started his own farm. He and his siblings basically became the labor force for the operation however they weren't too happy about that arrangement. His father valued education highly and stressed the importance of staying in school, however Daniel dropped out his sophomore year due to long stints in the hospital for a neurological disorder for which he can no longer remember the term. When





Giving While Receiving (continued)

he was healthy enough and back on his feet he decided to look for work. He took some of the skills he learned from his father's farm and built upon them in the field of mechanics. For most of his life he's worked in the automotive industry. As a mechanic for Palm Springs Mercedes, he was laid off several years ago and had been looking for work to support his family ever since.

One day, Daniel had driven by Jordan Outreach Ministries during our weekly food and clothing distribution outreach. He had no idea what was going on but was curious enough to come inside. The ministry ended up being a special blessing for his family to come and receive much needed food and supplies so they returned each week thereafter. Daniel, although appreciative for the assistance, had not been raised by his father to be comfortable with "receiving" when he could "contribute." He asked our Distribution Director Art if there was anything he could do to help so Art gave him a job packing food bags for the very outreach he was participating in. One time turned into once a week. Once a week turned into twice a week. And twice a week turned into three times each week! Daniel just couldn't get enough! It brought him so much joy to be (and feel) useful while helping so many families like himself. Jordan Outreach Ministries truly became a second home for him. Daniel has had a solid run of volunteering for the past 6-7 years until just recently.

This past November, Daniel's wife started noticing he was consistently pale and weaker than usual. Daniel saw a doctor and while waiting a few days for his test results to come in, he volunteered for our Thanksgiving event. Having nearly passed out while helping, one of our other volunteers drove him home but Daniel collapsed at his front door. His grandson found him and rushed him to the hospital. He was told he had an infection in his trachea which was restricting his breathing. Not being one to complain, Daniel hadn't realized he wasn't getting enough oxygen. The infection had spread and kept him in the hospital two weeks.

After a couple months of rehab, Daniel started to volunteer again and was so happy to be "home" at JOM. That feeling was short lived however, because within another month he was back in the hospital due to his cells attacking each other. He nearly died from blood loss but thankfully Jesus brought him through that ordeal. He is now on medication to help control all this but is under strict doctor's orders to rest at home and stay in cool temperatures. If he exerts himself (causing his body temperature to rise), it could be fatal for him.

Needless to say, we've been missing Daniel around here. He's a good man who loves to give back. Not surprisingly – Daniel remains optimistic with a great attitude knowing God will carry him through. Will you please keep him, his family, his health, and his finances in prayer? I know he would really appreciate that. We hope to keep you posted on Daniel's progress and until then, may God bless you this month. ☺