

From the Pastor

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Volunteers who work with the children of Reeves Rogers and Project Transformation and similar ministries often say you get more out of volunteering than you put into it. In my own experience, it would be difficult for me to even try to describe what a blessing it has been to meet with the third grader I mentor at Reeves Rogers.



As one example, after I bought him an ice cream during lunch I noticed he didn't bring it back to the table. When I asked him about it, he said, "I gave it to my brother." I couldn't help but wonder if I would have been that generous in the third grade. (In all honesty, I know the answer to that question and I was nowhere near as generous as my mentee). I am learning a lot from him and hope he learns half as much from me as I have learned from him.

It has been said that what many people in this world need is one person, just one, willing to spend time, to offer encouragement, to prove there is someone who cares. Someone whose simple presence paints a hope-filled picture of how life could be. Or should be.

I am so grateful St. Mark's allows me the opportunity to volunteer as a mentor at Reeves Rogers and for all the Reeves Rogers and Project Transformation volunteers and the difference they are making in the lives of so many children.

Thank you all for your faithfulness in providing opportunities for service for our members and friends. Please join me in praying that we will continue to be faithful in 2017 as we seek to be the church where others are lifted up and not torn down as we share God's love with our community and world.

Blessings,

Craig