



YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES



As Summer ends, BBQ Mission begins a new season of serving those in need! The ministry is here because of your generosity and compassionate hearts. Thank you for choosing to partner with us.

Many of our
volunteers are
young people.

Serving at any age
is a blessing to the
givers and the
receivers



Our vision: Loving Like Jesus

For those served to experience the love of Jesus and to feel fully seen, heard, respected, loved and valued. For those serving to have the experience of loving and serving like Jesus.

Our Mission: Serving Others

The purpose of BBQ Mission is to provide free, delicious meals to those in need and spread the love of God while creating a backyard BBQ atmosphere wherever we go. The focus is to treat all people like neighbors while bringing communities together around volunteer service and excellent food.

Thank you for impacting lives.

A lot Happens Behind the Scenes:

During the break from serving, our time focused on nurturing donor relations and one on one strategic partner meetings. We also managed a couple trips to visit friends and family. A new serving season begins in September and that means smoking and grilling meat is underway. Food supplies have been replenished and dedicated volunteers have registered to serve. The maintenance of vehicles, grills, generator and all the little things that are essential to the delivery of services to our beloved clients have been completed. We are excited and ready to go.

Be the first to hear about all the great work made possible by your support! Subscribe on our website: www.BBQMission.org

- Receive stories, updates and impact reports
- Connect with a community of individuals who have a heart of compassion for struggling individuals and families
- See how your support and prayers change and impact lives

IMPACT STORY: LIVES CHANGED

Every life tells a story. This is a story of resilience, and a life impacted because of your generosity.

A vital component of BBQ Mission is the opportunity God provides each week to touch a life through prayer. Praying for someone is like making a deposit in an investment account. You invest, then patiently wait for God's response. Kelvin (pictured left) is one of our beloved clients. He has an infectious smile and a joyful disposition that easily endears him to others. One November morning, Kelvin approached us and said, "Would you pray for me?"

Like many others living on the streets, Kelvin had a job opportunity, but nowhere to store his belongings while he worked. This dilemma is part of the complicated experience of homelessness. It is hard to imagine having to keep every single possession safe by carrying it and protecting it every moment of every day. But our God is the ultimate problem solver. In our prayer, we praised God for Kelvin and we spent time reminding him that he (having professed faith in Jesus) belongs to God.

We prayed a bold prayer for housing and a secure job for Kelvin. After a few weeks, we asked Kelvin if his prayer had been answered. Kelvin responded with "not yet but close." He maintained his positive outlook and we prayed again.

After several more weeks, we were thrilled when Kelvin returned to BBQ Mission with the amazing news that he had found housing and started his new job. We rejoiced with Kelvin and prayed that as Kelvin reconnects with living a life full of purpose and meaning, God would continue to show him love and faithfulness. From time to time, Kelvin still comes to share in a meal. He is welcomed with a hug and a blessing. His presence encourages us and the others we serve. Today, 9 months later, Kelvin has stable housing and contributes to the goodness of our community. Thank you for being a vital part of BBQ Mission. Your generosity and partnership spreads warmth, safety, and love to our homeless friends.



With Grateful Hearts,

Jeff & Kate

Jeff and Kate Simpson



Jeff, Kelvin, Kate

Our History: Saying Yes to God

In reflecting on BBQ Mission's humble beginnings, God used the "long way around" to bring it where it is today. BBQ Mission's founder, Jeff Simpson, once asked God what more he should be doing with his life. After a lengthy conversation God responded with a question: "What do you like to do?" Jeff's answer, "I like to smoke and grill meat," and Jeff & Kate's willingness to say "yes" to God, sparked the ministry. Over the few years there was an unexpected explosion of joy-filled opportunities. They began serving at ten to twelve BBQ events each month. Jeff and Kate soon realized they could not do this alone and began praying for God to show them His plan and provide what He knew was needed. The ministry now has a steady stream of wonderful, dedicated volunteers who assist with set up, tear down, serving, prayer tent and sharing the love of Jesus. Now, nine years later, God continues to bless the ministry, working out each obstacle and building an amazing foundation for BBQ Mission year after year. With God's provision, our donors' unwavering support, and the help of faithful volunteers, more than 60,000 meals have been served throughout the life of the ministry. As our tenth year begins, we love the story God is writing and are excited about what is to come.

