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**Personal Life Testimony About Jericho Road**

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God I Trust And Write)**

I, like everyone else, have a story to tell. This one's a story of life and life-giving ministry. I feel like it's important to give an account of this. It's a story of how just one little thing like a ministry of kindness changes lives; at least mine.

I will start at the beginning of the story. The setting is six years ago on a cold night. I had just lost my job a few weeks prior. There was no money coming in, no friends to speak of in my corner, nowhere to serve the community (church or otherwise), spiritual turmoil everywhere, and depression setting in. That sounds pretty lousy doesn't it? However, God works in ways that we can't imagine. I was in for an act of love and grace. I was out (extremely sad because of life's hard knocks) looking for a vending machine to get a snack. Instead, God provided something tons better. There happened to be a ministry team out in the streets giving snacks away. They stand outside and give PB&J sandwiches and something to drink. They do this to give God's love out freely to anyone that will accept it. When I found them, they introduced themselves and explained what they were doing. I found out that their ministry is called "Jericho Road", and that they did it every Thursday when Eastern Kentucky University's classes were in session in the Fall and the Spring. I quickly found everything that I needed: friends, a church home (Wesley Foundation and First United Methodist Church—Both in Richmond KY), and a place to serve at—being the ministry that helped me (Jericho Road) and FUMC. Because of the kindness and direction shown by this ministry, I am a much stronger person spiritually and much more mature as a man. Without the kindness and help that were bestowed, I don't know where I would be except lost in my opinion. I am serving heartily a lot of places in my church home(s) helping my community with kindness and helpfulness.

**All Praises, Glory and Honor to God. Amen!!! God Bless You. Be Safe.**

**In Christ,**

**Richie**