

## Feel A Calling? See a Need that Needs Filling? Let Us Know!



Hello, my name is Tennie Wiggins. I joined this church and continue coming here because it makes me feel loved.

I have been aware for several years that a few of our members have been steadfast in visiting some shut-ins. But, I felt that there may be some shut-ins who were not getting attention. So I made it my mission to share the love.

I asked Pastor Darryl if I could coordinate a visitation effort and he said it was a great idea! So I looked googled “church visitation” and found some literature and charts, but not exactly what I thought would fit our (my) goals.

As the self-appointed chair of the Kensington Community Church Visitation Mission, my goal was to coordinate a group of visitors and ensure that each of our shut-in members is visited at least once a quarter. I advertised in the Chimes and Sunday bulletins for visitors and shut-ins and only had 2 people volunteer to visit. But I didn’t give up.

After 4 weeks, I started verbally recruiting during friendship hour in Lander Hall and over the phone. And I got positive feedback. So I learned that people want to be personally asked.

Once I had a group of visitors, I compiled a list of shut-ins. Each visitor volunteered for one or more shut-ins. Some visit once or twice a month—some text every day! I think it is important that visitors don't feel an obligation to be on a schedule. We give what we can. Besides visitors, we need cookie bakers and note writers. The church can provide the note cards.

I shared my accomplishments with an FSU friend and my cousin in DC and found that both of them visit for their churches! We talked about what a blessing it is for us to share the love and how much we get out of it.

Today, our Sunday School students are making heart-shaped rolls to be shared with our shut-ins. If you would enjoy delivering some of them, or simply saving some in your freezer until the committee can get to them, please let me know. Please don't wait to be personally asked.

It may seem like I'm tooting my own horn. I am proud of what the group has accomplished, but I didn't do it alone. It was easy. It doesn't take too much time when many are involved. The reward is great. The shut-in's seem to really appreciate the attention. Besides a visit, we can take them a book of games, a magazine, a joke, or a prayer.

Have you been thinking of a need you could fill? The Mission Ministry hopes for involvements that are considered blessings—not tasks. Is there something that you would enjoy doing for our church community? Are you an organizer or planner? Are you a worker bee? Do you prefer moving or sitting still? There is something to be done for everyone who wants to share the love.