

Colleen's Contemplations – January 2011

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The last month has been such a whirlwind of activity. Good things happen all the time around here.

I got to be personally involved in the car donation in December, it was a wonderful experience. It felt good to not only give someone a car, but to see firsthand how much lighter and happier she was afterwards. We gave that mom some much needed freedom.

In 2010 we saw a big increase in the number of seniors using our store. Their needs are also very simple. The greeting card section of the store gets a lot of attention. And who ever would have imagined that we would have a greeting card section? Remember last year when we were still in the other location? Walkers and wheel chairs were a big challenge. Seniors are constantly teaching me something. Several who signed up early for the Christmas meal turned it down later when they realized most of our meals go to people in need. I heard a lot of them say "we aren't that needy, we have what we need to get by". Many turned down the meal when I called, but asked for prayer instead. I love that focus on what's truly important. Stuff comes and goes, and isn't really all that important in itself. It's the people, and the relationships in our lives that matter most. I want to get to a point where I can say I have enough. All I need is prayer for me, my family and my huge extended WNC family.

Much love and many prayers of thankfulness for you all,

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