



Sister Libby Fernandez Featured On The Kelly Clarkson Show

The Mercy Pedalers are a non-profit organisation supporting men and women who are experiencing homelessness in the city of Sacramento, California, USA. Sr. Libby Fernandez and her team of volunteers pedal through the city providing food, water and other vital resources to marginalised groups living in poverty. Mercy Pedalers is a ministry of presence and action based on the “Works of Mercy” with a focus on “Welcoming the Stranger”.

Mercy Pedalers believe that by welcoming and reaching out to men and women experiencing homelessness on the streets with a sense of dignity, respect and love that God’s mercy will be present. The philosophy of “Welcoming the Stranger” is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy which has evolved over thousands of years deriving from the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-40—

For I was hungry and you gave me food

I was thirsty and you gave me drink

I was a stranger and you welcomed me

I was naked and you clothed me

I was sick and you cared for me

I was in prison and you visited me

When we “Welcome the Stranger” we bring our openness to be and grow in relationship with the other. We approach someone’s space, or allow someone to enter our space, in a non-judgmental, warm and hospitable manner. We become present to each other, share our thoughts and concerns, and enjoy a comfortable cup of coffee or a cool glass of water. By our presence together, God’s mercy will be revealed.