



The famous Christ the Redeemer statue graces the city of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. It sits on top of Mount Corcovado. The stature is 98 feet tall which is impressive. What really strikes me though, is that the arms of Jesus are nearly as wide (92 feet) as the stature is tall. It was built after World War 1 when the Catholic church became concerned about how secular the culture was becoming. The Church wanted the Jesus statue to reach out against the “increasingly Godlessness” of the country.

It would be amazing if every community had a huge statue of the open arms of Jesus hovering over everything. Of course, we know that, statue or not,

Jesus has His arms open to every person in every community. One of our tasks is *making disciples for the transformation of the world*. But first we need to get the world's attention. In order to do that we need to demonstrate Jesus' love before we speak. Actions are more important than mere words.

Mother Teresa tells us that **“small things done with great love will change the world.”** In Matthew 10:42 Jesus says, *“If anyone gives even a cup of cold water...that person will certainly not lose their reward.”* On June 26, Howell First United Methodist Church will hand out many cups (bottles) of cold water in His name to our community at our Howell Farmers Market. We are simply randomly handing out bottles of cold water to anyone we encounter. It's called **Servant Evangelism**. It is really doing random acts of kindness in His Name. We are giving away at least 150 bottles of water. We will also be handing folks a business card that says on the front, **“Just for you. Just because...God loves you”** the back of the card has our church name, address and contact information.

Who will receive a bottle? The answer is, we don't have an answer except that we believe these cards will go to people who need this message. It's the work of Jesus stretching His hand over Howell.

Please join Jim Rutherford in the **Two Fogs** parking lot following our 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services. Wear a red Howell First United Methodist shirt if you have one. If you don't have a shirt, come anyway. Jesus needs your hands. It's great sharing the Church of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Scott

