

Nan and I reconnected with all but one of our Neighborhood Friends' households. We had hoped to social distance at all times but four people gave us the COVID-19 recommended hug. Our goal was to let everyone know that we hadn't forgotten them and that Nan still prays for them daily. They do know that we might not be back for a couple of months but Nan will send out cards to keep the connection going.

"A little help for our friends" started out with 60 rolls of paper towel, 90 rolls of toilet paper, 12 cans of aerosol disinfectant spray, and cards with personal handwritten notes. (See photos below) We bagged up supplies in reusable trash bags according to the size of our families, tagged them from the Neighborhood Friends at Madison Square Church and took about 8 extra smaller bags to pass out as the spirit led. We delivered 10 bags to the families we know well and stopped by with bags for those we chat with from the sidewalk on the other side of a fence, everyone felt blessed by our conversations and catching up after all these months.

Miss Alice let us know that Lovey's son passed away on Tuesday. We took a bag of supplies over to Lovey and the group on the porch. Nan said, "We're sorry we can't come up on the porch to pray.

And one of the women immediately replied, "We'll just pray from there." So, Nan prayed for the family.

When driving away I thought I would feel joy and a sense of relief that we had connected again. Instead there were tears in my eyes and a sense of loss at missing out on our weekly visits with these precious people. We don't have any pictures with our families because talking with them was the only thing on our minds.

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