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Bikes and Beds for Foster Care Kids ...

Most foster kids come into the foster system with just the clothes on their back, leaving behind everything important in their lives. A couple of weeks ago, Mission Southside gave me 10 bikes to distribute, and 10 foster kids and their foster parents came to our home to pick out a bike. You would have thought Christmas was happening on our front porch! Foster parents would drive up in their minivans, and kids would pop out of every door, giggling and laughing with the biggest smiles you have ever seen. They would get on the bike, take it for a spin, and come back and tell us how they missed their old bikes. Those healing smiles offered the perfect chance to tell them that Jesus loves them and so do the people who gave them their new bike. The foster parents around Olathe/Gardner send a big thank you to Mission Southside and all who support Mission Southside for making a bunch of foster kids smile.

Not only did Mission Southside provide bikes for foster kids, they also passed along baby and toddler beds to foster families. Because of this generosity, 12 more children are in long stay foster homes and are not being moved from home to home, because these families now have a permanent bed for them to stay in. In addition, several sibling sets are now able to stay together, because the foster homes have enough beds for all of them. Thanks again to the Mission Southside staff and supporters for loving on foster kids!

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