



MYRNA'S CHRISTMAS TREE

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Once upon a time, Myrna lived on the street, shoplifting to support her drug habit. Then God released her from that bondage and revealed in her a huge heart and generous spirit. Thereafter, Myrna began to do small things to help people living in poor circumstances.

Now part of the ministry of Inner City Mission, Myrna sorts clothing and other donations so they can be put to the best use. Her enthusiasm for helping others shines through her work. When she sees an opportunity to help someone, she isn't shy about it....

"I saw this couple behind the garage, taking things out of the dumpster," Myrna says of an incident last week. "Broken or worn toys I had gotten rid of. I spoke with them and they said they were trying to put a Christmas together for their grandchildren.

"These were things like toys with parts missing, and dolls with no clothes. The lady said she had once gotten a Barbie doll without clothes, cleaned it up, and

when she gave it to her granddaughter, 'you would have sworn I gave her the world.'

"We had two new Barbie dolls that had come in as donations. I gave them to her. I also found some wrapping paper. I used the van and helped them take their things home.

"I saw this couple had only a tiny Christmas tree. There was a nice tree in a box at ICM. I went back and got permission to give it away. I stopped at the Dollar Store and bought some decorations with my own money.

"They were so grateful. The lady said I didn't know how much Inner City Mission was blessing them.

"I was teary eyed all that day, I would tell someone about it and start crying."

Myrna is someone who received and accepted the grace of God. Now, she can't help but pass it on. That's the joy in her life...being a blessing in the lives of those around her.

