

## *Serving Up Love*

In her book, *Hidden Art*, Edith Schaeffer of L'Abri Fellowship tells of feeding the occasional vagrant who would stop at her back door and ask, "May I have a cup of coffee, ma'am, and maybe some bread?"

Schaeffer would invite him to sit down, then go in to prepare a tray of food fit for a king: steaming soup and thick sandwiches, cut and arranged artfully on a plate with garnishes. The children would make a tiny bouquet, and if it was dusk, add a candle.

As it was presented, the man, in amazement, would gasp, "For me?"

"Yes," Schaeffer would answer, "and coffee will be ready in a minute. This *Gospel of John* is for you, too. Take it with you. It really is very important."

What a remarkable demonstration of God's love for one another. Schaeffer became an instrument of the Master to touch and encourage someone who found himself in dire circumstances.

And praise be to God: Every day in the centers of Life Care and Century Park and in the work of Life Care at Home, our associates are reaching out to those who need help. Perhaps the action is ...

- Sharing a hug or a smile.
- Pausing to quote a verse of Scripture.
- Baking a cake for someone celebrating a birthday.
- Taking a garment home to mend it.
- Offering a sincere compliment or an encouraging word.

In so doing, they become instruments of the Master.

--Beecher Hunter