

Where Life Grows

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We stood on the property of a community garden on 44th Street declaring that two abandoned duplexes that were filled with wallets, purses and drug paraphernalia had been replaced with a garden filled with flowers, corn and beans. Over 80 people from five different churches held a Good Friday service on this spot celebrating the “buds and blossoms of Resurrection life” in this once desolate place.

The year before, we had another joint Good Friday service two streets over on a sight where a young man had been murdered in broad daylight--a drug deal gone bad. There had also been two brutal murders within a three block radius just weeks before. During the service, we cried out asking God to drive the forces of death and darkness from our community. The following year there were no murders in our area in Fairfield. New Habitat homes and a garden replace abandoned lots and burned out houses.

What is happening in Fairfield is a collective work of the body of Christ where Christ is clearly getting the credit, and life is triumphing over death.