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The Religious Study Internship program has really been a great positive impact on Word of Life True Gospel Ministry. The first day on the job was a great insightful experience that spilled over into the ministry. There have been so many emotional alarms going off with in this last few weeks, and the good part about it is that they all have been good emotion. Most that are very inspirational. The vision that God has giving to Word of Life True Gospel seems to be headed in a great direct at this time. At one point everything was at a standstill. It appeared that no one was moving and didn't care if the vision was being fulfilled. It was almost as if everyone was stuck in neutral, and no one wanted to shift into drive to move to the next level of serving. No matter how much our pastor was preaching and teaching about being a servant and extending ourselves to the community and the world, it wasn't breaking the atmosphere.

Being a part of the internship program at Beulah Heights University, and Grace Fellowship community church being the host employer is an awesome experience and it has sparked some insightful interest about how to start and run a food pantry, along with having an empowerment center to empower the people to do better and live better. If you give a man a fish, he can eat for one day, but if you teach him how to fish he can always eat. When everything was shared with Word of life about how Grace Fellow community was serving the people and fulfilling the great commission, it sparked their interest. It was like they woke up out of a deep sleep. And now they are ready to start working toward the vision of the church and fulfilling the great commission that God has call upon us to do. Not only will the ministry be starting up a food pantry but there are future plans for Word of Life partnering with Grace Fellowship community church to help them serve the community that they are located in while learning how to serve and empower the people in the area they are in.