

Summary for Salt & Light

Four local men passionate about Christian outreach had a brief talk, and that conversation became the foundation of Salt & Light. The discussion aimed to answer the query, "How should we carry out our faith?" The four guys reached a consensus regarding integrating one's religious beliefs with local needs. Salt & Light was established in January 2004 as a free clothes and food closet for needy local families. They expanded in 2007 to offer public financial education programs and counseling and added a computer classroom in 2012. It wasn't until 2014 that this group, which four local guys founded, grew to become the biggest emergency food bank in Champaign County, serving more than 350 households every week. The story of how they got their moniker is fascinating. They learned that their purpose is to be a light to the world and the salt of the earth in Matthew 5.

Our group is continuously looking for volunteers. A person can show up and ask to volunteer for Salt & Light. After a brief introduction and tour, they will be handed a paper to complete. To help the encounter go more smoothly, one can also register online.

The Lakeview students could help fold and sort clothes in the correct age groups/ sizes, re-rack clothes, sort through donated totes, and even help customers carry items to their cars.

In the future, Salt & Light plans on opening up its Daycare center in the Urbana organization for workers and customers.