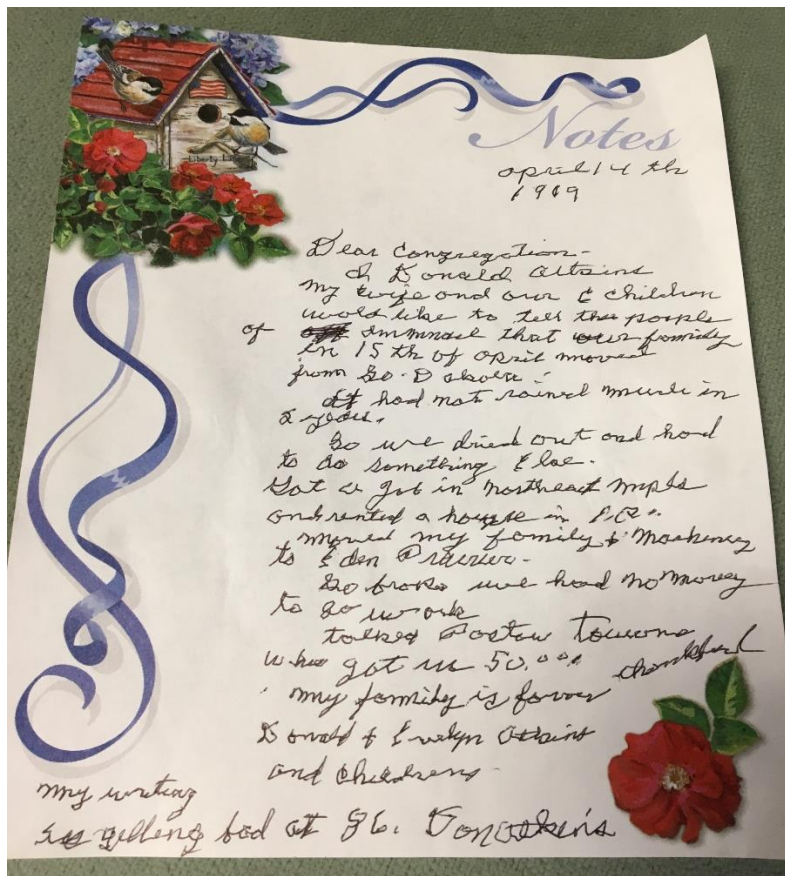


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Generations of Generosity

Reflection by Pastor Angela Fairbanks Jacobson

Have you ever received a thank you note for something that happened 50 years ago? You have now. Early this summer an elderly man drove from New Prague to Immanuel to hand-deliver this thank you note to “the people of Immanuel.”

Dear Congregation, I Donald Atkins my wife and our children would like to tell the people of Immanuel that our family in 15th of April [editor's note: about 50 years ago] moved from So. Dakota: It had not rained much in 2 years. So we dried out and had to do something else. Got a job in Northeast Mpls and rented a house... Moved my family & machinery to Eden Prairie. Go broke we had no money to go work. Talked Pastor Towne who got us \$50.00. My family is forever thankful. [Signed] Donald and Evelyn Atkins and children (My writing is getting bad at 86. Don Atkins)

“That was a lot of money back then,” Don told me. He wanted to be sure this message got into safe hands. Because it changed his life. Never underestimate the transformative power of generosity. “Forever thankful”... to God be the glory!



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- Pastor Angela