



## Newsletter

June 2011

*"My sheep listen to My voice;  
I know them, and they follow Me."  
John 10:27*



*Do you know His voice?  
Are you listening?*

## Host a Utility Blessing Tree!



"The Utility Blessing Trees are a great way to get your organization involved in making a difference in the lives of our community's needy families and individuals."

The tags have a short account of a needy family crisis situation and utility request. They provide a simple, yet fun format for your men's, youth, or women's ministries to get involved by paying a utility bill.

This ministry began in the year 2000 and has served 6573 families with a variety of needs.

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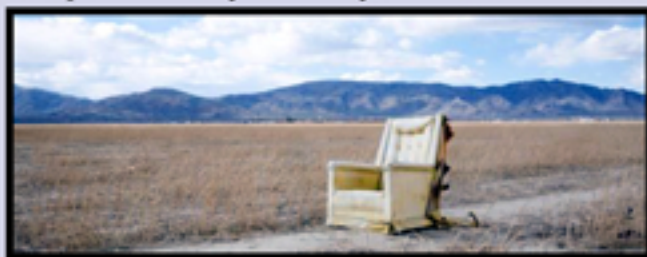
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# Loneliness

CAUSED ME TO LISTEN TO THE FATHER'S VOICE

Everyday I am pruned by my Father who always knows what is best for me. He uses the very lambs who call with their heavy problems to teach me about His love and provision. I can see clearly the pain I experience is similar to those we visit with. Recently I noticed a cloud of loneliness was hovering over me. I began to try to shake it off and not experience it because I felt sad. Suddenly the Holy Spirit nudged me, whispered "Instead of feeling sorry for yourself get up and do something about it. Go study loneliness, learn about it and then pass it on to your lonely flock."



Did I hear His voice? Absolutely. Did I respond or ignore him? I chose to respond.

I found a book called **Finding Your Way Through Loneliness** by Elisabeth Elliot.

This book was filled with so much "spiritual food" on each page I could only digest a little at a time. It gave me hope that I would not always feel alone. It was great to see this from God's perspective instead of the world's. Ms. Elliot quotes C.S. Lewis: "Pain is God's megaphone. He whispers to us in our joys, speaks to us in our conscience and shouts to us in our pain. The pain of loneliness is one way in which He wants to get our attention."

This book taught me how loneliness is a gift. A time to surrender my thoughts, my pain, my complaints and trust His voice to lead and heal my wounds. I realize I cannot learn everything about this gift in a short time but I am learning.

**"For the first time I experienced God's personal hugs, gentle touch and soft voice. I could not see him, but recognized His spirit. Loneliness is a gift!" -Teresa Rountree**

This week we were more aware of those who are alone and had something fresh to give them.

One of our associates shared her story about a young mother of three who called and was overcome with fear. The father of her children was just sent to prison.

She had been a stay at home mom and had never handled the finances. Now she has been left to figure out how to make ends meet. She is attending CNA classes and will finish in June and hopes to find a job soon in a nursing home.

When asked if she had a church family to help her she indicated she does not attend but used to when she was a child. She said she knew she sinned but was not ready to pray the sinners prayer because she was not willing to give up everything yet.

Our associate talked to her about the importance of her children attending church. She said her 4 year old asks lots of questions about God that she can't answer. It seems this child has a sensitive spirit toward God and is very curious. Our associate pointed out he is seeking God and to please get her children in church.

They closed in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to draw this mom to Jesus and that while the dad was in prison he would surrender his life to Christ and return home a better husband and father.

**We at Shepherds of Love listen to His voice and take action. What about you? Many of us do not hear God's voice because we do not believe He speaks to us.**

**Do you believe He speaks?**

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Please pray, ask the Lord today for a listening ear so you can share this with others who may be lonely. Just get silent, ask and believe. He will show you which of our lambs He wants you to help.

## Lambs in Need

**601** Single mom, works full time, 1 baby, no child support, no family, not enough money to make ends meet. Passionate about Jesus! **Need: oge \$215.00**

**602** Elderly grandmother, waiting for ssi approval, serious medical issues. Trust God to meet her needs. Humble lady. **Need: Water \$200.00**

**603** Christian single mom, 3 teens, on medical leave from her job. Behind on bills. **Need: OGE \$235.00**

**604** Tonja, a single lady, has had victory over alcohol. She has been through counseling and rehab, Has held down a job for 3 months, sees a counselor and is truly trying to live for Jesus. She works, struggles to pay utility bills. **Need: OGE 145.00**

**605** Single mom, 2 kids at home ages 6 & 11. Mom was involved in a bad car wreck had multiple back surgeries, Cannot work, disability is pending. She cried on the phone because she just wants her life back. She could not sense God is with her. I assured her He is, gave her scripture to read. She called today thanking us for prayer and said she and her boys are praying together. She has hope again in Jesus.

**Need: OGE 355.00**