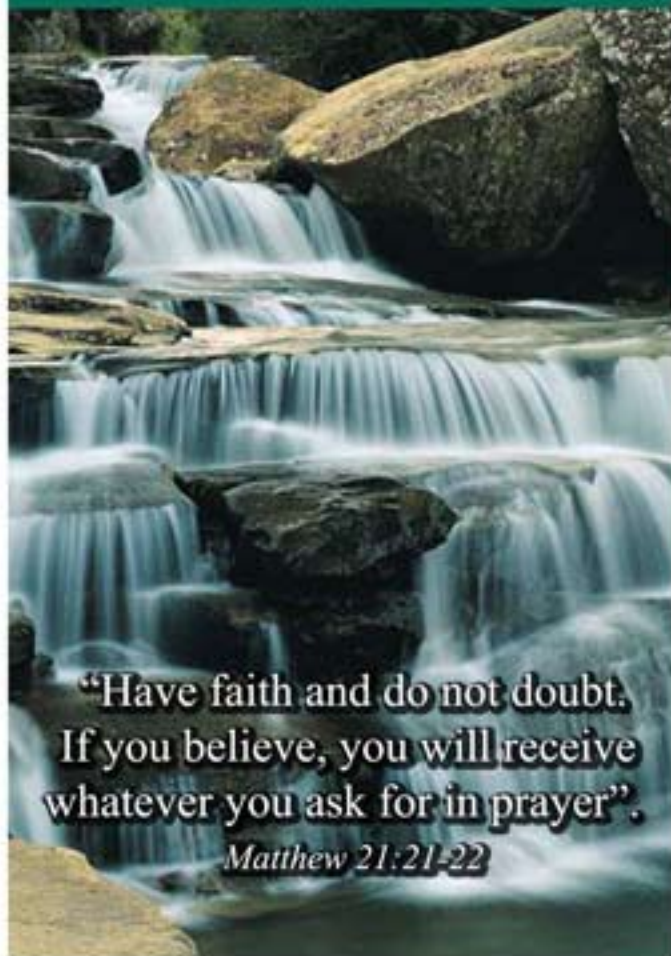




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Host a Utility Blessing Tree!



"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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announcement soon!**



“... ONE PENNY IN MY POCKET”

by: Tom Scott

We wanted to give you a follow-up report on Zac, the lamb we featured in last month's newsletter. Several generous donors responded with designated donations for Zac. We sent him the money designated for him. He called a few days later to thank us. He reminded us that his ex-wife had stopped paying child support. He said that day he was out of groceries and out of money and that he “had one penny in my pocket.” He was very grateful. We hear stories like Zac's on a fairly regular basis. Just at the time their need is greatest, God comes through. It is thanks to our donors that we can help those in need, and we know that God works in our donors' hearts at just the right time. Several listened to His voice and were moved by Zac's story.

When I first met Zac, I talked to him about his faith and prayed with him. Many times as I am talking to a lamb on the phone, I talk to them about praying in faith. I talk to them about Matthew 21:21, where Jesus tells us to “have faith and do not doubt”. Then in v.22 He says: “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer”. What a powerful blessing that is.

Sadly, I think that many times we pray and don't believe. I recently listened to a sermon by Dr. Jim Dixon who is the pastor of my church in Colorado.

This sermon was about faith as one of the gifts of the Spirit found in 1Cor. 12:7-10. Dr. Dixon describes this faith not as the saving faith that we have when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but as “faith that believes the promises of God”. He talked about Hebrews Chapter 11 which has many examples of that faith. He then used George Muller as someone who had that faith. Muller was a 19th century Christian whose calling was to minister to orphaned children. He was as famous in his day as Bill Graham is today. He built an orphanage that eventually housed 2500 children, and ministered to many thousands more over the years.

Muller received his calling at the age of 27 when he heard Jesus' voice from Mat. 7:33- “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness...” He took that to mean he should never ask others for money and that God would give him everything he needed. And in 60 years of ministry, he never asked anyone for money. After his death, they found his diaries which contained 3,000 pages with over 50,000 instances of answered prayer.

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Muller described one morning in the orphanage when there was no food and no money. He instructed that the hundreds of kids be seated at the table with their place settings. Then he said this simple prayer: “God, you said to seek first your kingdom and you will give us everything we need. We need food. For what you are about to provide, we give you thanks. Amen.”

A few minutes later, there was a knock at the door. There stood the local baker. He said “the Lord prompted me to get up at 2:00 a.m. and start baking bread. I've been baking bread all night. I felt led to come here. Do you need bread?” With that, he brought in racks and racks of bread.

A little while later, there was another knock at the door. There was the milkman standing there. The milkman said “My truck just broke down out front with a full load of milk. I am afraid it will spoil before I get another truck here. Do you need milk?”

Sometimes when I hear stories like this, I am skeptical. Until I think about our God who created the heavens and the earth; who parted the seas; who provided food from heaven and water from a rock. He made the lame able to walk, He gave sight to the blind, and He raised the dead.

I recently finished Muller's autobiography. In it he instructs us on our prayer: *Pray and believe that it is done. Expect your prayers to be answered.*

We ask for your prayers in faith. Many of our recent calls are from clients who are in danger of having their electricity or water turned off because of the high summer bills. We are unable to help most of these people as our funds are perilously low, as happens many times in summer. Please pray that God would provide funds to us so that we can help those in more dire need.

EXPECT IT, AND THANK HIM IN ADVANCE.