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Dear Friend of the Flock,

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July is the month to celebrate our freedom as Americans and our Christian Heritage. Thank God we have the freedom to share personal stories as we did in our June newsletter. If you read our newsletter I hope you learned something new about the gift of loneliness and how it can be a wonderful opportunity to listen for God's voice. We noticed during June many callers were dealing with this same issue and had not thought about listening for His voice and did not know the Holy Spirit prompts us on a daily bases. At SOLM we put this into practice everyday as we listen to heart breaking situations. It is only by listening to His leading we are able to discern how to help.

We listen and we pray asking for wisdom and guidance. We respond according to His leading.

***Below is a testimony of one our lambs who found hope because we were obedient to the nudge of the Holy Spirit.***

A 39 year-old dad, Zak made a good living until a tragic auto accident was followed by a stroke. Because she did not want to become his caregiver, his wife abandoned him and their teenage son.

Shepherds of Love have walked beside him for several months. We have visited his home, paid utility bills and rent, provided a refrigerator, money for food and personal needs. We've provided Bibles and Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*.

We always pray with Zak when we make follow-up calls. He is happy to hear from our staff. Yesterday we learned he receives only \$89.00 in food stamps for the two of them. They were without protein of any kind.

In response we sent a Wal-Mart gift card for food in an encouragement card. His SSI income is only \$966.00 of which his rent is \$650.00. We plan to assist him with utilities again. next month.

This is only one story from hundreds of clients who call seeking help. Not everyone responds with thanksgiving. That is ok. We are here to plant seeds of God's truth, forgiveness, salvation through Jesus Christ, and offer love and hope. We believe that when we plant seeds of faith God will reach in and bring them to Himself just like he did with Zak.

Will you pray for this single dad and his son Tyler who is his caregiver? He assists with medications, preparing food and daily chores. You could plant a seed of hope by sending a designated donation by writing on the memo line of your check: For Zak.

There is a list of other lambs in need on page 2. Please pray, listen for a whisper or a nudge.

## Lambs in Need

<u>Lamb #</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7100	Retired man, disabled wife-recent surgery	Electric	\$105
7101	Recently divorced lady on disability	Electric	\$126
7102	Husband and wife both on disability	Electric Gas Water	\$278 \$148 \$446 Cut-off
7103	Single mom, 2 kids, out of work 3 months	Gas	\$541 Cut-off
7104	Single lady, disability, helped with daughter's moving expense	Electric Rent (partial)	\$57 \$212
7105	Single lady raising disabled granddaughter	Electric Water	\$275 \$128 Past due
7106	Working single mom, 2 kids, car was stolen	Electric	\$183
7107	Single mom, 2 kids, off work 1 year with medical problem	Water	\$663 Cut-off notice
7108	Single full-time student, apartment burglarized, seeking Jesus	Electric	\$284
7109	Single mom, 3 kids, unemployed, meager child support	Electric Water	\$67 \$171

Donations for Where Needed will be greatly appreciated. There are many others in need who are not listed in this letter. Many of our elderly have on-going needs. During these hot days we try to ensure the electricity remains on for as many lambs as we possibly can.

Donations can also be made on line at: [www.ShepherdsOfLove.org](http://www.ShepherdsOfLove.org)

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry. Please join us in prayer for our families, neighbors, the poor, elderly, disabled, unemployed, our church leaders, our elected officials, and our military and their families who make daily sacrifices so that we might serve the needy.

We are a blessed nation. Stand up for Jesus!

**One nation Under God**

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalms 33:12**