

SHEPHERDS of Love



Sharing Christ, Offering Hope, Ministering to the Needy in Crisis.

When my heart is heavy I pray and God does the most amazing things ...

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Last month I was diagnosed with a tumor on my Parathyroid gland. I was facing surgery again and was dreading the entire process. Anyone who has experienced surgery knows it is painful and expensive, causes fear and anxiety, and interrupts your daily life. With no health insurance I was extremely worried about how I was going to pay for this.

I took my heavy heart to God pleading for help to get me through this quickly so I would feel better and could return to His work. I asked for wisdom and help in finding health insurance that would meet my urgent needs. The cost of a scan to locate the tumor was \$1125.00 and payment was required upfront before I could get the appointment. I did not have the money for this, but God graciously touched a young family's heart. A check was left in my front door to cover the expense. They said Yahweh wanted me well. What an encouragement this was to me. I could see God working, His servants were listening and being obedient to his nudge to help me.

Next He led me to some health insurance through a Christian couple. They arranged a meeting and God provided once again for me to get insurance in time for surgery. Now everything seem to be in place except for one very important matter. I was so busy asking God for help I forgot to ask what was his purpose for me going to the hospital other then to get well. So I sat down, got quiet and asked Him to help me look for people to bless by sharing his amazing provisions for me.

Lord, let me be a bright light to everyone who assists me during my stay. Make me sensitive to each heavy heart. Let me be kind and, above all, joyful during my stay at the hospital. Lord, I thank you in advance for preparing your best angel servants to take care for me. Thank You for showing us the right diagnoses, for leading me to all the right doctors. Thank You, Father, for loving me. I expect great things to happen. Amen.

Great things did happen. When I went for the scan I shared with the registration lady how God provided the funds. She cried and explained her days are filled with people in pain as they check into the hospital. She needed to be encouraged. The next day she called me said her husband had prayed that morning for God to send someone to encourage her. We both were rejoicing over the phone. I had a new friend who took the time to call and also visit me in the hospital.

As I was being prepped for surgery I learned the nurse, lab tech and my surgeon were all spirit filled Christ followers who shared their faith with me. Then the anesthesiologist entered the room. Before he left I asked him if he knew Jesus. He replied I know of him I placed my hand on his arm and said "Oh, I will pray one day you will know Him personally. He is an amazing God."

Surgery is over, recovery is going great. I'm back to work tending my flock, and I want to thank my friend Margaret Stribling of In His Name Ministries for staying beside me through it all, my staff, board members, donors, family and church friends for visits, calls, food and prayers.

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3

Terese Ramirez

Another amazing way God works— He touched a man in prison

An inmate in prison sent this letter with a \$12.00 check.

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am a born again believer in Christ Jesus. I have been praying for a ministry to tithe to and have tithed to different ones. But as I was talking to my sister in Christ, Ms. Lewis who works here, she was telling me about your ministry. She gave me your June newsletter. Yes I do listen to the spirit of the Lord. He told me to write down the numbers of the Lambs in Need each on from 601-605 on a separate piece of paper, pray that He lead me to the one that needs help the most. He told me to fold each number up, I shook them up and picked one then I would write the number down. He told me do this 7 times as we know the number 7 is for completion. Number 602 Elderly grand mother was the one that He chose. What's awesome is that she's trusting God to meet her needs. I know that what I'm giving is not much, but every little bit will help. I have so many testimonies on how the Lord has blessed me that I would like o share with you sometime. For now I have to close.

Sincerely, Your Bro in Christ, RF

PS Please put me on your mailing list so I can read about the Lambs in Need.

Note: I sent a letter and some newsletters to RF thanking him for being an answer to prayer. Just as he was encouraged by the grandmother who trust in Jesus to meet her needs we were all touched that RF followed the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Special thanks to Cindy Lewis, Tom's sister who gave a grand tour of the Lexington prison and introduced us to a the staff and those who live there. Little did we know God would hand pick one man to reach out to SOLM.

LAMBS IN NEED

1101	Single man, 56, disabled, bedridden	Need: water	\$234
1102	Christian, 25, pregnant, on bed rest	Need: oge	\$429
1103	Young family, was homeless, working	Need: oge	\$455
1104	Single mom, helped with 2 funerals	Need: oge	\$428
1105	Disabled Vet, lives alone, low income	Need: oge	\$182
1106	Christian lady, disabled, low income	Need: ong	\$ 49
1107	Single mom, 3 kids, no child support	Need: oge	\$324
1108	Man had surgery, on dialysis	Need: oge	\$286
1109	Single mom, 1 baby, lost job	Need: oge	\$404
1110	Christian elderly couple, low income	Need: oge	\$ 87
1111	Single working mom, works hard	Need: oge	\$289
1112	SOLM Operating Expenses		

Prayer Request

Call on Him for:

- Our flock to come to know Christ.
- Our men and women in prison and the staff.
- Local ministries & church leaders.
- Our staff, board members & donors.
- Our country and those in other countries who are suffering.
- For those who are hungry, without water and have not place to live.
- For our 7 Utility Tree/Speaking events coming in Nov & Dec.
- Pray about becoming a monthly donor. We need monthly support.
- Pray for our military and their families.
- Pray for single people who are divorced, widowed and lonely.
- Holidays are near pray we all look for Jesus in each other and give thanks for our blessings.

From the Treasurer....

As a former lamb of SOLM and now a current board member, I am excited to share that 59% of the contributions received in 2011 through Sep 30, '11 have been donated to benefit our lambs. We are certainly blessed by YOU, our donors and wanted YOU to know that YOUR gifts are greatly appreciated and are being used to minister to the Needy. We pray that God will continue to lay it on your hearts to donate to SOLM, as we continue to minister in ways God leads.

Schaun Adams, Treasurer

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