



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

Dear Friend,

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Greetings from SOLM! Once again the newsletter is a bit late because God just seems to inspire me at the last minute. This morning He whispered in my spirit tell them what great and powerful things I have done. So, here we are writing to you "His Story" which starts with Psalms 9: 9-12

9 The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who search for you. 11 Sing praises to the Lord who reigns in Jerusalem. Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds. 12 For he who avenges murder cares for the helpless. He does not ignore the cries of those who suffer.

I love this last phrase. He does not ignore the cries of those who suffer. We hope you enjoy reading about some of our lambs who did not suffer because this ministry of love was here for them. Each one received a payment for their utilities; in addition, our associates listened and prayed with each client.

Angela is disabled, has 4 kids and her disability check went to the wrong address causing a financial hardship.

Rikeshia is a single mom raising her 6 & 14 year old children. She has had four surgeries this past year. Her mom helps as much as she can but funds are limited for both of them. Her healing is taking longer than she expected.

Esther is 85, lives alone and her family refuses to help her. We have known her for 10 years and we stay in touch with her often and provide whatever assistance she needs. This precious lady always asks for prayer.

Annie is raising two teenage grandsons while their dad is incarcerated. Their mother abandoned them and Grandmother Annie asked for custody of the kids. Annie had a bad cough when she called and was so happy we could pay her OG&E bill.

Jennifer is a single mom working part time and has three kids ages 11, 15 & 17. She is trying to start a Food Pantry at her small church and is interested in helping people.

Oscar has a lawn business and during the cold season his income dropped while the ONG bill increased. He just asked for a little help to get caught up. He and his wife have 4 kids who they love very much. They attend church regularly.

Jeff is retired and cares for his disabled wife full time. The medical expenses that were not covered by insurance caused them to be unable to pay their utility bills.

Ida is a dedicated grandmother taking care of 2 children, ages 9 months and 16. Their mom is in rehab and will be home in July. Ida and her mom are doing everything they can to keep these children in their home and to care for them. We were truly blessed by her loving story.

Shiloh was injured on a construction job and has been on worker's comp since November. He has four kids ages 7, 10, 15 & 17. He shared with me how they are in a special school because they are gifted. One wants to be an artist, another an engineer and one wants to get a degree in Education for the purpose of improving our school system. The youngest he said has no idea what she wants to be. He made me laugh. What a special dad he is. So very proud of his kids and he longs to work again.

Debbie is a cancer survivor and single mom raising a 16 year old daughter. She is looking for work doing data entry but has yet to find a job. She seemed serious about her job search and knows she must find something soon.

The following clients are Veterans whom we appreciate their service to our Country.

Bill has serious health issues and has not worked in 9 months. He was without electricity for two weeks. He was truly grateful for our help.

James served in the Navy while stationed in San Diego, Ca. He wants to go to school to learn how to repair computers. He has had several interviews and is praying for a breakthrough.

Six Veterans received rental assistance and were so thankful to no longer be homeless.

John is a Forklift Operator who is not getting enough hours to make ends meet. He and his wife have a 13 year old daughter. His wife lost her job in October and is trying to find work quickly.

Karen is a widow of a Veteran and she failed to apply for Widows benefits. She was discouraged with the way she was treated after his death so she just gave up. We asked her to please contact the Veteran Services and try to get the assistance that is due her. We pray she will follow through.

These are only a handful of brief stories from our clients. I hope this gives you a picture of the crisis some families are in. This could be your neighbor or you or a family member. We can tell you people all over this city are hurting and need God's touch of love.

Through your giving, more stories will have a happy ending and hope will be restored, bringing a smile to our Father God.

Psalms 9:1 - I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

Thank you for taking time to read our letter. We pray you were blessed and that you will go into the world and share with at least one person the wonders of God. He is calling His followers to rise up and go show people who God is.

Praising Him Always!

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