

Shepherds of Love Ministries, Inc. "You are the light to the world." Matthew 5:14

Dear Friend,

October 2017

This month I reviewed our 10 min video from our website <u>www.shepherdsoflove.org</u> It was inspiring and refreshing to see how far we've come in 17 years; to watch the people in the film and think about how God has transformed us all into what He has planned. Some of us have totally different lives, some are still hurting, and some are in great need of comfort and strength. A few of us continue to pray for direction and courage to carry out our callings.

One thing that stood out to me was when I heard my own voice say, "When my heart is heavy, I pray, and God does the most amazing things. He provides in ways I never dreamed possible."

I knew right away God was drawing me near with my own words because my heart has been heavy for months now. The crises in our world, our city and our neighborhoods may cause us all to have heavy hearts and not even realize why. We listen daily one call after another; unemployed individuals, abandoned parents, new widows both young and old, teenagers expecting babies without a father, Veterans who do not have enough to live on despite risking their lives for our freedom. The list continues. There are those wounded by the church, who want nothing to do with church and say God is not their friend. Is my heart heavy for the lost, the lonely, and the abandoned? You bet.

Then I heard my own words again... "I pray and God does the most amazing things. He provides in ways I have never dreamed possible."

God's word says: For the poor you will always have with you in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.' (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

His purpose for you and this ministry is found in Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house, In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Is your heart heavy and full of compassion? Surrender your all, let everything go and trust Him. He will change your life by filling you with His love and light. This is His plan for us all; to go and be a light in a dark world. By supporting this ministry you can bring light to a broken heart and fulfil God's plan for us all.

Teresa Rountree

President

October Lambs in Need -Who will you help?

<u>Ashley</u> is a single mom with 2 kids. She had steady work with a temp agency until an emergency surgery. She is recovering and will return to work next month. However, this has set her back financially and she needs our help. Lamb 12017 – Need: OGE \$135.00 ONG \$115.00

<u>John</u> is a single dad with 3 daughters. He was injured on the job requiring shoulder surgery. He requested prayer for protection over his daughters and renewed faith in the Lord during this stressful time.

Lamb 22017 – Need: OGE \$315.00

 Betty
 is a widow on disability who suffers with high blood pressure, blood clots and diabetes. She had more

 medical expenses last month than expected and needs help with her electric bill. She shared her trust in the Lord

 who is her source. We shared a great prayer time.
 Lamb 32017 –

 Need:
 OGE \$230.00

<u>Janie</u> is a Spirit-filled elderly woman on disability needing help with electric bill. Family does not have the means to help her. She touched my heart with words of kindness and thanksgiving for SOLM. Lamb 42017 – Need: OGE \$215.00

Joy is a Widow living on \$700 a month from disability and is without any family to assist her. She requested prayers for total healing and a financial blessing to relieve her stress. Every month she must choose between paying her utility bills or buying food. She only receives \$16.00 in Food Stamps.

Lamb 52017 – Need: OGE \$135.00 – Gas \$65.00 – Water - \$112.00

To assist the ministry or to allow us to select a family in need please use #2017

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Thank you for your prayers for your lambs which are in the hundreds. We have more request then we could possibly meet. Daily I am reminded of the calling on my life and the purpose of this ministry which is: **Sharing Christ, Offering Hope, and Ministering to the Needy in Crisis.**

We are Jesus in action and we treasure our partnership with you! THANK YOU!

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