



Dear Friends,

April 15, 2020

I want to personally thank you for your donations during March and April. You have made it possible to assist as many needy Families, Seniors, Individuals and Veterans. I have experienced so many requests and have listened to some very anxious people who are being affected by the CORONA Virus.

I thank God for one of our precious donors, Dub Rogers. He had a compromised system and underlying health conditions requiring hospitalization. I praise God he is at home resting. Please keep him in your prayers. He is a Navy Veteran, Christian Counselor and Saint on this earth. He has always been here for me as my Counselor and Friend in Christ. He loves supporting SOLM and has watched this ministry grow since the year 2000. Thank you Dub!

Many of you may know that scammers have surfaced; rest assured our Interview process is thorough. One of the new questions being asked is "how has the virus affected you?" I can discern quickly from their crisis story if they are being truthful. So please know that I will always seek God's wisdom with your donation. I know I am accountable to Him for every dollar and all decisions are led by His Spirit.

Seldom do I request prayer, however as President/Director and on behalf of our staff and board members please pause and pray for these requests for Shepherds of Love Ministries.

1. Our clients will receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. I give each client the opportunity to surrender their hearts unto Him. I assure them how God is their source for all things.
2. Our staff and board members will continue to seek Christ first in everything they say and do.
3. Our donors who have been affected by the virus. Many need healing, peace and comfort only God can give.
4. Our financial support to continue. Many of donors have had to stop support or cut back. I truly expected this. A few churches increased their support, which was unexpected! I know God is our source and He will always provide exactly what is needed. He is so faithful!

I thank him!

In closing I want to share my favorite Scripture. May it touch your heart as it is a Word from the Lord given to me when SOLM began.

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

No matter how critical things are now, I will never give up ministering to His flock.

Thank you again for making this Ministry so valuable to the community.

Always His Shepherd Girl,

Teresa Rountree

THE BUMMER LAMB

Every once in a while, an ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may even kick the poor animal away. Once an ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind.

These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck. Their spirit is broken. These lambs are called “bummer lambs.” Unless the shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected and alone.

So, do you know what the shepherd does?

He takes that rejected little one into his home, hand-feeds it and keeps it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to his chest so the bummer can hear his heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock. But that sheep never forgets how the shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him.

When the shepherd calls for the flock, guess who runs to him first? That is right, the bummer sheep. He knows his voice intimately. It is not that the bummer lamb is loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it and believes it because it has experienced that love one on one.

So many of us are bummer lambs, rejected and broken. But He is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heartbeat. We may be broken but we are deeply loved by the Shepherd.

The Lord is MY shepherd... I'm a bummer lamb.

