

Dear Friend,

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I have prayed for weeks about our monthly newsletter. Asking myself how can I impress upon you my deep appreciation for your love and support of Shepherds of Love. Many of you have walked beside us for years, some for a few months while others are brand new; I welcome you to this spirit led ministry.

When God answered my prayer about this letter my eyes fell upon a bookmark in my Bible which reads “Be Still and Know that I Am God” (Psalms 46:10). It seems He always whispers, “Teresa, be still” and when I pause from my busy schedule, I know he is God and wants my undivided attention. Why do I wrestle with being still before Him, when I always come away filled with the greatest joy and wisdom that only He can freely give?

Over the 20 years of writing newsletters my purpose has always been to encourage you to continue your path with Christ. Today after sitting in His presence, He reminded me to share the great things He is doing through this ministry and He will be sending numerous “lambs in need”. He wants us to “suit up, buckle up and prepare to do battle for the poor.”

The following scripture continues to fuel our passion. *He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whosoever is kind to the needy honors God,* (Proverbs 14:31 NIV)

We are living in a difficult time when more people are seeking financial assistance for utilities, food, shelter, gas for their cars, jobs and needs for their children. Most of all they are seeking something money cannot buy and many have yet to find this life saving gift. This is why we are here; to offer peace through knowing Jesus in a personal way. What a blessing it is to have a job where people call seeking love, acceptance and hope! We thank God that live in a country where we can still share our faith in Christ and offer prayer. No matter what happens this ministry will always take a stand for our God.

Schaun and I have experienced our own life crises which prepare us to offer compassion and a listening ear. We share our faith-stories and how Jesus changed us from the inside-out after surrendering our will to Him. We repented of our sins and He forgave us instantly, changing us forever.

He does not call the equipped, He equips the called. This would be us!

Trust me, we are thankful to God for sending you our way to walk with us, pray for us and supporting us as the Holy Spirit leads. Everyday we thank Him whether funds come or not; our mission is not to pay bills but to bring the lost and needy to an understanding of who Jesus is. Their personal Lord and Savior when they invite Him in to be Lord. He is their true source.

In Romans 15:1-2 (Message) Paul writes: *Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?”*

It is our prayer you will continue to walk close to Our Lord and always seek His face in every area of your life. We love you and are blessed to call you our “Friend of the Flock”.

His Shepherd Girls,

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