

Dear Friends,

Now is a good time to reflect on the work that God has done the last few months. November is a time of *thanksgiving* and *blessings*, we have chosen to make this newsletter about our lambs and *their responses* to the assistance they received. It is very reflective of the calls we answer. God's grace is available to all people in all circumstances for every need, and we believe you will see that.

"D" is a single mom of 2 young children. She was recently hired on full time after a temp service position and the pay schedules did not line up. She needed help with her Edmond Electric. She was able to pay \$265; we were able to pay \$260 to prevent a cutoff. She attends Life Church in Edmond. They helped with food and fuel gift cards. Upon our notification of assistance, she texted "Thank you so much! You guys are life savers!"

"R & J" are a married couple with a young child. They were behind on their utilities and mortgage. The Hope Center in Edmond and Samaritan House had helped them recently. They needed to pay \$250 on their electric to prevent a cutoff. They paid \$100, we paid \$150. They sent a copy of their payment receipt with the following response; "Thank you so much. I'm trying my best to cover as much as possible".

"V & M" are parents of two children. They were referred by Life Church. An unexpected truck repair caused them to be short on funds for utilities. A payment arrangement of \$225 was needed to prevent disruption. We were able to pay \$125 with their \$100 payment. When they sent us their payment receipt they texted, "Thanks again we appreciate this so much! You as well be blessed!"

"M" is a veteran referred by Veterans Affairs. His electric was off. His gas and water were facing disconnection. He has a new job and is waiting for his first paycheck. We were able to assist with his water bill with \$168 to prevent the disconnect. "With your help, I will be able to pay my ONG bill and begin the restoration process on my electric."

"B" is a senior who was referred to us by the Oklahoma Housing Authority. He recently moved to Oklahoma from California. We worked with OHA to pay a \$150 deposit to OG&E so his electricity could be established. We prayed with him and his case worker at OHA. His response by text "Thank you so much I can't tell you how much it means to me. Bless you."

"M" is a senior male requesting help; however, we were unable to help financially due to recent assistance from SOLM. We prayed with him and sent a current resource list. His response was "Thank you, it is enough."



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Financial Update

January -Sept., 2022

Donations Received \$94,738

Total Program Services Paid Out \$82,831

> 441 Interviews 975 People Served

"J & M" are a military family of 7. They located SOLM through Google. "M" suffers from severe PTSD making it difficult to maintain employment. "J" is a full-time student attempting to earn a degree which will provide a living wage for their family. They have no family to help and minimal community support. We were able to help with their OG&E bill. This is what we heard. "Thank you so much for getting back to me and for saving us in the middle of this crisis. I can't tell you how relieved and how grateful I am for your openness and for operating without judgement." "This is J'. You helped us a month ago with our utility bill and I just wanted to reach out and say thank you again. You made such a difference in my life."

"S" is a single mother of two. She was referred to us by OG&E. She had several crisis issues. She having trouble renewing her driver's license so she could get a job. Our interview revealed that "S" was trusting God through it all; we were happy to encourage her trust and share His love. We provided some tips to renew her driver's license, financially helped with her utilities and most importantly sent her a <u>Jesus Calling</u> devotional. She was so involved in her situation constantly acknowledging our participation with appreciation. We shed tears, shared laughter and prayer. "S" was so excited to receive the devotional in the mail. We also sent stickers and prayer cards for her children to enjoy. She intended to begin a bedtime routine with the prayer cards and devotional with her children. **She expressed how she was able to be open and honest with us because she felt safe.** God said "THIS ONE" and a friendship was born.

THANK YOU for being part of this ministry. Your support, prayer and donations help us further the Kingdom of God by sharing His love with believers and non-believers.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

THIS is what we are called to do! We have been so touched by God's grace this year, please continue on our journey as we go where God will take His ministry in 2023.

All for His Glory,

Schaun Adams & Teresa Rountree



All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

(2 Corinthians 4:15)



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