

FROM THE PASTURE

September 2022

Dear Friend of the flock,

September 1, 2022

After a long dry spell of not being able to write stories from my heart the Lord graced my mind with His voice. He showed me how these past few months were spent in the pasture learning about sorrow, sadness, anxiety, and personal illness.

Yet this morning He said, "Do what you do best; tell my stories of love and how I provided people to encourage you and who needed to meet Jesus with skin on." So, here I go!

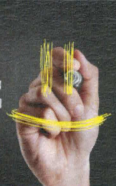
In April, my sister graduated to heaven. In May, just two weeks later my brother graduated as well. It was an honor to be a part of their memorial services by singing and speaking. While it was most difficult, I thank God for my family who so graciously allowed me to participate. These two people lead me to the Lord, taught me how to love people like Jesus loved me. **God was there.**

In June, I received hip surgery. During physical therapy I met lots of people in more physical need as they worked daily with me. Jakob Curtis, the Physical Therapist at Core Physical Therapy along with other coaches spent hours teaching us how to walk again. Elderly who had fallen and young students hurt during sports displayed the brokenness on their faces as they performed their routines to get their life back. I think of this as the PT Pasture. Since I have never been good at exercising, I found myself being forced to strengthen my body to receive a painless hip. The Lord told me while I was there to pray for these broken bodies and to bring joy to them. I thought I better begin as there were a lot of people to pray for over the next 90 minutes. I've found laughter truly is the best medicine. I noticed a few learned to laugh through their pain with me. **God was there.**

In July, after a very hot day I fell ill and found two firemen in my home assisting my weak and shaky body. I do not recall ever being so weak. I could not move. I thank God for Lisa, my daughter and Steve, my sweetheart who came to my rescue as we waited for EMSA. I was scared and fearful of a stroke. I was asking God lots of questions, but thankfully He had another plan that to unfold in the ER.

The young woman who transported me to my CT Scan was very kind and gentle with my fragile hip. I asked about her family. She has 5 kids and a husband who worked 3 jobs. Bingo! This was my lamb in need and the opportunity to share SOLM with her. I was feeling so special to think she needed me and maybe she needed Jesus. I was surprised when she said she just called SOLM last week but the line was always busy. She was seeking help as she faced an interruption of her electric service. She said, "You are the Director?" I said, yes and it looks like God wanted us to meet. (I thought, Really God? I had to go to the ER to meet this lamb in need? I had to laugh. He has such a sense of humor.) When I left the ER I felt so good knowing this family of 5 would have electricity Monday morning. **God was there.**

BE THE
REASON
SOMEONE
SMILES
TODAY



Just as I am here again back from the pasture sharing with you how we all need people like Lisa, Steve, Family, Funeral Directors, Pastors, Friends, Firemen, EMSA, ER Teams, Surgeons, Physical Therapy Teams, SOLM staff like Schaun and my board members. Along the way of life you might meet a few lambs in need when you least expect it. All of the people in our lives need a personal relationship with Jesus more than they need a utility bill paid but it is through your giving that we get to tell someone about who He is and how they need Him.

Thank you for spending this time with me in the pasture where He leads us all beside still waters and He always restores our soul when we visit Him.

God is HERE!

Teresa Rountree

A generous person will
prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.

Prov. 11:25 NIV

Schaun's picks of lambs who need to know that God is there!

Military family: Husband is suffering from PTSD works as a delivery driver when able; Wife is a full-time Junior in college working towards a degree to earn a living wage to provide for their 5 children (ages 7-16). They struggle to pay the utilities. OGE \$609; ONG \$63; Water \$239

Single Mother of a one-year-old daughter is utilizing her Health & PE degree as a recreational specialist who works with a local organization helping abused boys. The rising cost of utilities prevented her from covering her entire electric bill and her rent. SOLM partnered with a local church to help pay her \$489 OGE bill.

Senior Female used her last funds to bury her granddaughter who was killed on her way to a funeral. She needs help covering her water bill. \$250 will ensure her water is not disconnected.

School is in session
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school zones
and students!!



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