

Monthly Newsletter

New Testament Church & Mission

God is in this story... God is in the details

We've turned the page already into February. With the new year already underway everyone anticipates the new year to be better than the last. Even though most resolutions are already broken and some are still carrying the same baggage from the year prior. We too have been juggling a bit of both as well. That's why the title of this months newsletter is God is in this story. It's from a popular song on the radio waves today. It's been a song that's been playing over and over in my head. As we shared with you in our last newsletter the trial we are facing with our plumbing. It's been a nightmare to deal with. We are still facing difficulties with our water issue. We are so grateful for those who helped us meet our need in paying our large water bill. We have a contractor and plumber now but facing upwards to \$8-10 thousand to fix this problem as it is our main water line into the building. Will you pray with us to have this need met? We are a taking a step forward so praise the Lord.

Sorry sometimes I get sidetracked in writing but the song lyrics say : "God is in this story , God is in the details, Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart, He never fails. When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus. Always in the highs and lows, The One who goes before me, God is in this story"

I had my initial moment of oh Lord I wish my grandfather was here to handle this mess but, then I was swept over by the spirit of the Lord that He is in control. I had to take a dose of my own medicine that I share with those that come here. We were poured on with love from so many who helped rescue us from the worst water bill in history for us. I pray God blesses each one of you triple folded for your kindness.

We are victorious in spite of our problems because we have never given up. We have remained open, Even though we are boiling water on the stove to fill our sinks, running a water hose down the sidewalk and clean up takes a lot longer we haven't stopped. Our meals in fact have almost tripled. We are a ministry that STANDS ON FAITH and with that I believe we get tested a lot. I know I am not only speaking for myself but, for our staff and workers as well. We all want to be found faithful to the call.

It is not an easy ministry. In fact this ministry isn't like it was when my grandparents started it 47 years ago. Times sure have changed and become more difficult to navigate around the complexity of drugs, violence, mental health , entitlement , alcohol abuse and so much more. Just yesterday someone urinated right at our front door. Do we close the doors ?? No! We were called to feed them physically and spiritually. Does it mean we are happy in our work everyday ? No !! But God is in this story ! God is in the details. We never know when that one person will hear, see or feel something we said that will make an impact on them to change their lives. Those are the ones we do this for. That's why we show up! Jesus called us to be His Hands, His Feet and a doer of His word.



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Believe it or not there are a lot of hungry people in our area. Many have very minimal to live on and we are a daily resource they can count on. We are seeing an influx of new people due to inflation and cost of food rising. Then there are a lot who don't know they are in need of the word too so they are being fed in both ways.

Will you pray with us about another project we have been working on? With the cost of food rising and our numbers increasing by the day we have been looking into growing our own garden on the property. Growing foods that are easy to maintain to help sustain us with additional foods such as produce, fruits etc. We were looking into the project to honor my grandmother and if you knew her you knew she loved feeding the people. This garden will also allow those staying with us to participate in the production as well. It's a new adventure but, with your prayers we believe it will be beneficial to our growing ministry. It will assist us in feeding the community with the help of our very own growing resources.



Men from the Dorm cutting trees down

Lining Up for food baskets

Lining Up for Lunch

Mission Totals:

Meals
3,976

Food Boxes
42

Housing: We are unable to house right now due to no water supply to our dormitories. Praying to be back to housing soon.



Caroline rolling silverware

Mission Needs:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Chicken
Chef Boyardee
Forks
Napkins
Disposable Cups

Sectional Plates
Pasta Sauces
Chicken Broth
Salad Dressings
Ziplocks (all sizes)
Paper Towels
Grocery Bags (used or new)
Yellow Rice

From the Desk of Kathleen Beatty



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