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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

How faithful is our God? As you view the accompanying picture, you get a sense of how faithful he continues to be. What Christ endured for us as our High Priest was the most remarkable and loving act anyone will ever do for us.

Jesus knew what he was about to suffer, the pain, and disgrace, the tormenting of the crowds. He knew he would endure the abuse, the cruelty, and the blatant hatred from the very ones he feed and healed. Yet Jesus stayed the course and he finished what he was sent to accomplish.

His faithfulness continues and can be experienced, in many ways, today. Great was his faithfulness in our effort to minister to the needs of the children in our Back to School Outreach.

Last year we had the midnight hour experience that we shared in our September 2007 newsletter. We had a remarkable response to the stories! Many were inspired as they

read about the faithfulness of God, and the willing hearts of the few to support our efforts. We received enough many to make the celebration of a new school year a memorable one for 58 children.

God moves in mysterious ways and his wonders to perform. The 2008 Back to School outreach taught us new lessons about his faithfulness.

We had practice in trusting the Lord even in the dismal circumstances surrounding us. We also were blessed to have people from both coast, the state of Washington, New Jersey and New York, Michigan, and people from East Texas, Dallas, and from Austin to give from their heart to help 84 children get clothes.

A few days before we were to give out the clothes we did not have the money to buy the remaining children clothes. All I could say was, Lord, you are faithful. The money will come. We spent the last week



shopping with children that needed to try on their clothes due to their special size, shopping with teens, and then shopping for the other children as the money came in. As we reached the final evening of shopping, and with the help of one of our older teenage girls, we shopped until midnight. The next morning, just hours before meeting with the families to give out the clothes, I was out shopping for the last few children. Even though we did not reach our goal, at least each child received something. It did not turn out the way I envisioned, but God knows best, and He is faithful!

NEW CLOTHES

It is hard to imagine that in our country there are millions of children that have nothing to eat. How can that be with the availability of public assistance and community food pantries? Imagine being so very hungry, and you have a TV. How many times a day do you see food commercials?

It is hard to imagine children, in **America**, that must wear soiled and worn out clothes. How many commercials did you see on TV for back to school clothes? What's wrong with the parents? No food, no clothes the parents just need to get a job!

If you agree with the above statement, please come and spend a few hours with me.

You will gain insight into the realities not only in my community, but in our country. Can we solve the ills of our society? We may not, but we can change a child's life forever. How you say? By giving that child the same unconditional love Christ gives us. You can increase a child's chances of seeing life as God intended just by simply feeding her and giving her new clothes.

SPECIAL EDITION

We did not have an August newsletter due to the funding needs for the Back to School Outreach. We apologize to our readers.

In this edition we will tell the stories surrounding the outreach to over 84 children ages 4 - 17 whose parents are /or have been incarcerated, are struggling with addictions, homeless, or experiencing extreme financial difficulties.

We thank the many individuals from across the country and in Texas, the churches, businesses, and organizations that helped put smiles on the faces of the children. The clothes purchased, with your help, will be the only clothes some of the children will receive all year.

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For the sake of the children

We are totally, completely, and wholly committed to a Christ centered life. We are wholly committed to submitting to the will of God, to serving and leading others to Jesus and to working with other believers to reach out to the hurting and the lost.

MONDAY MORNING DISCOVERY

For over a week the focus was on shopping, receiving donations, keeping records of the remaining children on our list that needed clothes, and keeping up with the amount of money in our bank account. Though the task at hand seemed overwhelming at times, it was the love and kindness we received in word and deed that gave us the courage to continue.

Committing to buy clothes for over 84 children was an exercise in trusting God to do great things. We did not have the assurance of funding to begin this project or the volunteers that

would have made this outreach much more care free. But what we did have was our belief that God would do what he said he would do - supply our needs according to his riches in glory.

Monday, and two days after the clothes were distributed to the children, we made a terrifying discovery. During our last minutes of shopping something unthinkable happened, our purchases went over the amount we had in the bank. Our account was in the negative! I fought the panic that tried to overtake me. I felt myself walking on water (A sea of impossibilities) and it

made me focus on Jesus even more. I checked our mail and found a donation of \$25 waiting. I rejoiced in the blessing. I continued to our ministry PO Box. As I drove through the traffic I proclaimed that the Lord was great and greatly to be praised! I told the Lord he knew about this day before I did. I made the declaration that if we did not have a donation waiting for us to cover the negative, and to pay for our ministry phone, that I knew he had a better plan. I checked the mail and had a donation waiting just enough to cover the negative. Soon after money came for the phone.

A PROMISE THAT I WILL KEEP

What makes us different from how the Biblical characters responded and acted upon the assignments given by God? Does it not take the same trust that it did in days of old to receive God's instructions? Imagine Noah's conversation to God going something like this, "God is it you or my imagination? You want me to build what?" Jonah tried to get free from his assignment, and he found himself in big trouble of whale propor-

tions. How often do we run from what God tells us to do? Jeremiah's responsibility was to warn the Israelites, but did they listen? Yet, through threats on his life, he continued to obey God. Are we that much different from Jeremiah? How many of us would continue to obey God no matter what comes our way? Can we be as committed as those who came before us?

The final day of the Back to

School Celebration this year ended with a big family event. We had 78 of our 84 children, and 31 of our 34 families in attendance. We called all the children up and prayed over them. Then we called all the adults up and prayed for them, it was glorious! Not until afterwards did we learn that items were stolen, including clothes promised to other children. All I could say was Lord, I will stay the course that you have set before me. It is a promise that I will keep.

NEEDED!
WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF A PROJECTOR FOR OUR PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH. IF YOU HAVE A WORKING PROJECTOR THAT YOU CAN DONATE OR LOAN OUR MINISTRY WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.

SHOPPING DAYS



Teenager helping teenagers find just the right back to school outfit.

Monday through Thursday of the week of the clothes distributed to the children, we spent taking girls, teen girls, boys and then teen boys shopping. For most of the children they had no clue what size they wore, so the first order of the day was to try on clothes to discover their correct size. The rule was to shop the clearance, and sale racks. There was so much excitement in the children's eyes, and smiles on their faces as they searched through the racks for that special

outfit. They had so much fun, shopping, and spending time with other children their age. We always took the children to eat as part of the shopping experience. The younger children had time to play on the restaurant's playscape. The teenagers spent time talking and sharing, no cell phones and ipods allowed.

On one of our shopping days I had a mother confide in me that her family did not have food. we

proceeded to pick up a second set of children, and was told that they had not eaten for a couple of days. After school shopping, we stopped at the store and bought groceries for the families. How many of the other children from the previous days of shopping were in the same situation? I was very thankful to God that, for at least one day, all the other children had a meal. To God be the glory!

BACK TO SCHOOL THANK YOU

Thank you for helping me for school. Kameron age 11

We had fun. I liked shopping and meeting new people. Joseph, 14

It was very exciting picking out my clothes. Tre', 15

It was fun going to the mall and picking out my clothes I liked meeting new friends, and being with all the people. Jasmine, 11

I truly appreciate your assistance. I was not in the position to get my kids clothes before the start of school. You

were a blessing to us. Robbie

Thank you for getting me the clothes. The shoes are helping me run fast. It was such a blessing. Thank you, and please thank my sponsor. Calvin, 9

Thank you for helping me get the clothes. Gregory, 11

The new clothes helped me make new friends at my new school. I have a good personality and doing good in school. Jeannell, 10

It was fun. Kevin, 15

Thank you so very much. It was truly a blessing. If it weren't for the help my children would not have had a good start, and a good start sets the tone to have a good year in school. Tamika

The clothes were pretty and cool. Thank you, Britnay, 10

It was fun. I enjoy wearing the clothes to school. I am very grateful. Eboni, 11

It was cool, very enriching, and a chance to meet new people. Thank you, TiAnna, 14

LOOKING FOR AN ARTIST TO ILLUSTRATE A BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME AND THE TALENT AND WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR TALENT, PLEASE CONTACT SHEILA GREEN TODAY. CONTACT INFORMATION ON LAST PAGE

All articles written by Sheila Green unless otherwise stated.

OUR WAY OR GOD'S WAY?

The question many of us ask is, how can we know when we are doing God's will. That question often stops us in our tracks and we end up doing nothing.

This year for the Back to School Outreach we had three fundraisers. The first, selling tickets for the local police and firemen football team final game. What a wonderful way of promoting healthy relationships between law enforcement, civil service and people of the community. The second fundraiser was Christmas In July. To prepare for the sale, work was done until wee hours in the morning. The

third fundraiser was our Dramatic presentation, we had 14 cast members that gave a great presentation for two shows.

The million dollar question is, was it our way, or God's way to raise the needed funds for the children? It was a lot of work for a very few people. I had to keep speaking the word, "When I am weak, Thou art strong." I had many demands on me as I tried to focus on each phase of our fundraising. Was I just doing it my way instead of God's way? If it was not God's way, what was His way?

Staying stuck on the questions will never allow for us to have motion, which translates into Kingdom building activity. All three fundraisers brought people from various communities together. Relationships were formed, and god connections made. Tears were shed, compassion shown, hearts warmed, and the love of God shared. Was it God's will that we have the fundraisers? Was it God's will that we had the Back to School Outreach? Was it our way or God's way? Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice."

A Parables for Life Production **"Telling Stories"** **A Dramatic Presentation**



UNCOMMON LOVE

There were many examples of people sharing their resources to provide for the needs of children. There were people that shared our email requesting donations to the Back to School Outreach. As a result, a woman from another city in Texas sent us \$50. Another gave \$400 and they were received at the times of great need. We had a couple that came to our Christmas in July sale, they were two of five

people that came out that day. The purchase, donation, prayer, and kind words they spoke was such a blessing to us. We had a woman that mailed us a \$10 bill. We had four people to sponsor children. A Christian women's group took up an offering for our outreach and prayed for the teen boys when we stopped in before going shopping. We had people from all walks of life to help us in various ways.

And then there was the little golden coin purse. A lady embracing a little coin purse came up to me and sweetly said that was all she had along with an envelop of money. She said it was not much, but she wanted to give what she could to help children in need of clothes. In a time of great uncertainty, what a loving act, to give to others!

Uncommon Love

"...THEY ALL GAVE OUT OF THEIR WEALTH; BUT SHE, OUT OF HER POVERTY, PUT IN EVERYTHING - ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON."

READ MORE ABOUT THE WIDOW

MARK 12:42 -44



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Saturday, September 20, 2008

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2PM - 3:45PM

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