

# KINGDOM BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

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## THE TRAGEDY IN DEARBORN HEIGHTS

It is hard to believe I can still feel the terror of a year ago. I am amazed that we escaped the fate of Dearborn Heights. Our whole town was in horror over what was taking place just 20 miles away.

It was 10 AM and I was talking with my friend Elizabeth, who attended Dearborn Heights College, when our conversation ended abruptly. Elizabeth, what are you doing? You stopped in the middle of your sentence. All I could hear was silence. Finally, she spoke with a tone I only remembered hearing when we stayed up watching horror movies during spring break. "I can't believe what I am looking at.", she whispered. What do you mean Elizabeth, what's wrong? I was greatly alarmed, because I knew, by the sound of her voice, that something was terribly wrong. "Janice", she replied "I am looking out my window at this huge luminous dark cloud rolling down the street." Elizabeth began crying. "People are running trying to

escape knocking on the doors of houses, pulling at car doors screaming for help, trying to find some place safe, but no one will open their doors. No one will let them in Janice. As soon as the cloud reaches them they are swallowed up into the cloud's blackness, all you can hear is screaming!" She sounded so desperate as she continued to cry, "I am afraid Janice, I don't know what's going to happen. I am so afraid!" All of a sudden there was silence, her phone went dead. I tried to call back, but I could no longer get a connection. I panicked. What is going on? How can I help my dear friend? She needs help!

My hands trembling violently, I called the police. At first, all I heard was a busy signal. I dialed over and over again until finally I reached a voice. Before I could say the name Dearborn Heights, the police officer told me that something terrible was happening in the town. She went on to say, "All communication to the city has



been lost. Until authorities can determine the nature of the emergency, all entrances into the city will be blocked." I tried to press for more information, but the officer ended the call. She had no more information to give me.

It was not until days later did the world learn what happened in Dearborn Heights. The cloud that my friend, Elizabeth, saw disappeared as quickly as it came and it took with it many of the towns people that were not in buildings, or cars. The sad thing about it, most of the people would have been saved if only people would have opened their doors to let them in. *This is not a true story - yet...*

### PURPOSE OF THE KINGDOM BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

*To inspire, as many people as possible, to trust and obey God completely*

*To encourage, as many people as possible, to allow the Lord to work through them for His Kingdom building purposes*

*To share, with as many people as possible, the stories of ordinary people that have committed their lives to God's call to live and work as Kingdom builders*

*To promote and showcase examples of unity in the Body of Christ. John 17:21*

*Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in EARTH as it is in HEAVEN.*

*Matthew 6:10*



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## LORD I'M AFRAID FOR MY COUNTRY

Dear Lord,  
I'm afraid for my country, it is going to hell in a hand basket. If the elections don't go like I know they should, well, I just don't know what I am going to do. Maybe I'll protest, or maybe I'll just pray and ask you to remove, using any means necessary, that horrible

man if he wins. So many things are going wrong in my country, I am full of fear! I love you God, I just hate whose running for office. Love, John

Dear John,  
I want you to stop trying to reason things out in your own mind. The world is much big-

ger than what your mind can hold. The world, and all I created is in the palm of my hand. You must trust me if you are going to have any peace. I did not give you a spirit of fear. Remember John, the greatest thing is to love. With my Love that is eternal, God.



Children at work  
One of a kind masterpieces

*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.*

## PRECIOUS OIL

For three years Wholly Committed Ministries has served during HopeFest. It is a time when over 80 organizations, and churches come together to serve the community in Northeast Austin. Our organization's responsibility has always been to the children. We spend weeks preparing crafts for the children to make, keeping in mind the abilities of the youngest of the visitors that may come by our table. When that great day arrived, once again, we were ready for the influx of excited children. It is always such a blessing to serve in this way!

We were privileged to watch as

the children worked diligently on their masterpiece. We experienced the look of accomplishment when their product was finished, and in some cases we were able to catch that wide eyed look of amazement of the moment.

This year we had a large group of volunteers from the Austin Stone church to help us. It was so refreshing to have such enthusiastic young adults to work along side our organization. It was my first time meeting the crew of about 10 people that worked our table by shifts. Each and every person was extremely helpful. They

were kind to the children and a joy to work with.

That day reminded me of a favorite scripture: Psalm 133 1-2 *...How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil...*

Working with the volunteers from the Austin Stone Church made me feel like I had been bathed in that soothing fragrant anointing oil mention in Psalm 133. We, together, were able to serve the children, and in the process we got to experience first hand what it is really like to live and love by God's design.

## WHO IS MY BROTHER?

WE ARE MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE ONE LIFE  
AT A TIME.  
WE WOULD LOVE  
THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO SHARE WITH  
YOUR GROUP THE  
STORIES OF LIVES  
CHANGED THROUGH  
OUR OUTREACH  
EFFORTS.

Many of us have memories of a praying grandmother. You may have that one Aunt that can cook the old fashion way, or you heard talk of the aunt that cooked the dish that no one else knows how to make, thus it is gone forever. Even if those relatives are no longer with you they are still part of your heritage.

The family relationship through the ages has been a very important part of what makes up the

character and history of a person. Family, for some people, remains the most important part of who they are.

Jesus made clear the most important family relationship there is in Matthew 12: 46 - 49. As Jesus was teaching it was brought to his attention that his mother and brothers were there to speak to him, he said, *"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"* So, how can we know who our

brothers are? Jesus gives the answer in Matthew 12:50, *"Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister and mother!"* As you examine the current political atmosphere through the eyes of your family history, look a little harder past the flesh to the Spirit of God. As the feelings of old become unleashed remember who your brother really is. After all, we will be together for an eternity.

## HELP WANTED



Christians of all cultures  
standing together with  
courage and humility

Whenever a "Help Wanted" sign is posted it usually means people are needed. God has posted his sign in the Bible that states all are wanted. He does not discriminate, or divide by categories as we often do. All are invited to spend an eternity with him, and people are needed to share this good news with the world.

When you answer God's "Wanted" call your new title becomes "CHRISTIAN". It means you are a follower of

Christ. You begin to follow the pattern, the example of how Christ lived his life. This includes embracing the mandates written by God himself.

Throughout church history many accepted God's call, believing they were doing what God required. Some being over zealous caused harm, loosing sight that they were to pattern their lives after Christ. Some were not zealous enough and caused great harm, not understanding the

importance of living as Christ. A couple of examples to the above include the Salem witch hunts, and slavery in America.

In these times of great change, we have an opportunity to accept God's "Wanted" call. It requires the desire to completely obey and trust in God. It will take courage, and the gentleness of the LAMB.

## BEYOND YOUR CONTROL

She woke up with reality staring her in the face. She had worked in the finance department for years. Her employer could no longer pay her salary. Her continued search for employment was unsuccessful. There she was out of work, no income to pay the bills, or to help her daughter who had just left for college. No money for her car payment, or her rent. Where is the answer? What is she to do now?

A couple is living on the streets

with three small children. Desperate to feed her children the mother steals food and is arrested. Sentenced to 6 months in jail, the husband is left to care for the three little girls. He can't work because he has no child-care. Where is the answer? What is this family to do?

Thousands no longer have homes to go to due to devastating natural disasters. Banking losses of billions of dollars, due to the abuse of power and greed, will

cause suffering for thousands.

Some things are beyond your control. Where do you run to for help? You can't run to the genie in the bottle. The consumption of drugs and alcohol is never the answer. However, if you seek Christ, like never before, the fear that comes with your dire circumstances will be replaced with a strength to make it through the day, and it will give you hope for tomorrow. To make it through - you must **believe** that, in the midst of your Storm, God is there.



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13 NIV*

*All articles written by Sheila Green unless otherwise stated.*

## HOW SHOULD WE LIVE?

As sons and daughters of the Most High - how should we live in the days ahead? The answer involves deep soul searching, and the willingness to follow Christ teachings. Read what Jesus says in Luke 6:27 - 38 NLT.

*“if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Pray for the happiness of those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn the other cheek. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give what you have to anyone who asks you for it; and when things are taken from you, don't try to get them*

*back. Do for others as you would like them to do for you. Do you think you deserve credit merely for loving those who love you? Even the sinners do that! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, is that so wonderful? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, what good is that? Even sinners will lend to their own kind for a full return.*

*Love your enemies! Do good to them! Lend to them! And don't be concerned that they might not repay. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to the unthankful and*

*to those who are wicked.*

*You must be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Stop judging others, and you will not be judge. Stop criticizing others, or it will all come back on you. If you forgive others, you will be forgiven. If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving - large or small - it will be used to measure what is given back to you.” Jesus the Lamb of God*



Are you willing to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus? You must have unyielding commitment, unrelenting determination, and a willingness to submit to the authority of God. Only a few will choose to live as a dedicated follower of Christ.

## UNCOMMON LOVE

As part of this month's article we want to offer you the opportunity to contribute to the newsletter. If you know of an incident or witness an act of uncommon love, send the story to Wholly Committed Ministries at PO Box 905, Pflugerville TX 78691-0905. We will include your story in future newsletters. (To fit your story in our newsletter format, articles chosen may be edited.)

Let's highlight the greatest illustration of uncommon love found in the Bible:

**John 3:16**

***For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

In the months ahead Christians from every walk of life, every race and denomination will need to put on display, and into practice what we have learned from JESUS - love, unselfish, and unconditional love. Love that is not tainted by racism or prejudice, or overshadowed by one's fears. We have an opportunity that has rarely been taken by massive numbers of Christians in history before.

**Uncommon Love**

**Fortitude**  
*Strength, courage, determination, resilience, guts, stamina*



Uncommon love  
Harmless as a dove



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### About the Town

*Wholly Committed Ministries was graciously invited to be a part of two events in November. We hope that you will come out to meet us face to face, and learn about other organizations and churches making a difference in the community.*

**November 16th - In The City. For The City.** Greater Austin Ministry Expo and Celebration. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 North Congress Ave, Austin, TX 4 - 8:30 PM. For more information go to [www.abbaconnect.net](http://www.abbaconnect.net)

**November 22nd - Texas Reach Out Ministries 3rd Annual "Free Indeed" Celebration.** Christian Life Church, 4700 Westgate Blvd., Austin, TX 2 - 5 PM. For more information go to [www.texasreachout.org](http://www.texasreachout.org)  
*At this event we are holding our Christmas Bazaar. Offering handmade Christmas gifts and ornaments for sale, a fundraiser for Wholly Committed Ministries.*

*Representing Christ on earth, and making a  
 difference around the world!*



*Walking with people through the challenging times of life*