

# Standing In The Gap

*This ministry is for the sole purpose of reaching and touching people's lives with the love of Jesus Christ through acts of kindness. Matthew 6: 3 says, "But when you give to the needy (spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially), do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness." ~Psalm 115:1*

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Dear Friends and Servants of Jesus Christ,

Happy Spring! The Bible Incorporated says, "With God's help you can run through a troop, leap over a wall, and triumph in the works of your hands, so run that you may obtain. Thanks be to God which gives you the victory and makes you more than a conqueror, through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Psalms 18:29, Psalms 92:4, I Corinthians 9:24, I Corinthians 15:57 and Romans 8:37)

We don't have to travel far to see the results of a tender touch or a small act of kindness to change a life. The people we are meeting and ministering to are starving to see God's love through our lives and actions. The other day we took several women we have been involved with to church, lunch and a fundraiser for a local ministry. At the end of the day, one of the women shared that this day was just what she needed to get back on track with Jesus. She had been able to share her heart and cry about her only son dying of cancer a few years ago. Another lady who has been helping and hanging with us, put her head on one of our shoulders and asked, "Can I please be part of the family?" We told her we love her and that if she gives her heart to Jesus Christ she will be part of the Family of God! Are we willing to spend time with those God places in front of us so they can learn from us, become excited about Jesus Christ for the first time or all over again? As we give our time to these individuals, more will come to Jesus.

Many of you have mentioned that you enjoy the specifics of where your donations are being applied. Here are just some of the stories. Pies! A wife who has cancer and her husband were struggling to get into their van. We realized they were having a hard time and asked them if they needed any help. They said they had to get to the store quickly before it closed and pick up the pies they had ordered for Christmas. We went and got the pies for them. A request was made to buy Aldi gift cards for individuals for the Christmas season. We were in line to purchase the gift certificates and the lady a couple of places in front of us only had a few things in her cart. She mentioned to the cashier that she only had \$7.00 left for groceries☺ Because we don't want to shame anyone, we didn't offer her help right then. We bought the gift cards and headed out the door. There she was sitting in her car in the disabled parking spot. We went over to her and gave her one of the gift certificates. As we walked away, the Lord spoke very clearly to go back and give her another one. We told her how much Jesus Christ loves her and that He wants her heart. She was visibly shaken, and told us, "Nobody has ever done anything like this for me before!" If you knew how many times we hear this comment. You helped a grandma buy Christmas gifts for her two granddaughters. Their mom died of a heroin overdose, and grandma

is raising the girls. You bought a phone for a low-income woman who had brain surgery and has epilepsy. One Godly, disabled woman with cancer was in distress because she didn't have enough money for repairs on her electric chair; a financial gift to a pastor that is ministering to the Mexican population in Maryland; supplies for missions trips and help with memorial dinners when needed; a love offering to our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka. A war-torn man at Pressley Street apartments was going to be evicted if he didn't get a bed and clean his place up. The maintenance people there contacted us and asked if we could do something. You did. Sadly, many women are being referred to us because their husbands are walking out on them for other women/men. You have donated groceries, clothing, monetary assistance for car repairs and utility bills to these ladies. A long-term, sickly woman was blessed with help for her medical bills that are out of control; a man almost died from a motorcycle accident. God did a miracle and he is living! You helped him out after missing much time from his work. One lady has been ministering to the down and outers. You blessed her so she could take these children of God out to lunch. An elderly, sick, low-income couple in Ohio had bed bugs so bad that the therapist cried out to us to help with the cost of an exterminator. A 12-year old Bhutanese girl was baptized, and when asked if she had a bible, she said "no" and that she would like an English one. You got her one and one for her friend. She sent a thank you note telling us that she and her friend are reading their bibles together! We got a call from NYS for Gideon bibles for two hospitals that were requesting them. You purchased 200 of them. You have purchased flowers, gas cards, restaurant gift cards, etc. for those who are struggling mentally, physically, financially and spiritually. The list goes on. Thank you.

We invited two women to join us on the board. Proverbs 15:22 – Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Jill Casaldi and Judy Kendall both have a deep love for Jesus Christ, and they have a vision and desire to reach the world around us. They have come along beside SITG and have supported us for several years. Their ideas, talents, time and energy will only benefit and increase God's Kingdom through SITG.

Please pray for direction, wisdom and obedience as we research other additional areas God may be calling us into. Love like you will never get hurt. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Because Jesus cares, gives and lives,



Ruth for all of us

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