

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 Co-Laborers in Jesus Christ,

Been thinking about what it will take for us to be faithful and true to our Savior, Jesus Christ, until He returns. The words "consumed (devoted, inspired, obsessed, addicted) with Christ" come to mind. How did Noah stay faithful to God? How did Daniel stay alive in the lion's den? How did King David deal with his enemies? How did Mary say "yes"? Stephen? Paul? The Disciples? Consumed with Christ! "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him". (James 1:12)

Dress A Girl Around The World Project – Judy Kendall continues to do an awesome job! All 70 dresses that were made at the last sewing day were delivered to our precious girls. We sent 35 dresses to the Dominican Republic with a 17-year old, and the trip changed his life forever. Another 35 dresses went to Rio during the Olympics. What a joy to be a part of defeating the works of the devil through this endeavor. Judy is planning more sewing days soon.

Our third annual grocery distribution will take place on the Monday before Thanksgiving. Jill Casaldi has organized the delivery of 25 grocery bags each year to homes in the Boeltzhoover neighborhood in Pittsburgh. We have had much fruit for Christ from these outings. This year, the goal is to put together 50 bags for delivery to homes that He directs us to. We have prayed with the sick, cried with the struggling, made friends and have discipled those we have met and laughed with those touched by His love.

This past weekend, SITG walked in the first annual "Recovery Walk" to celebrate the victory of our Christian brothers and sisters who have overcome addictions. We also wanted to remember those we know who have lost family members to addictions and to those still struggling. We at SITG know that Christ is the only one that will heal our broken hearts and set us free.

Our behind the scenes giving used to benefit mostly women, but as the Lord increases our territory, we want to help as many as we can with some type of gift of love including women, children, men and whole families because of Christ. We encouraged a man struggling emotionally and financially; helped a young 19-year old mother of two and pregnant with her

third get undergarments. She was still wearing the undergarments her foster parents had bought her seven years earlier☺; you bought a widowed, elderly, low-income woman a mattress; gas and groceries for a struggling family out of work; the costs of delivering furniture and clothing to a beautiful, young Christian woman in McKees Rocks; groceries for many struggling, abused women; you helped with two funeral-related costs – both were for families whose children died from drug causes; you blessed struggling Veterans; supplies for our card-making project at Pressley Street Apts. (we always have a great time of ministry here); you have helped our widows cut their grass and clean their apartments; a woman who had two mastectomies, many lymph nodes removed, chemo, large tumor in her upper chest and is single with two children; a single woman whose dad had surgery needed encouragement; donation to Urban Impact for one of our teenagers; donations for missionaries in Russia and our World Vision girl in India; assistance for someone with a bug bed problem; a monetary gift for a young couple whose “Baby Nina” was in the hospital after birth; costs to help a young mother get a new apartment after being in a shelter with her two girls from domestic violence; car repairs for a woman trying to get to her job; dinner for a single woman who had complete shoulder surgery and ended up with pneumonia and congestive heart failure; yarn for blankets for a rehab home; simple household items for low-income individuals; and a weekly PAT bus pass for one of our struggling ladies.

May the grace of our Lord be poured on you abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Because Jesus cares, gives and lives,



Ruth for all of us



Dresses to the Dominican



Celebrating Recovery

Pennsylvania Representatives: Laura Batchelder, Maureen Boeltz, Jill Casaldi, Dawn Hurley, Judy Kendall, Ruth Mueller and Marsha Nylund

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