

# 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 the LORD Jesus Christ,

And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus – Philippians 4:19. Two very recent testimonies of this: 1) One of our contacts is getting ready to foster a 15-year old, 6'4" special needs young man. She mentioned that he would need a double or queen-size bed because of his size. My mind was thinking, "No he doesn't." The next day, while talking to a friend, she exclaimed, "My husband and I are getting rid of our queen-size bedroom set!" The Lord spoke in my heart, "Maybe you don't think he needs it, but I want him to have the best!" Okay, my precious Savior! 2) Our helper and I were standing in front of her daughter's house (she is away for a while) in the city and the grass was knee-high and the place looked a mess. The lawnmower SITG purchased was in her daughter's garage with a padlock on it, and we couldn't get to it. We began to pray that the Lord would show us what to do. At that moment, a landscape truck with a lawnmower on its trailer when buzzing by! We shouted the man down, and he referred us to a man who could do it. The man showed up 20 minutes later, had a profound limp and was handicapped, with a weedwhacker. He did the whole lawn and shrubs with that weedwhacker! That day the Lord chose the weak and humble to meet our need.

We were blessed this spring to be able to assist our contacts, Natalie Thomas, Diane Bunch, and Lynn Young with tea parties, Mother's Day Celebrations, cardmaking, etc., for our dear people in the cities of Pittsburgh and Washington, PA. The love and excitement for all of us was straight from heaven. Sandy Beaumont, one of our fearless helpers, wrote this about her experiences at one of these outings: "A billboard on the way to the city had the word Abundant written on it. The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, 'Abundant Love'. And so the Lord let us be that love to many this day. One lady asked for prayer, and we were able to encourage her to forgive the one who had hurt her so deeply. A sister in the Lord asked us to pray for her granddaughter who was missing and within ½ hour she was located. We prayed, by faith, with a Veteran, who was in horrible pain because of his spinal stenosis, that he would be healed. Finally, we were walking around the tables saying hello and we met a political woman who represents that area of the city. We asked if she was a "born again" believer. She wasn't and gave her life to Jesus Christ that moment!"

One of our board member's son, Matt Casaldi, is in the Honor Society in High School. He had this to say: "For my national honor society project, we raised money to feed families in need

through SITG. The proceeds were given to 25 families lacking an Easter meal and were blessed with the gift.” We thank Calvary Full Gospel Assembly of God for being a big part of this.

This summer we want to help a wonderful, godly group in Bethel Park, “The Seed Project”. This organization is planning a Christian summer day camp in the Coverdale/Miners Park area from July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> for children ages 4-15. The kids will be receiving breakfast and lunch but most of all be learning about our Lord Jesus Christ. We don’t know what all this will entail, but God will let us know. If this interests you in any way, let us know, and we will put you to work with our dear brothers and sisters!

Since our last communication to you, you have blessed families who have lost much or all of their earthly belongings to house fires. You have loved on prisoners, the homeless, the lower income population, young people going on missions trips, widows, single mothers, the handicapped, those with mental health issues, ex-drug addicts, our little girl in India through World Vision, grieving parents of twins that died, rape victims, cancer patients, women and children whose husbands have just up and left through counseling sessions, supplies for missionaries, clothing, groceries, monetary gifts, partial utility and mortgage costs, welcome bags at a low-income apartment complex, medical bills, appliances, car repairs, fuel, encouragement luncheons for those whose birthday it is and have no one, roses for elderly moms for Mother’s Day, partial retreat costs, help with caregiving costs, U-hauls, funeral expenses, beds, etc.

Thank you for your continued support. He uses you to supply Standing In The Gap’s every need!

Because Jesus cares, gives and lives,



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