

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 our LORD Jesus Christ,

Through tears, she said, "Nobody has ever done anything like this for me before." We hear this often after ministering to others in Jesus' name through acts of kindness. Nobody ever did what Jesus did for us either! While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. What love!

Natalie was diagnosed with stage four liver cancer four months ago. The doctors gave her four months to live. At that time, she told them they were not God to tell her when she would be dying, and today she is still living and the cancer has strunk remarkably. However, she is not "out of the woods". Wherever she goes, she is saying God is healing her! Renee, from Mt. Washington, came to bible study last fall. Renee kept coming back, and about a month ago, we led her to Jesus Christ. She was baptized in the pool that day. Renee is now growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. When we met Natalie and even now sometimes, she can be very "rough around the edges"! Thank God we didn't give up on her. Natalie is the one who brought Renee to bible study!

From board member Judy Kendall regarding the Dress Project – "As of this date, we have completed 918 dresses, of which 883 have been distributed by 20 different mission trips going to locations all over the world. This last month alone, 140 of these dresses, by request of specific sizes, were packaged and are making their way to two locations, Sayao and Argao in the province of Marinduque in the Philippines. The school requesting these made a statement, 'The children here are in dire need!' I John 3:17 teaches, 'But if anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?' We plan to continue this project, so we, who are humble imitators of our Jesus, can try to first meet some of the needs of His beloved children, and then, by being mirrors, we can reflect His great love to them. All for the glory of His Kingdom. Thank you to all who have cut, pressed, sewn delivered, purchased fabric or contributed money for the purchase of fabric and supplies for this ministry."

From board member Marsha Nylund – "We share the same name. Marcia/Marsha needed everything. Running from an abusive situation, she had left it all behind. That day, it was good to see a place where God is moving amongst His hurting people. One woman had lost her mother and had a house full of furniture. The other was trying to make a fresh start with her son.

God brought it together with miraculous detail so ALL involved could see His providence and great love. Now you can see it too, because you have cared to be a part of that day when you helped SITG. That day, we all shared a taste of His goodness.”

On September 9th, we will be assisting Nickki, from Pittsburgh, put together a fundraiser for “Bullying Against Teens” at Warrington Recreation Center from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We believe God is asking us to continue to come along beside others who have dreams but do not always have the resources to “get going”. She also has a dream to start a home to get young ladies off the streets to rescue them from human trafficking. This is God’s heart. He came to defeat the works of the devil.

Jill Casaldi, board member, will be in charge of the 4th Annual Thanksgiving Drive. We will again partner with Swissvale Cares, a food pantry in Swissvale, that feeds lower income families twice a month. We hope to do 250 bags this year. The bags will be distributed on Tuesday, November 20th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

You provided new clothing for two young boys whose house burned down; you helped single women with car repairs; encouragement for troubled marriages; mentoring through bible studies and lunches; one man’s parent died and had no money. You assisted with the funeral. You purchased cleanup supplies, meals and gifts for flood victims; you put together welcome bags for a low-income apartment complex; cleaning and supplies for sick, elderly women; flowers to beautify the Allentown/Beltzhoover area; gas and groceries for an unemployed family with kids; lunch for a Godly kid’s camp; a desperate, 66 year-old, divorced after 40 years, woman needed funds and helping hands to move; front and back doors for a single mom whose house was broken into and burned; clothing for a struggling widow; funds to helpers who picked up furniture and delivered it to a woman who had nothing; a hard-working, struggling man was blessed with gas for his car; groceries and some medical bills for hurting widows and women whose husbands have abandoned them; a husband starting a new business needed encouragement; a car accident for one couple and knee surgery for another older woman who had medical bills and you gave them both hope; single, working mom’s son getting married needed a monetary gift; clearance clothing for orphanages overseas; Subway gift cards for families of one adult and a two-year old with brain cancer; SHIM referred a single, working mom who had been unemployed and was trying to catch up. You helped her with school supplies and clothing for her children.

Thank you for providing the resources for what God has all of us doing!

Because Jesus cares, gives and lives,



Love from all of us

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