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Feed The Elderly!



*"I
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Dear Co-Laborers In Christ,

Several weeks ago while visiting the Feed the Hungry kitchen in San Marcos to see if enough food was being received daily to feed all the children, I was told the following story that touched my heart.

Eight children had gotten in line twice and were trying to sneak food out in little plastic bags. When they went to take the food from one little girl she began to cry and said, ***"Please don't take the food away from me. My grandmother is at home hungry and there is nothing to eat!"*** They told me they had to take the food because several children had not eaten and the pots were empty.

When they told me this story, I immediately thought of my own little granddaughter. What if that was me, and Stephany was trying to sneak food in a plastic bag for me. My mind went to my Mom and Dad... how God so wondrously provided for them and I could serve the Lord on a foreign field knowing they had something to eat.

Just as God dealt with my heart over the first Feed the Hungry kitchens, He began to deal with my heart again. It would have been easy to just choose a few old people and send plates of food to them everyday, but just like the children, they need to hear that Jesus loves them; they need to **hear** the Gospel. These old folks don't come to church; some can hardly walk. ***Most are so close to going to meet God!*** The more I thought about it, the more burdened I became.

What God has done in the past few weeks is AMAZING.

Stevie and the young people in our office began to work. They looked for old people who were suffering and hungry... then a house was rented; two Christian ladies were found to cook and another to teach...and we were ready! The old people are brought in everyday in the Mission van. Some have to be carried in and out of the bus. They range in age from 70 to 86.

The other day as we and Doyle and Margaret Gunter, who were visiting us, neared the kitchen, we heard those beautiful old voices singing "Yes, Jesus Loves Me", and later they all quoted John 3:16 together. They've never been in church; they've never read the Bible, and now in their old age God is showing His marvelous grace and mercy. Our greatest joy was the report last week that **nine** have received the Lord.

We only meant to start with twenty but we already have fifty and more that need to come. This is the first letter we've written about this new ministry but God is already providing. Through our testimony at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Powder Springs, Georgia, someone gave \$1,000.00 (would you believe this is exactly what we received 14 years ago to start Feed the Hungry for the children). Also Bob mentioned this program at the Draketown Baptist Church and received over \$400.00; also two families have promised to help.

We figure it will take about \$15.00 per month per person for food. I believe God is going to touch many, many hearts to help us. Every old person we bring to the kitchen is hearing the Gospel everyday. This is the number one purpose. They receive a simple Bible story giving God's plan of salvation. They're learning to sing just like the children and they're learning Bible verses.

This has been a long letter but it would take pages to tell you what I feel in my heart. You would feel the same if you had stood in the midst of all these precious old people as I did. One doesn't have any feet, just two balls that have been deformed by arthritis. She is carried in and out. Another old gentleman couldn't eat because his stomach hurt so bad; I sent him to the doctor. I had a feeling I was doing something for my own precious Dad, who went to heaven at the age of 86, and my Mom who is still living at 93.

Maybe this is something you would like to do in honor or in memory of your Mom and Dad. We need a lot of things to make our kitchen appropriate. We need more tables and chairs, a refrigerator; also we need monthly support to buy the food, pay the workers, and pay the rent on the house.

God will repay whatever you can give. We'll keep you informed on souls that are saved and, as one of the national pastors told me, ***we believe many old people will come to know the Lord through this ministry.***

Love In Christ,

Joan Tyson

Since these pictures were made, more old people are coming. I pray this will bless your heart as it has mine.



You can't look at one of these precious souls without wanting to weep - they've suffered so much.



← Not enough chairs for everyone.

→ Jesus can put a beautiful smile on all those wrinkles.





**A plate of food to fill the
stomach and spiritual food to
fill the soul.**

**Everyday more are coming!
Nine of these precious souls are
now prepared for heaven.**

**Listening to the Word of God.
The gentleman in the middle is
86 years old.**



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