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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

In this passage the Lord is speaking to Abraham about Sarah and him having a child when they are really old and past child bearing years. I believe that this question became the foundation for Abraham's life as it has for me and should be for every believer. My pastor, Rev. Marvin Anderson just spoke on this passage on Father's Day. He was speaking about how we measure if we are good fathers and what we pass on as fathers. This is what Abraham's spiritual father, God the Father, passed on to him. It is still relevant to pass on today. However, first we must receive the word given, second believe the word given and third pass the word on by our thought, word and deed. We really need to live by our words. If we really receive it and believe it, we need to pass it on by our deeds. We can't just stop at salvation! As we approach the end times of this world and the rest of eternity, I find that I keep asking myself, "Is this the will of God for me and the calling He has on my life? Does what I am doing go with the gifts He deposited into me?" More and more I am thinking and praying about judgment day. When I get there all the work I have ever done outside the will of God on my life will be burned up. But what's done for Christ (motivation) and the call on my life (obedience) will last. This is really evident in some people's lives when they are totally disobedient to the teachings of God's Word. Many, but certainly not all, of our clients are not following the will of God for their lives and it's obvious. They are partying all the time. They can't hold a job. Their relationships with others are always in an uproar, etc. These people need salvation first and that is where we begin. Then there are other clients that are really trying to do the right thing. They are not partying all the time. They work to rectify their past. They get jobs at Wal Mart or Burger King trying to make ends meet. Or maybe they have a past like a woman who came in the other day. She worked at New Lisbon Development Center for years. Then her husband got cancer. She quit her job to take care

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of him for two years. He went on to be with the Lord. Before she got another job she was in a terrible car accident. The driver was killed. She had many broken bones and many other serious injuries. When she came to see us two years later, she had lost all her insurance right before her colostomy was to be reversed. She had no disability payments left and no money coming in. **BUT she had Jesus.** She was living Romans 4:17,18. "In the sight of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. In hope again hope he believed..." You see, this woman had salvation. She had a relationship with Jesus. She kept pressing on because she knew she was doing the will of God for her life when she quit her job to take care of her husband. God spared her life in a car accident. She had hope that soon her insurance and welfare she had applied for would come through. When she came in for help with food, she also asked for help with flanges (that was the bandage part that attaches the hole in her stomach to the bag.) Running out of the flange with no money was bad enough. But then she told me that she used sandwich bags someone at a yard sale gave her and she connects it with duct tape. The interviewer, Shirley and I were speechless! Shirley ran in the back and found a donation of surgical tape. We were able to secure two boxes of flanges through our Salvation Army Service Unit. And the woman—she was just grateful—God had answered her prayers that day for food and supplies. I had to ask myself on the way home "Is there anything too hard for God?" My pastor asked, "Are you preparing for your future here or for eternity with the things you do?" I believe you are preparing for your future in eternity and I want to thank you for allowing the Lord to use you at the Christian Caring Center. Without your prayers, donations (someone donated that surgical tape not knowing who would need it), volunteering and support, we wouldn't have been here for this woman or all the others.

Abiding in Him,

Madelyn C. Mears-Sheldon

EMERGENCY FOOD AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center Emergency Food and Clothing Program helped 315 families or 1,086 individuals with 9,700 meals and \$4,320 in clothing vouchers and two gave their life to Jesus in the month of May 2007.

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center in the Community Lunch/Rural Homeless Program served hot cooked lunches and continental breakfast in the month of 1,167 in May, 2007. We also go out every Wednesday and Friday to the woods to serve a hot lunch to homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens.

JACK STELLE MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

We have three men in the Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter (Elijah, Bill and Girard). Elijah has been blessed to secure his own apartment in a Senior Citizens Apartment complex but is still waiting to get called in. Bill and Elijah are working at the Christian Caring Center under the 55+ Department of Labor Program. Girard is currently looking for work and is at the Center six days per week. All three men are attending local churches and weekly Bible study. We ask that you keep all of them in your prayers as they allow the Lord Jesus to work in their lives. We are excited about what God is doing in their lives.

NEW JERSEY SHARES UTILITY

This program helps working employed households pay utility bills that are endangered of being shut off or are shut off. We were able to help fourteen households with \$8,017 in the month of May 2007.

Back to School Baskets

We are beginning to plan and prepare for the back to school baskets and the gift certificates for the shoes to the children. We are planning distribution on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21st and 22nd. We will again be at the Tabernacle of Praise Church, Browns Mills. This is a great opportunity for you and your children, your church, your Sunday School Class, your business, your civic group, etc. to give to others in the community as part of the body of Christ. If you would like to help us--*we need you more than ever!* We usually have enough donations from Christmas and Easter to purchase the gift certificates for the shoes but donations did not come in this year. So, if necessary, we will have to make a decision for back packs only or just limit the number of children we can help. You can have us come to speak to you about the Christian Caring Center, you can collect back packs, school supplies or shoe certificates for \$10, hygiene items and/or you can come volunteer. You can donate financially--we estimate each Back to School Basket to cost about \$35 each. Please mark all checks made out to the Christian Caring Center, "baskets". Thanks for all your support.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Lord through the Salvation Army and the Christian Caring Center were able to help fourteen households or thirty four individuals with five prescriptions, two utilities and ten nights lodging in the month of May, 2007

BUILDING FUND DRIVE

To date we have deposited \$16,050. Praise the Lord! We are still waiting for confirmation that we will have our certificate of filing from the NJ Pinelands on the Christian Caring Center building. I am so pleased to announce that our contractor for 84 Delap Court (Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter) has secured the first building permit and estimates thirty days to completion of the shelter renovations. Praise the Lord!!! Please keep this in your prayers!! If you would like to donate, please mark your checks "Building Fund". Thanks! We are looking to secure volunteers to help with a Building Fund Campaign. We have researched some foundations to apply to for grants. Please keep us in your prayers as we march forward on this new building addition. Our vision is to be debt free with no mortgage!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BASKETS

BACK PACKS, PAPER, HIGHLIGHTERS, ERASERS, RULERS, STICK GLUES, PENCIL HOLDERS OR PENCILBOXES, PENS, COMPASS, PENCILS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, SCISSORS, NOTEBOOKS, BINDERS, FOLDERS, INDEX CARDS, SOAP, INDEXES FOR BINDERS, CALCULATOR, BOOK COVERS, STAPLER, HAIRSPRAY, MOUTHWASH, HAIR GEL, SHAMPOO, TOOTH BRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SHAVERS FOR OLDER KIDS, CALCULATORS \$10 GIFT CARDS FROM WALMART \$10 GIFT CARD PAYLESS SHOES.

CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

1.) **CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER “Free” Car Wash**

Friday, July 13th from 4-7 PM and Saturday, July 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM
At the Pemberton Burger King, Route 530 (extension of Rt. 38) and Hanover Street,
Pemberton, NJ

2.) **CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER Sunday Brunch Fund Raiser**

Sunday, August 12th from 1-3 PM
At the County House Restaurant, Rt. 530 (extension of RT. 38), Pemberton, NJ
Adults \$25.00, Children under 12 \$20.00. Entertainment provided

3.) **FRIENDS OF THE CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER RECIPE BOOK**

Be thinking of your three favorite recipes. A form will be included with the July Christian Caring Center Newsletter for you to submit your three recipes by August 31st. They will be compiled into a Christian Caring Center Recipe Book with recognition of your recipe.

4.) **THE BELIEVER’S RACE BOARD GAME is coming.**

We need your support to make it a success. Make a special one time donation to support our efforts. Mark your donations as “Fund Raiser #1”. (For more information and to receive a flyer, call Shirley at the Christian Caring Center.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

- ☺ Attend Christian Caring Center sponsored Events, i.e. Car Wash, Sunday Brunch, etc.
- ☺ Be a three times a year Volunteer—Help by staffing a Christian Caring Center event three times during the year. Call the Christian Caring Center to register to be a Volunteer.
- ☺ Support the “Free” Car Wash by donation 10 cents per car washed. Call Debbie at the Christian Caring Center to register your sponsorship (100 cars would be a \$10.00 donation)