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Monthly Newsletter

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Exodus 2:3-4 "But when she could not longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him."

Today I want to talk to you about Moses, Aaron and Miriam's mother, Jochebed. In a few weeks it will be Mother's Day and I know that most of us think of Proverbs 31 when we think of the virtuous woman. Many of you know that I have two wonderful natural born sons Jason, 31 and Josh 24. But God has also given me bonus children, my adopted son Harry and seven other foster children. Although they are all grown now, they still consider me mom and grandmom to their children. After my recent marriage I also inherited three more stepdaughters. Altogether we have thirteen children and fourteen grandchildren. We love every minute of their lives and ours and how God has molded us into one family. However, as you can imagine, it wasn't and at times still isn't an easy road. My foster children have been through a whole lot and therefore manifested many problems. Many times I have reflected back to how Jochebed must have felt when she had to let Moses go down stream on his own totally in God's hands. She must have been terrified because verse 4 tells us that she could not even watch. Moses' "sister stood afar off to know what would be done to him". I remember many times feeling like that. I remember having been blessed also when some of the children returned home to their natural parents, being blessed like Jochebed and included still in their lives as well as when I had custody allowing all the natural parents to be involved as much as they could. Still to this day, they are all grown and most of them have their own families now. On holidays children, grandchildren and natural parents all come together. What a blessing from God!

APRIL, 2008

I can only tell you that it took much work, sacrifice and yielding to the Holy Spirit on everyone's part to accomplish that. I know that many of you have had similar lives both at home and at our church home. Becoming spiritual mothers and grandmothers to new believers and mentoring/disciplining requires much of the same. That is what we do also down at the Christian Caring Center. Some clients come in only wanting some food but find love and acceptance. Then they start coming regularly. Then they start wanting to volunteer or they are assigned by the Welfare to Work Program or a Community Service Program. They begin to see how "Church Ladies and Church Men" are just real people as we begin to share with them and work side by side with them. They begin to see how we all have our different responsibilities, but we work as a team (or family). When we don't know what to do, we pray together and search the Word of God and wait until we do know what to do. But most important is what happens when we make a mistake. We confess one to another, sometimes at morning devotion (whatever is appropriate for the situation) and we begin again. We always tell everyone the good thing about God is you never fail a test; you just keep taking it over until you pass-Praise the Lord! I just want to encourage all of you to keep up your good work of disciplining in whatever ministry you are called to at home and outside the home. I just want to really thank you for twenty five years of being supportive with your prayers, donations and time that you have given to the Christian Caring Center. With all the good ministries out there, we are so very blessed that you have chosen us to support. Without you, this would not be possible and lives would not be changed by the glory of God. God Bless you!

Abiding in Him,
Madelyn C. Mears-Sheldon

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped 292 families or 794 individuals including 70 singles with 8114 meals and \$3,115 of clothing vouchers in the month of March, 2008.

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center served 1334 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of March, 2008. We also go out to the woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver lunch and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens. We also take out other professionals from mental health organizations like Drenk, Family Service and other outreach people from organizations like Crossroads, Inc. (a youth run away shelter). On the second Wednesday of every month we have the Good Shepherd Mobile Clinic come down to the Christian Caring Center parking lot. All medical and dental services are absolutely free along with the prayers of the missionary Drs. Charles and Grace Cho and their volunteers and now the Burlington County Board of Health also comes out once a month on Wednesday. **There is always hope with JESUS!**

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Lord through the Salvation Army helped 23 households or 42 individuals with \$915 for rent/lodging, \$189.88 for prescriptions, \$375 for utilities; totaling \$1,479.88 in the month of March, 2008. The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Army. All funds donated go directly to the client's needs. Please continue to pray for more assistance in the area for utility/heating costs. There is very little funding in this area and the costs are sky rocketing as you know.

NEW JERSEY SHARES PROGRAM

The New Jersey Shares Program is a utility help program for working persons. We were able to help 7 households with \$3,325 in the month of March, 2008. Thanks for praying--this program has received some funding-PTL!!!

RESURRECTION BASKETS

We were able to distribute Easter Food Baskets to 472 households. We also gave 1,278 candy baskets to the children. Praise the Lord!!



ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We have our date for our Twenty Fifth Anniversary. It will be on Thursday, May 15, 2008, 7 PM at the Marriott Hotel, 913 Route 73, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054. We are so excited! We will be offering this dinner free and an offering/pledge will be taken at the dinner. This will be a celebration to bring Glory to God for twenty five years of ministry. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please let us know. If you would like information about being a table captain please let us *know*. *Our goal is to have a full table from every supporting church and all our individual donors who share in our ministry. **KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR OUR SPECIAL INVITATION!***