

## God's Love In My Heart Makes All The Difference



By Dee Stribling

Long before Jesus gave us His now famous parable of the "good Samaritan," the Golden Rule was known. Scholars say that a version of the Rule existed even in pre-Bible times. So people have always known that it is good to help a neighbor. Our hearts tells us so.

Once we see a neighbor in need, and *we pause long enough* to imagine how he must feel, the Rule may kick in. We might do something to alleviate the despair.

However, our own activities may crowd in so much that we won't get to this point. Pre-occupation with self needs may prevent us from listening to our hearts. True, we must take care of our own needs, but with God's inspiration, we also will know when to take a break at the right time in behalf of our neighbor. The seasoned Christian will keep himself unencumbered from the things of this world.

That's why it is important to walk "in the Spirit." Paul said those who do are the true people of God.

## LISTEN FOR HIS VOICE

By Margaret Stribling

I have shared this story with a couple of folks already. I recently drove to Colorado to visit my brother and took the trip in two days, staying over night in Hays, Ks.. I could drive all the way but my eyes get too tired the last couple of hours.

Anyway I pray about who to bless on the trip. As I was leaving the motel on the way up to Colorado I felt I should write

a note and paper clip it to a \$50.00 bill and give it to the clerk at the desk who ever it was. I handed it to the woman as I left. She just kind of laid it down, so I told her there was a \$50.00 bill with the note, don't throw it away. She seemed stressed, around 60 years old. I prayed for her as I left. I turned my room key/card in at that time so she apparently got my address off the register. She did not know I was connect to a ministry.



### She wrote me a note:

Dear Margaret,

A note to say Thank You for the beautiful little note and the \$50.00. I was so in shock and blessed by the gift. I should have given you a hug.

All morning I had been wondering how I could get some extra cash to fill my car with gas, as my husband is gravely ill with cancer, and he is unemployed and at home so sick. So our funds are very short. I work 2 jobs about 65 to 70 hours a week to try to make ends meet.

I prayed the night before for extra cash to pickup a few groceries and get some gas to hold me over to payday. You were definitely a God sent.

Again Margaret Thank you ever so much for your act of kindness and love for others that you have.

May God bless you always !

K. T.

- **Two of the people I told about this situation sent money to help Kathy and her husband.**

Also on my trip I took a sack of quarters and prayed about where to leave some of them at the rest stops, in the bathrooms on the counter, on picnic tables, near the vending machine and on the ground. The nudges came and it was easy to visualize someone finding them that needed a touch of what they might think of as good luck, and perhaps some had even prayed for a little change. My desire was that children would find the coins and laugh with glee.... Who ever God had in mind for the coins, possibly even a maintenance worker, my prayers were that they were and are walking with Jesus and practicing HIS presence.

# Margaret

## Get Up And Go To IHOP

Several weeks ago I woke up at 3 am and was praying... I felt God said get up and go to IHOP. Must say I resisted a little, but finally I got up at 4 am and was at the IHOP by 4:30 am.

There was a car with two people in it in front of the restaurant and as I got out of my car to go in, the lady (turned out to be the waitress) rolled her window down and said they were closed for another 30 minutes as they were spraying for bugs.

So I got back in the car and *immediately knew I was to bless the guy (who was the cook) and the waitress*. I gave them each \$100.00 and told them God had sent me to IHOP but obviously it was not for the pancakes. I believed HE wanted to bless you two.

They both got out of the car and came and gave me a hug. She said, "OH, this was such a slow night and it's my little girl's birthday today. Thank You so much !"

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*  
*Ephesians 2:10*

So now I've got pancakes on my mind so I head to another IHOP. There is one person eating, a man. The waitress takes me to the opposite side of the restaurant from him. So guess I'm not to have contact with him, but I pray for him. The waitress is in her late 40's, been working for IHOP for 10 years. 3 grown children. She has a great smile and pleasant way about her.

I get my pancakes and eggs and then I feel God wanted to bless her. *So I write a little note telling her I believe God sent me to bless who ever served me and that it is you sweet lady*. I give her \$250.00. She

reads the note and starts expressing her gratitude and then she starts crying. She goes to the back and I leave lifting a prayer to God in her behalf.

Then I decide to get gas on the way home and I always get a receipt. Well the pump told me I had to go inside and I always grumble when I have to go in. But I go in and get my receipt, the guy's not very friendly and I go back to the car. **Then I feel that nudge... "That guys needs a blessing, don't you have \$40.00 left "** So I go back in and hand the guy the \$40.00 and tell him Jesus loves him... He gets this huge smile on his face and says "Really ?" I said, "Yes, REALLY"

### WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY !

*\*Money used was personal money not ministry funds.*

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Margaret & those who work for Jesus at In His Name Ministries,

My husband and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and our love for all of the prayers and gifts that "In His Name Ministries" has given us.

The prayers have kept our love for the Lord alive. My husband is a living testimony of the great and wonderful miracles God gives us in our darkest hour. (Ted had a massive heart attack and is now blind from complications).

The monies that have been sent have been used to pay monthly bills such as rent, utilities and most important Ted's medicines.

We have been honestly blessed and for that we sing "God's praises". Just to think that there are people that don't even know us and they offer up their prayers for us ! How marvelous is that ! **Your Ministry has shown us we do matter and God does care**, He put you in our lives

May God bless you and In His Name Ministries.

Much Love & God's Blessings,  
Debbie and Ted

† There were eleven cases in the May Newsletter. Donors sent designated gifts for four of those. IHNM was able to help all of the others with undesigned gifts along with many more who called. **THANK YOU !**

Case	Clients	Need	Amount
5883	Single disabled man & his 12 yr old son	Electric	\$45.00
12498	Single man recently lost his job	Car Payment	\$205.00
364	Single mother with a 17, 13, 7, & 4 year old. Lost her job 2 months ago	Electric	\$65.00
12478	Couple in their late 50's. She lost her job 9 months ago & he lost his 4 months ago. No children.	Electric	\$91.26
12481	60 yr old disabled single woman	Electric	\$49.45.
2391	59 yr old disabled woman	Electric	\$119.74
12482	44 yr old single mother of a 10 yr old son. Lost her job in Dec.	Electric	\$98.22
12497	74 yr old woman & 2 grandchildren	Electric Service is off	\$140.00