

A Yielded Vessel of God

Recently a friend, who I'll call Helen, told us she was driving down the street and saw a young woman sitting on the curb in front of a car repair shop. She said she immediately knew this woman needed help.

"Her posture and demeanor caught my attention. I knew she needed help and it never occurred to me to hesitate. God seemed to push me into action."

She drove into the parking lot and went into the repair shop inquiring about the young woman on the curb. Her car had been repaired but the young woman did not have all the money to pay the bill.

Our friend pulled out her checkbook and paid it. Then she walked over to the woman and told her the bill was paid. She also gave her a business card pointing to the phone number.

"Call me if you should need further help."

It was a brief encounter.

Later we met the student. We found her very gracious and humble. A quiet person, who really may have no close friends. Maybe we can fill that gap with an occasional telephone call.

May God bring us all to maturity in Christ as our friend Helen is.

By Dee Stribling

Threat of Eviction In Georgia

On Thanksgiving Eve, a phone call from a worried mother on the Southside of Oklahoma City led us to her daughter, Elaina, in Talking Rock, Georgia. The younger woman had been living in Oklahoma City for a few months after a separation from her husband back in Georgia.

A county judge required her to return to that state until the terms of the divorce were reached. One court delay after another caused great financial hardship. All her money was used up. When I talked with her, rent was due and she and her young child were 24-hours from being put on the street.

Surprisingly, former friends, even people from a church she had attended, did not reach out to Elaina and the child. One said, "Well, we would, but you know, this is Thanksgiving weekend. . ."

Our contact seemed to be the only friendly gesture during her crisis. I didn't know yet if we would help, there are always many

more cases of need than we have money to cover.

So I tried to encourage her with scriptures to bolster her trust in God. I also brought up forgiveness, regarding the judge, her errant husband and friends who had betrayed her. However, her voice tone showed me this was not really reaching her.

We are cautious about reaching out to the needy in other states. But overnight my desire to help her grew. Thanksgiving morning I called the Motel and arranged to cover her rent through the weekend.

A few minutes later, on the phone Elaina was ecstatic. After she recovered from celebrating and rejoicing, she told me she had taken to heart my words of encouragement.

Then on Tuesday she called me with good news. A former employee of hers heard of her situation and had invited them to come into her home and stay as long as needed.

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67 year old widow struggles financially

They cannot pay two utilities.

Her 44-year old disabled son lives with her. They each receive a small disability check, which covers most, but not all, of their essentials. This month they are in crisis due to moving expenses. Their previous apartment had all appliances, their new residence had none, so they borrowed money to buy a used refrigerator and cooking range. Once they recover from this deficit, overall monthly expenses will be less.

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Primary Need

Gas will be turned off if payment is not forthcoming.

Two utility bills totaling \$277.57.
If God touches your heart about this widow, *and should you not be able to help financially*, then please pray for God to open hearts and pocket books of other who come to this site.

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How To Lack Nothing

Prov. 28:27 He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses. (NIV)

Prov. 29:7 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

Prov. 31:9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."



Isa. 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? (NIV)