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Dear Friends, Family and Supporters,

We hope this letter finds you well! This is meant to be both a quarterly newsletter for those of you that are already faithfully giving, volunteering or praying for this ministry and an attempt to reach out to friends and family with information on what this ministry has been doing and how to become a part of it!

In 2018 I became guardian for my first dependent adult. I had been reaching out to this individual to show them the love of Christ in practical ways. I found that she needed a little extra help managing her medications and getting rides to appointments. By being willing to spend this time with her we always had time to pray together and talk through how Jesus would want us to handle anxiety and rejection. Our local community mental health system asked me if I was willing to serve in the capacity of legal, court appointed, guardian because they were pursuing this for her and had observed that I was already fulfilling that role, just in my way of reaching out. Within a month the court had asked me to take on four more individuals that didn't have family or friends willing or capable to help. I was more than excited to get to meet these people and to instantly become family with them!

From the start I determined that this role would go beyond what the court required of me with forms and scheduled visits. Having the responsibility to work with someone through major life decisions required me to really pray and look for best-case scenarios for the adults that were entrusted in my care. Within my first year I was serving multiple adults from a variety of backgrounds. Many are disabled adults that have been disabled since birth and were destined to never develop past a certain age in mentality (often between 6-10 years old). Others had become disabled through either injury, disease, mental illness or extreme addictions.

My husband Daniel quickly became involved in what I strongly felt were divine solutions for my ever growing group of dependent adults. I often found that if my clients had more people treat them like family, they could live in more independent situations. After all - many of us would call a reliable uncle or father in law when something crawled into the basement or the kitchen sink became clogged. But for adults who don't have those natural support systems they quickly find themselves in group foster care settings or more restrictive environments. We have lost track of how many

toilets Daniel has unclogged or how many windows he has repaired to keep heating bills within reason.

I believe our purpose on the earth is to bring a piece of the divine to the people that are set in our path. For the past four years, I have accomplished this challenging purpose with the now dozens of people that I serve by providing direction to safe and independent living environments, daily purpose in appropriate tasks or jobs, and companionship.

I have become intimately acquainted with the social service programs available, with the options of housing for all different needs and with the areas where our communities are lacking in services for our most needy, most isolated and often poorest demographics. While praying for my dependent adults I feel many solutions have been dropped into my heart. Many of these solutions are still waiting for the right timing of support and opportunities, some we have able to complete with our own sweat and grit, and a joyful amount of them have now been accomplished by the volunteer and financial support of people that began to catch this vision of mission work for those who could be considered by some as, “the least of these.” (Matthew 25:40)

It requires a large amount of involvement on my part to bring about favorable circumstances, stable finances and appropriate medical treatment. I spend much of my time advocating on the behalf of adults that cannot advocate for themselves. I spend time listening to the people I serve about what they truly need and not just what others feel they should aspire towards. It is, in fact, only with such great responsibility that I feel I have stumbled upon a truly effective form of ministry.

At this point we have expanded to myself working more than full-time, Daniel, two part-time employees and multiple volunteers. However, our greatest need is committed monthly financial support. These funds are used to continue this work; both the spiritual and the practical work. Also, we often use these funds to help make ends meet for a dependent adult who is falling through the cracks of “the system”. We assist in paying for needs that we have verified are valid needs but cannot be met through any insurance, social service or other charity. It is truly the joy of what we are doing to be the hands and feet of Jesus to someone who feels truly forgotten.

Please consider checking out our website and signing up with a continual monthly gift. If you want to know more about what we do or even want to know about the bigger dreams we have for serving dependent adults please don't hesitate to call or email at the number/address above. Also on the website are links to recordings where I was able to share more specifics on what we are doing, how I felt the Lord leading me into this and on what we hope to do in the future!



Thank you so much for your time, consideration and prayer! Be blessed :)

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