

The King's Fishers Ministries

“serving the homeless a RAY OF HOPE”

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Greetings to you all!

First of all, we would deeply like to apologize for the absence of a newsletter for months of July and August. In this month's newsletter we would like to give a full explanation in regards to the reason for our silence.

In mid July, we were told that we needed to move out of our house by the end of the month as our landlord intended to sell our house. We have gone through a similar situation in the past but that time God moved quickly on our behalf and a home was provided right away.

However, this time He did not choose to act as swiftly. While Tracey and Zoe were in Canada visiting family, Richard, Josh and Zachary had to pack up our four-bedroom house and put it into one storage unit. Meanwhile, Richard and the boys had no other place in which to move. Richard's mother kindly allowed us to stay in her home but we had no place to call *our* home.

It was a very lonely time where despair was trying to consume us. We knew that God would not forsake us however our present circumstances made it difficult to believe. Once, Tracey and Zoe returned, we daily searched for a place that we could call home. Discouragement tried to defeat us, but we

kept pleading with God to provide for us. Even though we had a roof over our head, we felt like we were “homeless.” How could we offer our homeless friends hope while we were in this current situation ourselves.

We are happy to say, just a few weeks ago, God opened a door for us to be approved for a 2-bedroom duplex in which we are very thankful but we are still trying to adjust to the big change considering 3/4 of our belongings still remain in storage.

We needed to take time to be restored and strengthened spiritually. It seemed that nobody really understood what we were going through and we just needed time to restore. When you see your sister or brother hurting, although you cannot be their Savior nevertheless you can let them know they are not alone and that they are loved. This simple act of love toward the brethren will quickly combat the enemy's lies that he is speaking to them. The enemy had tempted us with condemnation but thank God there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1). We are the children of the One True King!

Just yesterday, we were excited because we were finally at a place where we were able to go see our friends from the park in San Bernardino. We received a phone call from

Phil that it was pouring rain and everyone from the park had scattered to seek shelter. We made arrangements to meet him and some others at Taco Bell so we could at least buy them some food and hang out with them for a while. After we ate, we went out to look for our friend Jeff who had previously suffered with blindness.

We went to a church where we thought he might have been but God had ordained other plans for this visit. We met a deacon who offered for us to partner with them at their church to feed the homeless which is inclusive of the use of their kitchen for “hot” food once a month. We connected with the people at True Vine and we will see what the Lord desires to do with this new partnership.

Once we left, we were still trying to find Jeff and as we were parking we saw him with his dog. Zoe ran to him and gave him a great big hug. He was very happy to see us. He had everything he owned piled up on a shopping cart but had nowhere to go. The rain had caused flooding which hindered him from staying in the park and the police had told him to leave where he had previously stayed. He was very distraught and told us that he was headed to an Indonesian church and invited us to go. We were concerned that the kids would not want to go but Zachary and Zoe agreed to go with us. We all entered the church and we were received very well. Although the majority of the service was in the Indonesian language, the leaders switched up the worship to sing a couple of English songs to accommodate us. Afterwards, their love welcomed us to join them for Indonesian food and we could not

decline such hospitality. We all enjoyed the food and the company at Mount Carmel and did not leave until after 7PM. Before we left, Jeff told me every time he sees us it helps him to forget how rough things really are.



The King's Fishers serve the homeless a ray of hope and that hope is Jesus. I'm thankful for all the other ministries in San Bernardino that reach out to people like Jeff and Phil. You too, are truly making a difference in their lives as well. We now have new

friends and new connections for the Kingdom of God and we give God all the glory!!

Thank you for your prayers and support to help this ministry to continue. May God bless you greatly as you continue to support us. We love and appreciate you all.

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