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Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Psalm 150:1-6 ESV

The ministry is going well, and funds always seem to come in as they are needed, again thanks to the faithfulness of all of you as well as the Emergency Food and Shelter funds. We have been rather quiet this month, as not many people have come in for help. The summer months tend to be slower than the winter months. One thing that has changed is that traditionally more people have come in for assistance with the electric bill than for the water bill, but lately we have a lot more people needing help with their water utility. I believe this is due not only to the hot summer weather, but also the fact that the city has installed new meters, and many are finding their water bills are higher than had been in the past.

I still continue to pray and minister with people as they come in. I always marvel at how God works in the small things. Recently Dorinne Lykins had given me a couple of items to hand out as feel led to people who come to the ministry for help. She had given me several 'footprint' coins, that express how when times are really hard God carries us. The first lady I gave one to is in the middle of facing criminal charges for something her husband had done, and before praying for her I handed her one of those coins and explained what it meant. She burst into tears, all the pain coming out, and in her tears explained how she couldn't go through it alone and needed to know God would carry her through. It was very touching. God used that little coin to re-affirm His love to her. And something similar happened with a second young woman who came in after I gave her one of the coins. Who would think something so small could have such a powerful effect? But God put it on Dorinne's heart to bring the coins in right when He knew they would be given to someone who would be deeply impacted by them.

How great is our God! He cares. May each of you be richly and deeply blessed this month and trust Him in all circumstances.

In His Love,

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