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WE WOULD HAVE NO NEED

Two students I met during my years at Fresno Pacific University probably have no idea how much they mean to my staff and to me. They are married now and have a family. She served faithfully and efficiently as my assistant in Student Ministries at one time. Back in the day, they were a part of a home fellowship group that my wife and I hosted. They give \$25 faithfully each month to Kingdom Ministries. I am pretty sure they do not think it is much, but it means a lot to us.

It means a lot because it says to us, “we are with you; we support the mission and we care.” That is what it means to me. Thinking about them makes me wonder if there are those who receive mail or other information from us who feel that they can not give because they can not give a lot. If so, we want you to know that it matters to us and it makes a difference. **If three quarters of our contact list would give \$25 a month, WE WOULD HAVE NO NEED.**

I must admit that it is difficult to see names on our contact list—many of whom we know and

love—who, for whatever reason, are not currently giving or have never given to Kingdom Ministries. It is difficult because we do not understand why. So we wonder. Perhaps it is because they feel they are unable to give at this time. Maybe they have reasons for not supporting the ministry or have a personal issue with one of us. I do not know.

What I do know is that you are important to us, and your prayers and financial support mean a lot. Even if you do not feel that it is much, we want you to know it makes a difference and encourages us personally to have you with us. The truth is, we can not do it without you.

So, will you please pray about and consider giving monthly? If you are willing, please send a monthly gift of \$25 or more. It would not only make a difference, it would mean a lot to us personally as well. Thanks so much. We look forward to partnering with you.

—Keith D. Martens, M.Div.
Executive Director

Please Join Us OPEN HOUSE

We would like to thank you for the faithful support you give to Kingdom Ministries throughout the year. You are invited to join us for this open house event to thank you, bless you, and pray for you

**Sunday, Oct. 24th
1:00—4:00 p.m.**

*At our office
425 W. Shaw Ave
Fresno, CA 93704*

Please come and go as you are able for dessert, coffee, and fellowship with our staff



Keith Martens, M.Div.
Executive Director



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hi there, my name is Aly Brewer. I am currently serving as a Board Member for Kingdom Ministries, but I have been involved with Kingdom Ministries for many years. Back in 1992, when I was attending Fresno Pacific University, I realized that I was in need of some serious prayer and therapy. That was long before there was a Kingdom Ministries office, so I found myself spending hours in the Butler Mennonite ladies lounge on some old velour couches receiving prayer and getting free!

Midway through my own healing process, I began praying for others. When Kingdom Ministries was first formed, I held the grand title of Volunteer Secretary until I had the first of three miracle babies. I now serve on the Board of Directors and occasionally get to pray for someone other than my three small people at home.

I know that if it were not for the ministry that Kingdom Ministries offers, I could very well be dead, on drugs, or in jail. The amazing work that God has done in me through therapy with Joan and through prayer with Keith, **using the Kingdom Ministries model is nothing short of a miracle.** That being said, it has never even crossed my mind to stop supporting this ministry financially.

Last year, we were going through a really hard time. I was shopping at yard sales for kids clothes, and often trying to feed my family for two weeks on \$80—it was rough!

God surprised me over and over again, providing for us and blessing us. One day, I realized that I had a grand total of \$30 to buy clothes and shoes for my oldest daughter. I asked her what she wanted more than anything—that I would try to get that one specific thing new, and yard sale the rest. She wanted a pair of pink Converse high tops. Right before I set off to town to buy them, I walked into our storage area to put some old things away. An unmarked box was in my way. I opened it wondering what my pack rat husband had hidden away and was shocked when I lifted the lid. It was full of size 7 girl's clothes—not just a few things, but packed! I pulled out one thing after another that was either new or looked like it had been worn once. All of it was foo-foo-girly, just like my Elyse. At the very bottom of the box, there was a pair of brand new pink Converse shoes in her size. I sat down and cried, thanking God for loving me in such a real and tangible way.

Please hear that I am sharing this story humbly, hoping to

convey two things. First, that **God knows our needs and our wants. He provides for us** even in funny ways like that. Second, that **there is always provision to give.** Please do not let a small monthly amount seem too small to send in. Do you realize that if three-quarters of the people on the mailing list gave \$25 a month, Kingdom Ministries would have no need? I am not saying this to guilt anyone, or to beg for your help. I want to encourage you to give what you can to help keep Kingdom Ministries afloat. I know that sometimes I see big numbers and feel like my little bit to give will not fix anything, but if we all pull together, giving even a small amount, this life-giving message will continue to be heard and captives will continue to be set free! For five trips to Starbucks, or two movie tickets, or one dinner out, you could keep this train on the tracks.

I hope this message brings into clearer focus the reality of how significant a monthly donation can be. Even if you are not able to give thousands—its each of us just being faithful to give what we are able to give.

God bless you all!—Aly Brewer



**Alyson Brewer,
Board Member**

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EVENT CALENDAR PRACTICAL NEEDS PRAYER NEEDS

October 5: New Harvest Church Leadership training

October 7: Topical seminar, Christian Business Meeting

October 12-14: TREK Discipleship Training, Canada

October 24: Open House at Kingdom Ministries Office, 1:00—4:00 pm

November 2: New Harvest Church Leadership training

November 8-12: YWAM Discipleship Training in Honolulu

December 7: New Harvest Church Leadership training

1. 500+MB External Hard Drive to store and edit seminar video
2. Leaf blower for maintaining office property
3. Patio furniture so we can utilize our backyard space
4. Power washer for concrete and building maintenance

1. Please pray with us for financial provision for Kingdom Ministries. Our current need is \$39,890
2. Please be praying for our staff as we work to complete our new Bible Study curriculum
3. Please pray for physical health and healing for our ministry staff members, Sherry Stephens and Cathy Crosby



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

In order get to my ministry program visit at Valley State Prison for Women, I knew I would have to leave early, before the "Effective Prayer" seminar concluded on Saturday afternoon. My friend, "Sheryl," an inmate there, had asked one of her friends to make a few copies of the Kingdom Ministries' prayer bookmarks I sent to her. It turns out the friend made 120 copies! Some were given out at the prison, and

others were mailed to family members in the free world. One of the stories of how the cards were used was shared with me by my friend Sheryl. She reported how a new and "troubled" inmate had been assigned to her room. Before simply accepting the change, continuing to put up with it, or engaging in a battle with "flesh and blood, Sheryl used the sample given on the bookmark to pray and forbid anything that God did

not will for her situation. As a result the lady was removed from her room and re-assigned! She also told me that something like this VERY rarely happens without a lot of hassle, red tape, and time. Praise God! **Please join me in praying that God will make a way for Keith and the Kingdom Ministries' team to teach and minister at the prison.** For with God, "all things are possible" for those who believe. —Carrie Tienken

FINANCIAL UPDATE

YTD Expenses
\$247,767

YTD Income
207,877

Our Current Need
\$39,890

KINGDOM COUNSELING CENTER



Joan Martens, M.A., L.M.F.T., Director

Kingdom Counseling Center Provides professional, compassionate, Christ-centered counseling for psychological, emotional and spiritual issues to those seeking hope, direction, and improvement in the quality of their lives and relationships. Our goal is to equip people to resolve the root causes of negative patterns of thinking,

behavior, and spiritual conflicts. For those seeking hope, direction and improvement in the quality of their lives and relationships, we offer individual, group, marriage and family therapy. If you or a friend would like to pursue emotional health, please call us: **559.226.2750**



Carrie Wood, M.S., Intern Counselor

EFFECTIVE PRAYER SEMINAR AT BETHANY CHURCH



Over forty people attended our seminar at Bethany Church September 17–18. Following are just a few of the testimonies we received in response.

“This gives me a powerful foundation for not only my

prayer life, but for my understanding of the battle around me in everyday life.”

“I am better equipped to pray and battle for my family and my church. I am excited and anxious to put into practice what I’ve learned here.”

“My prayer life is already changing now. **I am better able to pray for others** when they come into the prayer room.

Thank you for your ministry—I really appreciate it. Thank you for equipping us!”

“I appreciate how the teaching is grounded in scripture and how the stories/ examples show how this applies to me and my life.”

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