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Transitions

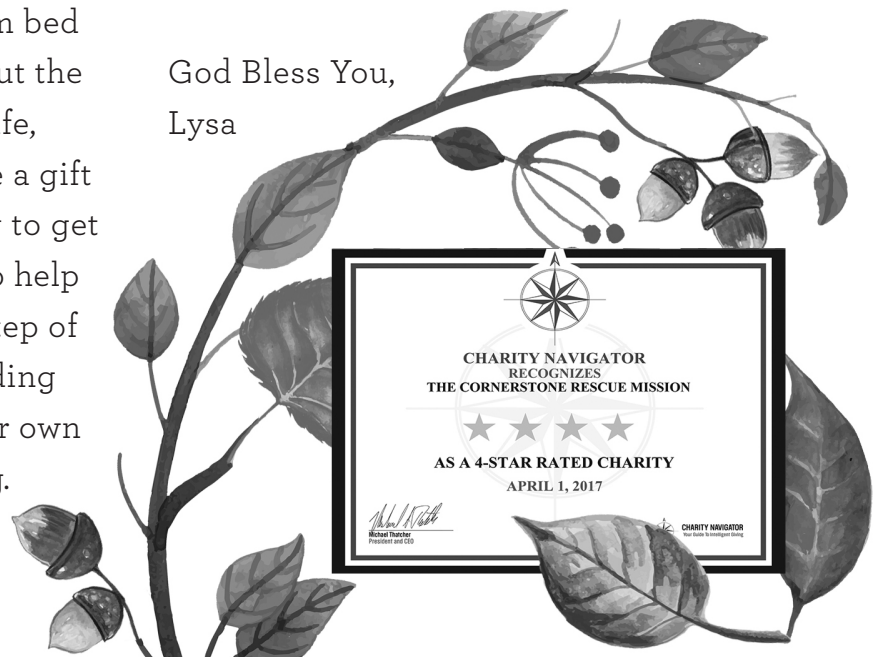
The transition to fall is complete. Fall and Winter wardrobes are out, the lawnmower is put away and we are getting ready for winter weather. The harvest is over, or almost over, and we are in a transition state from winding down from the busyness of spring and summer and preparing for the dormancy of winter.

We are preparing for winter as well at Cornerstone. We have resumed full occupancy and started serving out of our public soup kitchen/dining room in September. It feels good to have our friends back in vs. handing them a sack lunch. It feels good knowing our guests are sleeping comfortably in a warm bed with full stomachs. We forget about the importance of the little things in life, but a warm bed and a full belly are a gift from God when you are struggling to get on your feet. We are continuing to help our guests transition to the next step of their journey: getting healthy, finding employment and moving into their own home. Good things are happening.

Speaking of transitions, we are grieving the loss of our friend and former Board member, Bev Schoenstedt. Bev has made her final journey home to be with her Lord and Savior. While we miss her, we know she is looking down on us with love, and we know she is in a better place - she has earned her final reward. Prayers go out to her family and friends and we know she touched a lot of people in this community.

We are wishing you a Happy fall season and thank you again for providing a warm bed and a full belly for our guests. They are appreciative of your love and concern, as are we.

God Bless You,
Lysa





William Apple Shines

This month we are celebrating William Apple and how far he has come. “Apple” is a gentle, kind soul with a big heart and we applaud his successes! Justin Schofield, Program Manager, tells us a little bit about Apple below:

“Mr. William Apple arrived at the Cornerstone Mission on 04/29/2020. He was placed into our Cornerstone Transitional Program. While Mr. Apple stayed at Cornerstone the staff started noticing that he was taking a great interest in helping the homeless, even though he himself was in a tough situation. He would always take the time to stop whatever he was doing and help those in need.

Mr. Apple then also started to volunteer most of his free time to mission service. He would go over to the Cornerstone Store and help over there as well as assist with the food donations. As a matter of fact, he did so well and donated so much of his time, he was offered a Supervisor position at Cornerstone. Mr. Apple continued to excel at the position and is always willing to jump in where needed regardless of what time of day or how hard the task. On 08/06/2020 Mr. Apple had saved enough money to gain housing. He moved out of Cornerstone and continues to work as a Supervisor. Mr. Apple’s dedication to Cornerstone and to the homeless is remarkable and it should set an example for everyone to follow.”



Smiles for Miles

Bethany Youth Group from Canton volunteered in the Thrift Store. They were a great help!





Our Fun Visitors

Sometimes the nicest people just appear out of the blue. This is exactly what happened when Dennis Combs flew his private plane into Rapid City, carrying three of his friends, to take on a Mission Trip in South Dakota. These gentlemen were from Idaho and California. Ed Thrift, Jr., Dennis Combs, Tom Spilsbury and Will Anderson (pictured) showed up in my office asking how they could

help Cornerstone. They then went on a massive shopping trip and ended up bringing back school supplies, toys, diapers, bedding, clothing, personal care items, hand sanitizer and masks for the guests of Cornerstone. We were blown away by the generosity of these men! After they left us, they were headed to Pine Ridge to also bless them with a van full of supplies.

What a fun, lively, and genuine group of men. We thoroughly enjoyed their time with us and we are so thankful for the items they brought to Cornerstone! What a great surprise visit!



Winter is Coming

A few weeks ago we were reminded that winter is coming. Being homeless is always difficult but being homeless in the winter is especially difficult. Due to their lack of transportation, homeless people spend considerably more time outside in the bitter cold. Cornerstone is once again gathering coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, snow pants, overalls, and snow boots for women, children, and especially the men that stay with us. We frequently run out of the XL, 2XL and 3XL size jackets. These items can be dropped off at 30 Main Street and will be distributed to our guests. Thanks for considering providing “warmth” through the donation of a cold weather item!



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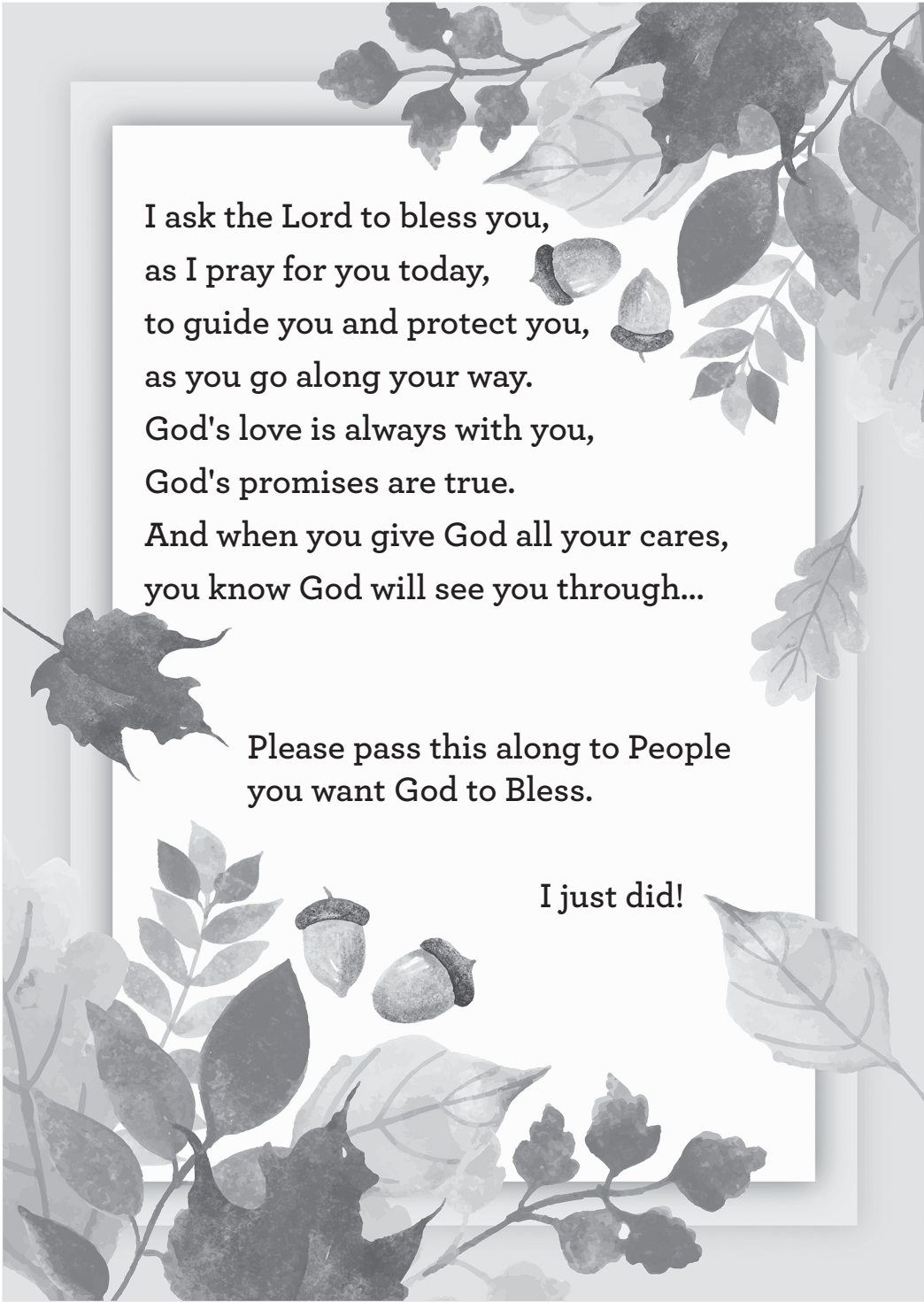
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I ask the Lord to bless you,
as I pray for you today,
to guide you and protect you,
as you go along your way.
God's love is always with you,
God's promises are true.
And when you give God all your cares,
you know God will see you through...

Please pass this along to People
you want God to Bless.

I just did!

Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix, cream of mushroom or chicken soup all kinds of meat.

MISSION: Foot powder, towels, twin-sized blankets, twin-sized sheets, reading glasses, bottled water for sack lunches, personal hygiene items for men & women, backpacks.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME - 301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal, sandwich bread, butter, sugar, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wash, baby lotion, kleenex, clorox wipes and personal hygiene items.

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE - 401 - 11th Street

Beds, furniture and appliances, kitchen items, home décor.

VETERANS - 30 Main St.

Shoes, boots, sugar, creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee.

APARTMENTS - 1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap household cleaners, toilet paper and laundry soap

ADOPT A FAMILY

Gas cards, oil changes, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, household items.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION
(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)