

Loving People Enough Ministries

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Psalm 41:1-2

Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble. The Lord protects and preserves them— they are counted among the blessed in the land— he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.

This month there is some very good news. Lisa and I are beginning the Disaster Preparedness Classes. On March 7th at 6:30pm, we will be conducting an orientation class in our home! We are inviting anyone who would like to know more about personal, community or church preparedness to attend. This is the beginning class that all volunteers will need to have to get involved with all aspects of disaster relief. Whether you just want to be better prepared for your family, your church or neighborhood, the information we can give will be a benefit for everyone.

As the recent blizzard demonstrated, there are a few shortcomings with our ability to cope with major events. The stores were empty, first responders were stranded and many were stuck in their homes with little to no help. Our desire is to establish a network of volunteers that can be counted on to help those less fortunate in an urgent time of need. As the



Psalm says, those who care for the weak will be blessed and protected by God. If you only have a desire for information or are looking for a way to help, this is a great place to start. We will have room for 30 people in our home but if there is a greater interest, we can get a larger venue, so please let us know if you are interested so we can prepare the materials needed. Remember, everyone has something to offer even if you don't think so.

Abernathy	5"	Lake A. Henry	5"
Aspermont	1"	Levelland	12"
Brownfield	6"	Lubbock	11"
Childress	4"	Matador	6"
Crosbyton	4"	Morton	6"
Denver City	11"	Muleshoe	8"
Floydada	3"	Olton	7"
Friona	20"	Plainview	10"
Hart	9"	Post	7"
Lamesa	6"	Tahoka	8"

Counselors Corner: Mary vs. Martha - One day during prayer I told God that I wanted to be in that place of His presence where I knew I would find His peace. I was reminded of Mary who "chose" to sit at Jesus' feet. I told God that is where I wanted and longed to be. What He revealed to me is that in my heart (spirit) I am a Mary and in my flesh (my humanness or soul) I am a Martha. I must make a choice as to whom I was going to listen to but not to discount or neglect the other. Until now I did not see the story of Mary and Martha as an inward heart vs. soul issue/battle.

There is within every true Christian the desire to just sit at the feet of Jesus and learn as Mary did. (Luke 10:39). There is also within every true Christian a Martha who knows of the things that must get done in order to live right here on planet Earth. (Luke 10:41). All of my life I had been taught that you were either a Mary OR a Martha. I did not realize that we are, in fact, both. I am seen most often as a Martha by others but praise be to God that He sees the inward heart of man. When I accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior my spirit became one with His and my heart of hearts became a Mary although I still live in a Martha body in this world. I heard Pastor Daphne Delay say it this way: "We have twins living inside of us. Our spirit and our soul. Once I accepted Christ my spirit became one with Him but my soul needed changing and that was going to take some time." As those changes are being made there is a great battle between our spirit (that is now hidden in Christ) and our soul (mind, will & emotions).



Mary chose to sit and listen to Jesus. She made a choice. It is a choice that we must all make or the Martha side of us will dictate and control us and keep us so distracted that we will lose out on the blessings of God that He has orchestrated for our lives. I have always thought the Martha side of us gets a bad rep sometimes. Martha's are told that they are worriers and let the cares of the world grip them. That they are control freaks who need to be more like Mary. The Martha side of me always hated being told things like that. It somehow makes "the Martha's" feel less or that they don't measure up to the "goody two shoes" of Mary. By the way, Martha's are very responsible people. They get things done! The Martha side of me always found Mary to be irritating just like the sisters in Scripture (Luke 10:40). And yet the Mary side of me always understood Martha and loved Martha enough to love her through it.

What I find interesting is when you look in the book of John, Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, has been dead for four days. In John 11:20-28 it is Martha that "chose" to go to Jesus first. Within us it is the Martha (our soul) that gets the work of the kingdom done with the wisdom of Mary (our spirit that is one with His Spirit). It is a joint effort. Together Martha and Mary make a whole. As we mature and grow in Christ our souls become pliable and in tune with His Spirit. I pray that the "Mary" within us always takes first place while we wait on our "Martha" to catch up and line up and begin to live in harmony with Mary. As we keep our focus on the Father and our eyes set on eternity, that we be kingdom minded through the mind of Christ to God's glory.

Have a great day and blessings to you,

Dr. B.

Have a blessed day and
We love you all,
Blessings,

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Amen!*

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Dear Friends and Family,

We are excited to share with you that we have another short term mission trip opportunity in September of 2016. This time we will be traveling with Gateway Missions and Waterhose Ministries to Tiraspol Transnistria. A small country about the size of Connecticut; elongated between the Ukraine to the east and Moldova to the west.

God has given us a heart for the Transnistrian people and a desire to bring the love of God there. We have been blessed to be asked to return and see some of the fruit of our last visit.

We will be traveling to Transnistria on September 7th and returning on September 13th. We will keep you updated on our progress toward meeting our goal!



As you know with any mission trip, there is a time and financial commitment. This trip will be \$6,000.00 (\$3000.00 per person). We have prayerfully considered who we should send these letters to and God has placed you on our hearts to ask for financial support and most importantly for your prayers while we are raising funds to go and while we are away.

Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us in two ways?

1. Pray for our spiritual and physical strength for the demands of travel, ministry, and warfare involved with every mission trip.
2. Make a commitment to help with a financial gift to help cover the cost of the trip.

Mark 16:15 says He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

If you desire to make a contribution, then please write "Mission Trip" in the memo of your check. Otherwise it will go into the LPE's general fund. LPE Ministries is a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization and all donations are deductible as allowed by law.



Thank you for your support!

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