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Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving

Psalm 95:1-6 Come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to Him. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. He holds in His hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to Him, for He made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

The Lord Is My Strength

Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust Him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving!

Psalm 69:30 I will praise GOD's name with singing, and I will honor Him with thanksgiving.



We thank the LORD for Beans, Rice, Eggs—and for every blessing He provides for the poor!

Thanking You From The Heart

By Elfi Register

Happy Thanksgiving everybody! This is the time of year we especially remember and give thanks for all that God has given us through you, our partners. Time and time again we reminisce about how each one of you have come into our lives and become our extended family and have blessed us in so many ways. The pastors come to us every week and ask us to please remind all of you that they pray for you and how much you mean to them.

We praise the Lord for our volunteers who have gone over and above this year as Joan and I have spent more time travelling to churches to speak on behalf of the ministry. They are the backbone of CBM and without them we couldn't carry on. Barbie Lopez has been with us since 2001 and the Ornelas family has been helping us for the past 2 years. They have been there to meet deliveries, set up for distribution, haul the rice and beans, oversee Tuesday distribution and are available for whatever else we may need them to do. We can't thank them enough, but we know they are doing this as a service to the Lord as we all are, and the blessing comes with serving Him.

We praise the Lord for Hans and Linda Steinhoff who have also walked along side us since 2001. They are the ones that bring us 1200# of beans every other Monday @ 11:00 a.m. without fail. They have partnered with FBC Cloudcroft who has funded this delivery since 2001. Hans and Linda also collect items from the Cloudcroft area and from their church Cloudcroft United Methodist. They help with the School Supply Drive and the Christmas Shoebox Drive as well. Linda keeps us on our toes and makes sure we stay on track.

We praise the Lord for Greg Beard and the Grace of Giving volunteer crew who bring us 3500# of rice every month along with grocery needs for the pastors. This year he's also been able to bring us 50# sacks of masa (corn meal) for each pastor! Greg has been such an encouragement to us through the years and we know we can depend on him no matter what!

We praise the Lord for Bill Thrash and Deanna who supply us with Zip Lock Bags! We use approximately 800 bags a week and if you do the math, that's a lot of bags! All I have to do is send him a text that says, "we're running low on





Elfi & Joan with some of the 2000 gifts that come in

Labors of Love

by Joan Wilson

Giving a "cup of cold water" in Jesus' name takes on many forms. While the two of us take Matthew 25 to heart - to help the thirsty, the hungry, those in need - we couldn't fulfill the call in our lives without the army of volunteers who give of themselves in the many ways Elfi has written about. The day IS coming when Christians will not be allowed to speak His truth in love. Jesus warned, "The night comes, when no man can work." (John 9:4) Until that time comes, we will work together to make a difference in the lives of others.

Out of the abundance of the heart flows ...

... Beans and rice and everything nice! We are always amazed at the abundance of things that flow from everyone's hearts of compassion for those who have so little. Here's just a sampling from this year:

- 40,000# + bulk pinto beans
- 40,000# bulk rice
- 10,000# + bulk masa (cornmeal)
- 3000 dozen eggs
- Fresh pumpkins from the Panhandle
- Study Bibles in Spanish for the pastors
- Tons of groceries like powdered milk, coffee, peanut butter, sugar, and more
- Tons of blankets, coats, children's clothes and shoes

Then there were all the school supplies in August, and now we have Christmas shoebox gifts arriving early! Our first work team will arrive the night of Nov. 29th, and we'll process boxes all day Nov. 30th. Please be in prayer for all of us, as we labor together in love!

bags" and he says "Got it" and places an order for the bags and then delivers them to us 20,000 at a time.

We praise the Lord for George Hughes who has been bringing us dozens and dozens of eggs as well as beans and other donated items. Talk about a man who loves the Lord! George is such an encouragement to us and is always wanting to talk about the goodness of God.

We praise the Lord for Dick and Pat Murtland and Drex and Sami Klontz who collect items from their churches here in El Paso and bring them on a monthly (sometimes weekly!) basis.

We praise the Lord for E.L. and Carolyn Hogg who have taken us into their hearts and even taken us to Cattleman's when they come to do VBS in the summer and bring shoebox gifts for Christmas. They are part of Lamesa Association, the group that has truly been a blessing with all their work on the dorm this year.

We praise the Lord for Nannette and Fred Keith who come along side us and the pastors to help us all prepare for VBS, as well as bring shoebox gifts too! They both have a special anointing for ministry and bring the love and compassion that comes along with their call. Through them we've come to know and love everyone in Tri-County Association.

We praise the Lord for Laura and Mike Perry and the crew they bring from Pittsburg Association in Oklahoma to help us with VBS here in Fabens. They have been coming the last five years and we, as well as all the kids, have grown to love them all! The men that come with the group are always looking for handy man stuff to do, and we are more than able to fulfill that request!

We praise the Lord for Larry and Judy Cole who take a week of their lives to come down and oversee the school supply drive and even do extra shopping for us. And we praise Him for the many teams that come to help us process all the requests we receive from the pastors during the School Supply drive and the Christmas Shoebox drive. These two projects alone take on a life of their own! So many volunteers are behind the scenes even before anything makes it to us here in Fabens. From what we've been told, some groups have the process down to a science!

We praise the Lord for those who tell us their churches pray for us on a regular basis. Among these are mighty prayer warriors who stand the gap for us! We praise the Lord for all of those who support us personally and support CBM financially, some of whom we've never even met! We praise the Lord for having more friends than there's space enough to talk about! Perry Rollins and Glen Meadows in San Angelo, all the churches in New Mexico, and so many others. But you know who you are, and that our real reward comes from the Lord! The Lord bless you all!

Most of all, we praise our Heavenly Father for allowing us to work in this field together with all of you, serving HIM together!

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