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DEAR DAILY BREAD FRIENDS,

He is our Blessed Hope

As we celebrate The Resurrection (Easter) this year, I have been overwhelmed with thoughts, feelings and Scriptures about the HOPE that is in our Christian faith – that hope is found in Christ at the foot of the Cross, and is more fully realized at the empty tomb. One look at the newspapers these days, or 30 minutes of the evening news on TV, and you would think they are reporting the end of the world as described in the Bible! Earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, tornadoes, tsunamis, starvation, wars, economic and social collapse in country after country – it's enough to drive even the most positive-thinking people to the edge of hopelessness!

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13, Paul is very clear about not wanting any believer to be ignorant or hopeless regarding our lives in Christ, in the present and in the future. In Ephesians 2:12, Paul describes a hopelessness that overshadows and completely eclipses anything and everything we have ever seen or heard, and he tells us to remember that it was a place where we all were at one time: “remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenant of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.” Trying to live life without our Living Savior Jesus Christ, without our Loving heavenly Father, and without the Leading and Guiding of the Holy Spirit is the most hopeless situation any person could ever experience. But God didn't leave us like that! He gave us the choice of a lifetime – of eternity – His Son! In Ephesians 2:13, Paul goes on to give us the remedy: “But now in Christ you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.”

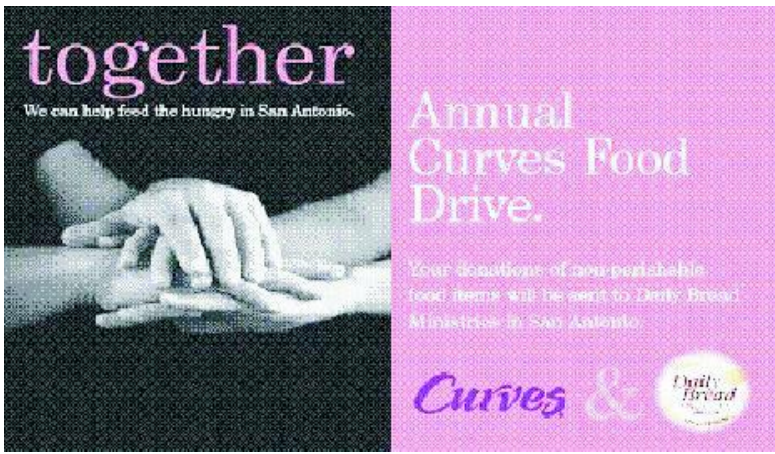
Jesus shed His blood on the Cross so we could be reconciled to God – included in God's Family – a citizen of heaven for eternity! The Resurrection of Christ is called “The Blessed Hope” of the believer, because just as Christ died and rose from the dead, and is alive forever in heaven, we will experience the same thing – laying down mortality and putting on immortality to live with Him! Paul gives us several admonitions of our hope: “Jesus Christ our hope” (1 Tim. 1:1); “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27); and this may be one of my favorites, “May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace so that you may overflow with hope” (Rom. 15:13). (There are many more verses that speak about our hope that I will let you find – an excellent word study!)

This is the Gospel! The Good News! We have hope! We get to share that hope! What an awesome privilege! Because we accepted and received what Jesus did at the Cross for us, we are people of hope, a new creation in Christ. And now God commissions us as His Ambassadors of Hope, Love, and Reconciliation (II Cor. 5:17-21). People in our world desperately need hope, and the only hope that is solid and constant in the midst of disaster and the unknown is the hope we have in our Savior Jesus Christ. He truly is “strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”...“On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.” Place your hope in Him today – you will not be disappointed! Make sure you share with someone the hope that you have in Christ. “...encourage each other with these words.” (1 Thess. 4:18)

May God richly bless and keep you, and make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you and give you peace.

In Jesus name,

Chuck Farmer
Executive Director
Daily Bread Ministries



Many thanks to Curves Fitness Centers all over the San Antonio area who have been doing their annual food drive for DBM! They have been helping us feed the needy in our community for several years now, and have given over 25,000 pounds of food! Please stop by one of their locations to say thank you for caring. Don't forget to bring a bag of food with you, we still have a few days left.

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The 2nd Annual Daily Bread Ministries Golf Tournament at Silverhorn Golf Club was awesome! We want to say thank you to all who came out and supported us, as well as a huge thank you to our sponsors. The funds raised helped us purchase raw food product from Kids Against Hunger, which will produce over 40,000 meals. These meals will be used in San Antonio, Mexico, and Haiti. With one in four children going to bed hungry in San Antonio, we have a huge challenge. For every dollar given to DBM, we are able to give away \$20 worth of food. Together, we can make a difference in our city, and around the world.



Impact San Antonio awards Daily Bread Ministries

Impact San Antonio donated \$100,000 to Daily Bread Ministries. Impact San Antonio is comprised of 100 individual women who each contribute \$1,000 and together these individuals select a nonprofit organization to receive a \$100,000 gift. This is the 6th annual grant that Impact San Antonio has awarded since it began in 2004. DBM used this grant to purchase a new refrigerated truck.



Second Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

We Are Growing

Rudy



Bob



Marcus

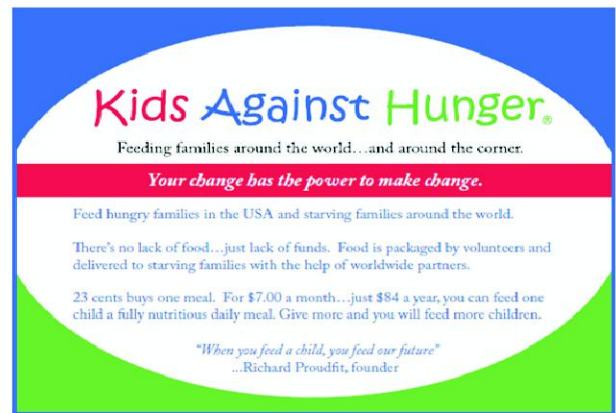


Clarence



Tammy

We want to officially welcome a few new-comers to DBM. Rudy, Clarence and Bob are three very hard-working volunteers who have recently committed to come to the warehouse every week and help with whatever needs to be done. These guys bring a smile to everyone they come in contact with, and they make the load lighter for the rest of us. We are so blessed to have such faithful and committed volunteers who give of themselves for the sake of others. We also have a couple of new staff members that have helped lighten our load – Marcus W. is our new Office Manager and is doing a great job helping the rest of us get more done. We were blessed with new management software at the first of the year, so Marcus has been busy with data entry, but he's been a quick learner. He also helps us schedule our volunteer groups, as well as drive one of the trucks when we need him to. Tammy B. is our new Marketing and Internet Communications Director, and is doing a great job getting the word out about who we are, what we do, why we do it, and why it's important for people to help us. She brings a lot of excitement and connections to DBM. We welcome these good people to the DBM team, and thank God for sending them to us. Please remember to keep all of us in your prayers, as we are praying for you – God bless



For the second time this year we partnered up with Feed the Children to feed the families of San Antonio. They said the first outreach went so well, they wanted to partner with DBM even more in the future.. We want to thank the Missions Club of Cornerstone Christian Schools for helping load cars, as well as Sold Out Believers, Living Water Faith Outreach, and the many other volunteers who helped make that day a success. A special thanks to Rey Feo for coming by to support this event. All together we served over 800 families.

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Daily Bread Ministries (DBM) is a faith-based Christian food ministry that is operated by dedicated staff and volunteers who run daily routes to collect surplus goods from food suppliers and catering companies throughout San Antonio. Typically the food is redistributed to non-profit organizations and ministries within 48 hours. These Ministries are invited to pick up food on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings. Daily Bread Ministries is supported through the faithful prayer and financial donations of individuals, churches and grants.

Daily Bread Ministries was incorporated in 1996, and became a 501(c)(3) in 1997. With your help over the last four years, DBM has averaged giving away more than 4 million pounds of food.

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

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