



Daily Bread

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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DEAR DAILY BREAD FRIENDS,

What a year it has been at Daily Bread! It seems like we just took down the tree and lights a couple of months ago! One thing's for sure - this has been a year of the unusual and abundant favor of God! DBM has been blessed this year with new staff, volunteers and partners, as well as new ministries and food donors. We also have several church congregations in our city who have joined with us in outreach ministry. In a time when our community is experiencing such great need, our local churches and other compassion ministries are being the hands and feet of Jesus and serving their neighbors in the love of Christ. We are celebrating Thanksgiving this weekend, and I want to say how thankful I am to be living in a city where there are so many Christians from so many churches across our city who have such a giving, serving, loving heart. I am proud to say I am from San Antonio - a city founded on missions; and that spirit continues on in this city. Sure, there is much more we can do in the areas of health, education, and youth intervention, but at DBM I meet people everyday with a passion to love and serve God and a compassion to help their neighbor, and who are committed to making a difference in their community, one person at a time, one soul at a time.

I want to tell you about some very special ladies I was privileged to meet last year from Impact San Antonio, a great non-profit organization in our city that exists to find other non-profit organizations making an impact in San Antonio, then they come alongside them and help them with a project - to the tune of \$100,000.00!!! Each year every member (all women) donates \$1,000.00 to their organization, participates in the "search and find process", then votes for the non-profit they feel is making the greatest impact in our city. DBM was the honored recipient of the 2010 Impact San Antonio Grant!!! This is a perfect example of the power of synergy! In the dictionary, the word "synergy" means "working together to produce a result not obtainable by any of the agents independently." Solomon had words of wisdom along the same line: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" (Ecclesiastes 4:9&10). In the gospel of John, Jesus prayed that every believer would learn to live, love and serve in unity: "that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:22b&23). Commit yourselves to a walk of unity with God and your neighbor this coming year, and watch the miracle of synergy happen! By God's grace and the unity and synergy of these amazing women, we were able to purchase a much needed new refrigerated truck! This will allow us to gather food that needs immediate refrigeration, as well as reduce the monthly maintenance cost due to high mileage on the older trucks. This is what we can accomplish when we work, serve and give together; producing a much greater result than we ever could on our own.

DBM has also experienced God's unusual favor in the area of food gathering and distribution! Through our network of dedicated partners, churches and other compassion outreach ministries, we have been able to give away over five million pounds of food this year! This food reaches those in the greatest need, unable to pay even a little for their most basic needs. We are proud to be a part of ministries like Urban Connection, Agora Ministries and Ethnos Missions, who minister and bring hope and love to thousands of children on the Westside; and to Shalom Outreach, Templo Bethel and Comunidad Cristiana, who minister and take food to hundreds of elderly in the heart of the city. Then there is the Dream Center, Victory Outreach, and Redeeming Grace AME on the Eastside, meeting the needs of both young and old, giving them a chance to dream and hope. I could go on and on about our partner ministries and all the good they are doing in their communities, but I think you get the idea. What I want to leave with you is this: Yes, God has visited DBM this year, providing abundantly in many different ways, and meeting many different needs for thousands and thousands of people, but it did not happen without you being a part of DBM - serving, praying, and giving. We could not do what we do without your support. I thank you for your prayers and sacrificial giving this year - we have definitely seen the results! Our goal for the coming year is to be able to increase our food gathering, so we can add enough ministries to serve ten thousand more needy people in this part of Texas - and the best part is getting to pray with and share the Gospel of Christ with those in need! This Christmas, please consider sowing a generous gift into this ministry, that many more may be ministered to in Christ's name.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,
Chuck Farmer
Executive Director
Daily Bread Ministries

A testimony we recently received of God's faithfulness - from Rose

Dear Daily Bread Ministries,

Thank you so much for the great blessing! I've been a widow for over fourteen years now. It has been difficult living on my own. I have raised my daughter by myself, and she is now twenty-three years old. God has seen us through the very difficult times, and continues to do so today.

I am grateful because God has always supplied for us. The food that brother Pesina distributes at our church has blessed my family. I am currently unemployed, and having this food come to us has once again proved that God's word is true! I know that there are many people who are going through trials and who greatly appreciate the service that Daily Bread Ministries provides.

Thank you brother Pesina, and thank you Daily Bread Ministries!!

*A believer in Christ,
Rose S.*

Proverbs 3:27&28 states: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow' - when you now have it with you."

Each of us has received from God the power to do good - and we should never look for reasons to reject or delay an opportunity to do good. The Bible is clear about our doing good - "Do not withhold it". Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Don't put off what you can do today; you will make your day poorer, and tomorrow may be too late. Help is help only when it is needed, not when it suits me to offer it". Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give".

There are literally thousands of families like Rose's, many who have several children or other extended family members who live with them, and who are in dire need. At Daily Bread, we have seen the need grow this year by the increased number of calls we receive for food assistance each day. To us, each call is an opportunity to do good - to be the hands and feet of Jesus - offering food for the body while presenting "The Bread of Life" for the soul. There is no greater gift than this! Every donation you make helps us meet the needs of the Roses in our city. Would you please consider being a partner with Daily Bread Ministries? Your donation can be made on our website at: www.dailybreadministries.org, or sent to the address below. You may want to consider giving stocks before the end of the year. Thank you for your prayers and gifts, you are making a difference in the kingdom of God. May the Lord be glorified this season by your love to Him and your love to your neighbor. May you and your family enjoy a blessed Christmas season.

DBM FAMILY

**UPCOMING EVENTS -
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!**



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REGISTRATION / BOX LUNCH @ 11:30AM
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