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New Life Worship Ministries

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Fresh Fruit & Summer Memories

Fruit That Remains

You did not choose Me. I chose you, and I orchestrated all of this so that you would be sent out and bear great and perpetual fruit. As you do this, anything you ask the Father in My name will be done. John 15:16 The Voice (VOICE)

Galatians 5:22-24 The Holy Spirit produces a different kind of fruit: unconditional love, joy, peace, patience, kindheartedness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You won't find any law opposed to fruit like this. Those of us who belong to the Anointed One have crucified our old lives and put to death the flesh and all the lusts and desires that plague us. The Voice (VOICE)

A Vision of Ripe Fruit ... Then the Sovereign Lord showed me another vision. In it I saw a basket filled with ripe fruit. Amos 8:1 NLT

I hope you're enjoying God's blessings of Summertime! Recently, a dear friend dropped off 2 bags of fresh picked fruit for my father. It got me to thinking about sweet summertime memories of days gone by; you may remember some of these too:

Every summer started with 2 weeks of swimming lessons at Campbell High swimming pool, setting the scene for swim picnics all summer long at Almaden Country Club, Blackberry Farm, and the beach!

Fresh cherries & strawberries
Picking wild blackberries
WATERMELON

PINK Lemonade
BBQ chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, and fresh picked tomatoes!
2 lbs. of sweet Thompson seedless grapes! ☺
Fresh picked apricots & peaches

Hot summer evenings, all 6 of us driving to Los Gatos Foster's Freeze in the old 1960 white chevy station wagon to get 5 cent vanilla ice cream cones!

Riding the waves
Playing in the sprinklers in our sun suits
Riding our bicycles everywhere!
Playing baseball in the street until past dark! (Street lights)
Hide & Seek * Kick the Can
Playing in the creek, and exploring in the Saratoga foothills all day long

Of course, not all of our memories were passed down, but some new ones were added when my 5 children were growing up. The most memorable was CAMPING! Yes, 4 days of prep, 4 days of camping, and then 4 days of cleaning up after camping. Just the laundry alone took 2 days! And now my children take their families camping too. Thank You Father God!





Rejoice with me, I found my friend, Andrew!

Wow – I am so happy to share with you that I found Andrew. Knowing how ill he'd been with Osteomyelitis and MRSA, I honestly thought that maybe he died. Knowing he had to move a few months ago, I was at a loss as to where to find him. One night, I drove around the vicinity for about an hour, looking, asking the other homeless people, and still couldn't find him.

Well in June, as I was pulling out of the Tracy Costco parking lot, there he was w/his friend "Mudd" (who lives in his car in the Walmart parking lot), setting him up on the side of the road! I immediately parked my car and started putting together homeless supplies for both of them. He was happy to see me and "wondered" what had happened to me! I told him I come through twice a month, but could not find him; that I even tried calling his cell phone, but nothing. He said he's been very ill, in and out of the hospital, and almost died! So we were right to be praying for him! (Turns out he'd lost his cell phone, and his daughter Tiffany lost hers too, so he hasn't spoken to her in a few months either).

He also told me that about 3 months ago, in a weak state, he tried drugs again, but he didn't like it because he could no longer feel the Holy Spirit! So he prayed, quit, and the Holy Spirit's presence returned! Psalm 51:1-13

He is in a lot of pain due to the osteomyelitis. So we prayed for Jesus to take away the pain, heal him, and reconnect him with his daughter Tiffany.

Just in case I couldn't find him, he pointed out the field that he now lives in with about 8 other homeless friends. I asked if I could take his picture to share with our team ... he said "yes" and picked this one of the two I took. So, Dear Beloved Team – Meet Andrew – He says, "God bless you! Thank You for your prayers and your help!"

Real, true religion from God the Father's perspective is about caring for the orphans and widows who suffer needlessly, and resisting the evil influence of the world. James 1:27

Because so many fathers have abandoned their families, many women live like widows, and their children like orphans, often forcing them into poverty. However, I am always mindful that even when the parents fail, the Lord will take up the children! Psalm 27:10

As I was driving out of the Santa Clara Costco parking lot, I saw this precious little family on the corner, so I parked my car up the street a ways, and started making a large bag of supplies for them. Of course, we always include a testimony of Jesus. And thanks to Father Adel, I still had a pretty little Spanish New Testament to give to this young mother. Her big boy is 17; the little guy is 3 ... he was so happy to have the new trucks and cars toothbrush & toothpaste that he didn't want to leave it in the bag!

With Father God being very present, I asked if I could pray for them. She nodded a "yes" and we stood in a circle of His love, praying for His blessing, and His provision. Closing our prayer with a big "God" hug, I assured her of His love, and promised that our team would continue to pray for them. I know Jesus is with them to deliver & set them in safe haven on the Rock!





The Edge of Eternity



First a little refresher for those who are new to the NLWM Team:

I have been coming to Fatima since I was around 8 or 9 years old. My mother brought my sister and I here to minister to the elderly when it was run by the nuns. At that time, there was only one building and maybe 30 residents. I played piano, and my sister Maria would sing. We'd serve cupcakes to the residents, and then go visiting the residents who were not well enough to come out of their room for fellowship. Fast forward >>> when the court ordered that my dear mother be placed in a residential facility, Fatima was my first thought. Their care is 7 to 1 which is unheard of these days. Since the first day in 2003, I knew we were "home." Dad also spent about 6 months there recovering from a very serious setback. So much love, prayer, and encouragement abounding daily, like a well-oiled (Holy Spirit oiled) machine! Because my mother had severe dementia due to many mini-strokes over a 20 year period, we weren't sure just how much she could understand so we were all very protective. During her final week, if I, or a family member wasn't there, she wasn't alone for a minute. There was always someone on staff who would sit with her until one of us arrived. They loved and prayed for her too!

Father Adel

It was Christmas 2004, and I was sitting in the congregation with my parents ready to listen to Father Adel's Christmas message, when all of a sudden, Father Adel called me up to the altar, introducing me and telling the congregation that I was going to share about Christmas! I was stunned, but when I got up there, Jesus faithfully put His Word in my mouth and I've been sharing His Word at Fatima ever since! Before doing my rounds, Father Adel gives me a list of residents, updating me as to their needs. Such an honour to serve alongside those chosen to usher souls into Heaven!



Staff

<<< L to R, Irma, Josephine, me, and Pam, Director of Social Services ... just a few of the wonderful staff; more than half, believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, and very supportive of the spiritual aspect of death and dying. I am also available to all staff members for prayer, counsel and encouragement. Oftentimes, following an afternoon of ministry together, Father Adel will invite different staff members to join us for dinner. I always look forward to our visits.

I also enjoy sharing the needs of the poor and the homeless with them as I know they will continue to pray for them, and our nation too. I am thankful to be welcomed by such wonderful, giving and loving servants of God.

Fatima received the 5-Star Rating from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services, Nursing Home Category (2012 and 2013); plus, U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Homes 2014 – Second Year in a Row!

Mary & Tess

Mary, former Director Of Nursing (DON), & Nursing Instructor, is very tender & compassionate. She was the 1st staff member to ask me to sit w/a resident who was dying. It was back around 2004. Mary told me Heidi was very frightened. Aware it would be 2 hours before Heidi's family arrived, she asked me if I could sit with her ... taking Heidi's hand in mine, reading verses about heaven, praying, singing over her, I watched His sweet peace come upon her as His love & grace flowed ever so gently. "He gives His beloved sleep." Psalm 127:2

Mary is now retired, but continues to come in once a week and will help out when needed. Tess, serving in her place is also a vibrant woman, full of grace and joy. Both also cared for my father.



Christine & Margret >>> Although they are both now employed elsewhere, I needed to mention them as they were such an encouragement to the residents, the staff, and me too. They were always ready to bless and serve, hungry to hear His Word and know Him more ... I've missed seeing them when I visit.



There is a building in our future ...



Even before the founding days of New Life Worship Ministries, vision was given for a "Ministry House" – a warm and welcoming place for the Isaiah 61 Population to come for food, clothes, counseling, healing, hope, love and peace. It has always been our mandate to be good stewards of the offerings given to NLWM. Hence, our ongoing quest to keep costs down. Our first building was \$50 for each Sunday. Our second place was \$150 a month. For years, the Faith Lutheran Church let us use their sanctuary for an offering toward their PG&E bill.

Hence, we've trusted the Lord to provide His miracle provision for a place of His choosing. Well, we recently received a significant offering. After tithing on it, we have enough to purchase property, or to put a down payment on a building. Our requirements are:



- Easy access for the poor & homeless (Hiway 4/49)
- Room for parking, storage of supplies, and an organic garden
- Prayer Center aka "The Upper Room"
- A large Welcoming Room w/room for dining table
- Full kitchen w/a large pantry – Room for "Clothes Closet"
- Counseling offices – at least two (will share w/other ministries)
- A "Safe Room" w/bath for emergency overnight protection

We had our eye on this house on Highway 49, but it is no longer available. We know Father God has the perfect place, timing, financial provision, including proper zoning, and God's fully prepared, "refined in the fire" staff to help us carry out His Vision. My son, Toby Jordan is a carpenter. He is also a realtor with Cedar Creek Realty in Arnold. He set us up with automatic notifications of properties as they come on the market. When something comes up as a serious possibility, he does a "walk through" with me to make sure it's a viable option. Please agree with us for wisdom to hear God's voice, and eyes to follow His direction. Thank you so much!



Almost Cheesecake Salad

Using low fat yogurt & sugarfree Cool Whip, and pudding, I made this for Dad's Father's Day visitors, Lake Alpine w/family, and recent company too. Everyone liked it! Thought to share it with you too!

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| 1 32 ounce container of vanilla yogurt | 1. Mix yogurt, pudding and vanilla together. A few lumps may remain but will dissolve by serving time. |
| 1 3.4 ounce instant cheesecake or vanilla pudding | 2. Fold in Cool Whip. |
| 1 8 ounce Cool Whip | 3. Fold in berries. Let sit for a few hours. |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla | |
| 2 cups frozen or fresh berries | |

Recipe from Little Dairy On the Prairie at <http://www.littledairyontheprairie.com/almost>

"Oh, the glory of His presence! We, Your people give You reverence!"

Once again, this is only a 'taste' of His continual goodness manifested through your prayers and generous support! Each of you, and each member of your family, are so precious to Him. You are vital to His Kingdom work, and especially to those He seeks to save, heal and deliver! Thank you for coming along with me in spirit and in truth! Hey! Much love, and grace upon grace, Betty