

July 2021 Update on Jill's work with GHI



Happy July!

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We made it to summer and it seems like life is returning to some type of “normal”. It is kind of funny to think back on all of the things that have changed in the past year and all of the things we used to take for granted. 18-months ago who could have guessed that wearing a face mask would be required in many situations.

As much as my body and my soul long for consistency, stability, peace, security, rest, and to know what the next day, next week, and next season is going to look like, there is really so little I can understand or control. I’ve also become aware of how much fear, negativity, and offense dominate the news and social media. It truly takes a renewing of the mind and intentionality to not be influenced by fear. Living in fear has become “normal” but it is not the way Father God intends for us, in fact it is contrary to living in love. Perfect love drives out fear, so if we are

living in fear, then something is out of alignment.

In February, I was blessed to take part in a 6-week online class on Kingdom Identity. To be honest the thought of an 8:30 AM Saturday morning class wasn't appealing, but the worship and the teachings from friends in the Philippines really helped me to slow down, refocus, and it took me deeper in understanding my true identity in Christ. The fourth session was especially impactful as Paul taught on living from the Spirit and the difference from living from the soul - mind, will, and emotions.

I'm not quite sure how I continually manage to get busier even when I always feel like I'm at capacity, but I do feel that 2021 has been a season of growth and an increase in my capacity.

I've developed quite a love/hate relationship with technology. It is so hard to truly connect and communicate via zoom. It is nearly impossible to have an effective meeting or gathering simultaneously in person and online.

One of my large side projects over the past 15 months has been working out at the HEART Warehouse sorting and organizing donated items. The donations then would go to families in need and other ministries working with people in need. My particular area of focus became office supplies. I knew that many of the items received had value; however, they were not doing anyone any good in a large box on a pallet (12 boxes) on a shelf in the warehouse. This spring I was able to go through, sort, and organize 120+ boxes of office supplies and then we were able to offer the items to nonprofit ministries. What a blessing seeing so many ministries leave with a cartload of needed office supplies that would have cost them hundreds of dollars of purchase at a retailer.

One of the ministries that I've been working with for the past four years has been The Palm Branch, this work has also been growing and stretching me during this season. One of their areas of focus, in addition to small groups and missions, is to explore kingdom business as a means of generating ongoing income to fund missions and ministry around the world. To this end, I've been learning all of the ins and outs of registering and running a nonprofit owned and operated business in Florida. The business is called **Palm Branch Home Outlet** and is located in Ocala. (For those of you familiar with the Heartland Outlet in Shakopee, Minnesota, this is a similar endeavor.) We would appreciate prayers as we move forward, as we have faced several roadblocks and challenges in our first six months of operation.

I've had a few opportunities this spring to serve with Ally Force and to help prepare and serve meals to Minneapolis Police officers (the photos at the top of this newsletter). It is amazing how a smile, a thank you, and a simple good hot meal means so much to those serving in an often dangerous and thankless job. I so appreciate those protecting us day in and day out. **Thank you Blue!**

To end I do want to say a heart felt Thank You! I could not do what I do without your prayers, partnership, and financial support. Thank you for your generosity and your ongoing goodness to me - I am deeply grateful.

*Love and Blessings,
Jill*

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