

The Living Well, December 2023

Hey Y'all

A tear comes to my eye as I listen to Bing singing White Christmas and looking outside to see no snow (truth, I miss it a bit). What are your dreams this Christmas? I pray whatever they may be that you are blessed with them coming true. Pause.....

I just got off the phone with Scott as I walked him through a repair on his own. What fun it was to share what's happening with me and help him to do something I used to do for him :) which made me tear up again as I realized how I'm living my dream, (thanks to all of you), to working on people's hearts.

For years I worked on hearts by getting to them through their homes as I worked on them as many of you know and have experienced. One year ago my arm went numb, and I knew something had to change. I'd for years been saying I needed to quite what I was doing and just work on hearts. It was my original intention from the start 20 years ago.



Plant hanger made from debris.

For years my heart has been geared towards helping everyone with whatever I could do, and still is, as I find now my focus is more on the heart and not the house. I've relocated to an area of need following a natural disaster and thought I was going to be working on some many things helping so many people that I would be making a huge impact on the lives of those in Perry. Looks like God had different plans as I have had issues with my truck continuously since the trip down. This has needless to say kept me pretty close to home. So instead of working on homes, I've spent a lot of time walking with Hunter meeting others along the way. Church is a mile away and I have been able to be involved with some of the activities there along with meeting others there as well. My

limited outings have brought me into contact with a few others as Hunter and I go about day to day. Lastly is the campground I'm staying at which has full time people here and travelers as they are here to clean up debris from the storm.

Longgg Pause..... Hunter and I just got back from a walk. :(twice today with no encounters.



I fashioned a door

With all that said, I had been spending some of my time thinking I was failing at this and letting myself and others down. However, while I was guiltig :) I remained true to the things pouring out of the Living Well. From where I sit I see Faith, Love, Hope, Peace on the mockup that was done for my tire cover, I see my mission and vision statements and realize I'm doing everything except home repairs and coordinating efforts. Looking the other direction, I see a project that I did and can't wait to bless a local woman with it for Christmas. Well, upon several days of prayer, thought, contemplation, watching and listening, I realize it's not about what I do or don't do. It's all about who I am and the hearts I've touched in this one-mile radius.



Gary finishing a snowman



Loading craft projects

I tried to count it up and lost track due to so many. I've seen frowns turned upside down, stumbling and stammering, to calm and at ease. Others going out of there way to thank me for something as simple as being here to install their grab bars. I have been living my dream of working on people's heart's and I see the fruit of the spirit pouring out of me as a vessel of The Living Well. There was a time not that long ago where in this situation of the unknown and the, what now looks like a possible major repair to the truck, I would not have been able to display Jesus as I am now. I have the Faith, Love, Hope, and Peace of Jesus pouring in and through me to the hearts of others :)

Time for a pause....gotta make dinner
Very long pause almost time for dinner the next day :)

I've been dealing with the Truck issues and may have finally gotten somewhere. Long story short, after 6 weeks of interesting interactions some great some not so great, we've come to the conclusion that the transmission is in pretty bad shape. I will be taking it to another mechanic due to it needing to be serviced at a dealership next week. Praying for not another run around which I believe will not happen as I learned that the Tech is old and wise like me and been doing transmissions forever :) Yesterday I was so living on Faith, Trust, Hope and the Peace in what seemed like a very tough situation. Today it looks like this will all be covered under warranty. Please pray with me for this to be the case as we move forward praising the name of Jesus and proclaiming victory over this Truck issue.



Prayer at the food distribution

12/9 been a couple days. Yesterday I helped Gary load the craft projects. Him and Mark went to the flea market today and they were in a bad location, and nothing sold :(. I worked at another food distribution yesterday and today. 1500 boxes of non-perishable food items were distributed. I also had an opportunity to run a air duck to an office at the church yesterday.

Upcoming events: Taking the truck in on Monday, Northside Church is having a cookie distribution and I'm going to bake a few cookies for it, hand a few craft projects out to some of the peeps I've met and just continue being me as I impact the lives of those in Perry :)

It's been fun to see the Lord work in and through. Thanks so much for all of your support :)

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