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Stepping Out Again...

May God's delightful grace and peace rest upon you.

1 Thessalonians 1:1 TPT

Thanks so much for your prayers and friendship, without you I couldn't do the things God has led me to do. 2024 has been a quite a change. I sold my place, moved to Michigan and am living with my dad in the house I grew up in. I am still working as an accountant, but doing it totally remotely from home. Time has flown by. I'm still trying to acclimate and figure out what this new season looks like. It has been good to be near family. I've watched a lot of Detroit Tigers and have enjoyed riding my new electric bike this summer. I started going to a church called Northridge back in June, it is a large church and I'm still figuring out what I want to be involved in and where I want to serve.

A couple weeks ago I had gone to my dad's church on Sunday and had opened the Northridge App to find and listen to Sunday's sermon, but before I got there a pop up directed me to a page about forming teams to help clean up after Hurricane Helene. Well, within 48-hours I had signed up on a team and we leave tomorrow morning at 8 am.

I am part of a team of 5 who will be driving to Valdosta, Georgia. We will be serving with Samaritan's Purse. This link will tell you more about our week volunteering. <https://www.spvolunteer.org/project-response/742>

I could really use your prayers over the next 10-days. I did my first disaster recovery trip to New York in 2013 after Hurricane Sandy. I'm not as young as I was 11 years ago. I don't know any of the team I'm going with, I actually have not even met any of them. I am praying for the grace and strength to do what I am asked to do joyfully.

I'm feeling that the purpose of me being on this trip is to encourage. Yesterday, while doing my devotions, I was reading 1 Thessalonians 2. The word **ENCOURAGE** just keep jumping out at me.

"Our coming alongside you to **encourage** you was not out of some delusion, or impure motive, or an intention to mislead you, but we have been approved by God to be those who preach the gospel. So our motivation to preach is not pleasing people but pleasing God, who thoroughly examines our hearts. God is our witness that when we came to **encourage** you." 1 Thessalonians 2:3-5 TPT

Please excuse any typing errors and incoherent sentences (I'm typing this on my phone ;)

Love and Blessings,

Jill

p.s. Thank you for praying for my friends' 4-year son Samuel (Sammy). He has completed all of his treatments and is now cancer free and back at home and in school where every little boy ought to be.



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