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## LORD, IT IS DARK...

...and the road is rough to go. I lift an unlit candle in the night, behold it, Lord, within my upraised hand, touch it to flame with thine own heavenly light. This slender waxen thing, that is my faith, fire it, Lord, with some Divine white spark until its circle ever widening at my feet will light my certain path across the dark. Thou wilt light my candle, thus assured I shall go forth throughout this unknown land. The way shall never grow too dark, too long, for I shall bear Thy light within my hand.

## A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER:

DEAR HOSANNA FRIEND,

BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS YEAR-END NEWSLETTER, I SUSPECT THAT THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON WILL BE IN FULL SWING, AND I HOPE THAT THE DAYS AHEAD WILL BRING MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO EXPERIENCE GRATEFULNESS AND LOVE AND TO EXPRESS THESE TO GOD AND TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HELP TO WEAVE THE TAPESTRY OF YOUR OWN UNIQUE LIFE!

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN A MARVELOUS ONE FOR THE MISSION AND I USE THAT ADJECTIVE RATHER LITERALLY IN THIS CASE. WE MARVEL AT WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE THIS YEAR THROUGH THE DAILY AND OFTEN UNPUBLICIZED EFFORTS OF HOSANNA INDUSTRIES.

BEFORE YEAR'S END WE EXPECT TO HAVE SERVED A TOTAL OF 141 HOUSEHOLDS WITH NECESSARY HOME REPAIRS, REHABILITATION, REMODELING, AND RECOVERY FROM FLOODWATERS. OUR MISSION WORKERS WILL HAVE ENGAGED THEIR OWN SKILLS AND THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF NEARLY 850 VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR OWN VICINITY AND AS FAR AWAY AS CALIFORNIA, IN DELIVERING VITAL SERVICES TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. ROOFS HAVE BEEN RESURFACED, WINDOWS REPLACED, AND GARDENS HAVE BEEN GROWN, PROVIDING 600 JARS OF NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HUNGRY. JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS, 103 FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE HAND-SELECTED GIFTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF EACH HOUSEHOLD, ALL PERSONALLY DELIVERED BY OUR GRACIOUS HOSANNA ANGELS. IN OUR VARIOUS TEACHING PROGRAMS AT HOSANNA GIBSONIA, MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN WORKSHOPS, STUDIO SESSIONS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CLASSES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CREATIVITY, CHARACTER AND THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION. ALL TOLD THE MARKET VALUE OF ALL THESE PROGRAMS CHARITABLY PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITIES SERVED THIS YEAR WILL BE IN EXCESS OF 2.7 MILLION DOLLARS!

ALL OF THIS IS NEARLY BREATHTAKING FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE PRIVILEGED TO WITNESS THE WORK OF GOD'S HANDS EVERY DAY, AND WHEN WE PAUSE TO CONSIDER THE HUMAN IMPACT OF IT ALL, WE FIND OURSELVES AGAIN IN THE MIDST OF SOMETHING MARVELOUS.

OF COURSE, BEYOND THE METRICS THERE IS A MUCH MORE IMPORTANT REALITY THAT SPEAKS OF THE FACT THAT GOD DOES CARE ABOUT HIS CHILDREN, THAT PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS HEARD AND ANSWERED, THAT TOTAL STRANGERS CAN BECOME LIFELONG FRIENDS, THAT HOSANNA CRIES CAN BE TURNED INTO SHOUTS OF HALLELUJAH, AND THAT EVEN IN THE DARKEST NIGHT THERE IS ALWAYS A LIGHT SOMEWHERE IN THIS HECTIC WORLD.

CHRISTMASTIME HOLDS MANY HEART-TREASURED TRADITIONS FOR EACH OF US, TAKEN FROM THE PAGES OF OUR OWN PASTS. FOR ME, ONE OF THE MOST TREASURED ONES IS A POEM TAUGHT TO US BY OUR DEAR FRIEND, MY MENTOR IN MINISTRY, DR. RICHARD A. MORLEDGE. HE LEARNED THIS POEM AS A BOY FROM HIS FATHER AND HE RECITED IT EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. SHARING THESE WORDS WITH YOU, I EXTEND OUR VERY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOU AND OUR PRAYERS THAT THE SEASON AHEAD WILL BE FULL OF THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE UPON YOUR PATH AND WITHIN YOUR LIFE.

-DDE



## Christmas Angels Needed!

IN THIS PRECIOUS SEASON OF GIVING, WE'RE ON THE HUNT FOR A SPECIAL GIFT: YOUR TIME! IF YOU CAN SPARE A MOMENT, HEAD OVER TO OUR WEBSITE AND SELECT A TIME SLOT TO GRAB SOME GIFTS AND GOODIES FROM OUR GIBSONIA CAMPUS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 AND DELIVER CHRISTMAS CHEER TO HOUSEHOLDS WE'VE SERVED THIS YEAR! [HOSANNAINDUSTRIES.ORG/GIFTS](http://hosannaindustries.org/gifts)



## We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our 2024 volunteers!

WITHOUT YOU, OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, OUR EFFORTS WOULD BE VASTLY DIFFERENT. THANK YOU FOR DEDICATING YOUR TIME AND ENERGY, FOR EXTENDING KINDNESS TO A STRANGER WHEN OTHERS WOULDN'T, AND FOR MOVING MOUNTAINS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN 2025, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US.



## Festival of Trees & Holiday Market!

JOIN THE JOLLY FESTIVITIES OF THIS ENCHANTING CHRISTMAS TRADITION—EVERYONE'S INVITED! GET READY TO FEAST YOUR EYES ON CREATIVELY CRAFTED, BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES (AND OTHER HOLIDAY DECOR!) JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO BRING THEM HOME! MINGLE WITH FABULOUS VENDORS, NIBBLE ON TASTY TREATS, GROOVE TO LIVE MUSIC, SNAP A PIC WITH SANTA, AND SO MUCH MORE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9 AM - 5 PM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, NOON - 4 PM  
LOCATED AT QUALITY GARDENS IN VALENCIA  
GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MAGICAL  
FESTIVAL OF TREES? GIVE BECKY A JINGLE!  
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## Soup's on!

OUR HARVEST PROGRAM IS TAKING A SUMMER FURLough AND SWAPPING OUT THE PICKLING SUPPLIES FOR PRESSURE CANNING! WE WILL BE CREATING AND CANNING SOUP THIS COMING WINTER SEASON, FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE A BATCH OF SOUP TO THIS EFFORT OR LEARN TO PRESSURE CAN, PLEASE CONTACT BECKY!



## Upcoming Fun-raisers!

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE HG SHINDIGS:

Saturday, December 14 - 12:30-2p - Santa's Cabin

Saturday, February 8, 10a - Noon - Galentines Brunch

Friday, February 28, 5 - 7p - Soup'r Bowl

Keep an eye on the website calendar and our socials for more on kids clubs, art classes, jam nights, and more!

ATTENTION  
PLEASE!

THE BUSINESS OFFICE HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

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