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God Remembers Your Work of Love

April/May 2011 Loaves & Fishes Report

Are you ever tempted to lose heart and simply give up? Oh, how relaxed life could be—if only the battle would be over, the work done. Or just to be permanently discharged.

But no, the One who sent us out has not called us back yet. The fields are still white for harvest. Workers are needed to finish the harvest before the night comes.

Just this morning God encouraged my heart with Hebrews 6:10:

“God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

Yes, God remembers your labor of love for the saints. It's important to preach the Gospel to unbelievers, but it's just as important to minister to the saints. “Teach and make disciples” is just as much a command as “Preach the gospel to every creature.”

Whether we strengthen a weak one, help heal a broken heart, or show kindness in times of distress, God remembers the labor of love toward His people. He sees it, rewards it, and supplies the resources to go on.



Lavern and Esther Gingerich: // Sherilyn . Jamin . Jeremy

Sometimes I have questions and fears. Then the Lord encourages my heart with verses like Hebrews 6:10, and I find strength to keep pressing on.

If you are a servant of the saints and tempted to just hang it up and choose an easier battle, be encouraged. Remember God is not unjust to forget your work of love toward His name.

For the Kingdom,
Lavern Gingerich

PS. Enjoy my sweet family and don't miss the news on the back side of this report.



Ministry News and Prayer Requests

Non-Profit Postage Permit

As we said before, Lighthouse Publishing is now officially under our local church. Just recently, we finally were able to get a non-profit postage permit to mail at non-profit rates. This will save us several thousand dollars every time we do a presort mailing for the *Loaves & Fishes* single subscriptions! We will also save money on other presort mailings, such as the newsletter.

New Voice Mail System

Our old setup wasn't recording complete messages anymore. If you left a message and never heard back from us, we are sincerely sorry. We've switched to a new voice mail system hosted with our phone company. It only costs \$3/month and is just what we need.

New Bookkeeper

Esther has been responsible for the bookkeeping here for the last several years. With three little ones, it had become very difficult for her to keep doing it. The Lord is faithful and provided for this need also. We've hired Rosanne Gingerich, Darold's daughter, to be our new bookkeeper and cleaning lady. The carpet in my office is cleaner than it's been in a long time. I think she deserves a raise already.

Next Issue of *Loaves & Fishes* Magazine

We have inspiration for the next issue of *Loaves & Fishes* and hope to start preparing it soon. Please pray for direction in this project.

We have close to \$14,000 on hand. We're not sure yet if we'll print this one here or have someone else do it. If we outsource the printing, we could move ahead once we reach \$20,000.

Project Goals

Our heart still beats with a vision of publishing *Loaves & Fishes* four times a year. We also see a huge opportunity to touch thousands of women with a magazine directed specifically toward mothers, wives, and single girls. Besides, we've had a vision for a Spanish version of *Loaves & Fishes* for years now.

However, we don't feel clear launching into other projects until we can do at least 3 or 4 issues of *Loaves & Fishes* a year. Our main, and perhaps only, constraint is lack of funds.

We need wisdom in these decisions. Please pray for us that we could bring glory to God and expand His Kingdom with the donations of all our dear partners.

—Lavern Gingerich

"Very well written, enjoyed it greatly"

Just wanted to let you know that I have received my first issue of *Loaves & Fishes*.

I truly want to thank you for it. I find it very well written and enjoyed it greatly. Will reread some and then will pass it on so others here may benefit and gain from it.

Will be looking forward to future issues. Thanks for sharing these with me.

Michael A. Searle

Department of Corrections • Cresson, PA

"Will uplift the women"

I would like to thank you for the donation of six hundred *Loaves & Fishes* magazines that was made to the Religious Services Department.

This material will uplift the women and provide a sense of wholeness to those who will use them. Again, thank you for your donation and your continued support to MCIW.

Lettie M. Carr, Chaplain

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Donations

Donations to Lighthouse Publishing are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Our goal is to publish *Loaves & Fishes* every quarter. Each issue costs roughly \$30,000. This would equal 350 people each giving just \$1/day.

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