



LUKE 10:27
A Community of Faith

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"Use Us, Lord..."

A Letter to Luke

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"... to serve one another in love"

Gal 5:13



Have you met them?
Tammy and Jose Ibarra?
"Use us, Lord to serve others in love" is their mantra.

Married at Luke eight years ago, Tammy and Jose have a heart for the oppressed. Currently, they are living in the Eastover community to serve those in need.

Several weeks ago Tammy accepted the position of Volunteer Director of our Food Pantry.

As soon as Jose, a carpenter by trade, heard the news, he was here with hammer in hand and a huge smile on his face, eager to do whatever he could to help.

Their initial priority was to literally bring light into a "dark place".

"The first time I walked into the food pantry," commented Tammy, "it felt so dark. People come here with hopelessness looking for hope. We wanted to brighten the place up. The Lord is light and that's what we want them to experience. His hope. His light."

The place definitely has been brightened up. Not just with the construction of Jose's expert hands, but also with Tammy's helping heart. We are blessed!

How can we help?

Bring to the altar: Peanut butter and/or jelly
Dried beans peas
Canned tuna or chicken



Use us, Lord, to care for Your land.

It can take your breath away!

The huge oaks. Fertile soil.
Blooming crepe myrtles.

And, it's ours. Ours—not to own.
But ours to “occupy and enjoy its
fruitfulness.”

Anytime we are given a gift we
want to use it and take care of it.

That's God's hope for us.
Use it and take care of it.

So, two Sundays ago we walked the
land and asked the Lord two ques-
tions:

1. What needs to be done to main-
tain the Lord's land?
2. What can I do? *Use me, Lord.*

Pictured below are the results of
that first Sunday—but, we've got
lots of days left to respond to the
Lord's invitation.

Here's the beginning of a list of
things that need to be “adopted” -

As you prayer walk the land you
might see something completely
different— that's great!. Just let
the office know and it's yours.

- ___ Be a part of the weed team
- ___ Create flower beds by porte co-
chere and door entrance
- ___ Oversee playground area
- ___ Remove growth around food pan-
try
- ___ Sweep porches
- ___ Check & replace light bulbs on
porch fans
- ___ Make sure garbage is not sitting
outside the trash dumpster
- ___ Keep shed behind church clutter
free
- ___ Keep shed behind playground
clutter free



Kathryn & Michelle adopted the
porch bench and doors.



Margaret Spinks adopted the flow-
er bed to your left in honor of her
mom.. Need: right flower bed.



The Savignol family and Judy
Walker have adopted removing all
dead limbs.

***“The land is Yahweh's and
it is a gift to us—not in own-
ership—but in permission
to occupy it and enjoy its
fruitfulness.***

***The greatest temptation on
the land is to believe we will
be blessed by the work of
our hands, rather than obe-
dience to the scriptures.”***

- Walter Brueggemann, *The Land*



Jimmy is grading the parking lot.
Kevin & the Young adults adopted
the garden and removing the wood



Leslie has adopted removing the
weeds. She needs a Weed Team.

Use us, Lord, to care for Your creation.

Foster a Pet Today

I invite you to read Job's heart about creation. It fascinated me.

"Ask the animals and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky and they will tell you. Speak to the earth and it will instruct you. Let the fish of the sea speak to you. They all know that the Lord will supply their need. For the life of everything is in His hands." Job 12:7-10

"The life of everything is in His hands." And He is depending on us to help care for what He holds.

Did you know that you can FOSTER a kitten? As many or as few as you want? For as long or as short as you'd like? They need our hands. They need our hearts.

To help call Maurice Durbin, a long-time part of our Luke family and a tireless advocate for animals, at 664-6126.



"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless." Pr 31

Keep Bringing the Cans



Our Youth have adopted a child from Central America.

And, they're so excited about how it happened.

Michael: "I really wanted a child from Central America.

Our youth didn't know that. When they chose the child and brought her picture to me, I couldn't believe it.

Out of all the countries she could have been from, she was from Central America!"

So, keep bringing the cans Luke family.

Let's help our youth help their adopted child.

Take a Trip to Honduras

By: Gary Chapman

The Luke 10:27 Mission Team will once again travel to Honduras in October.

This fall our focus will be teaching the women of La. Cuesta how to sew! We have some exciting plans for helping the women learn a skill which will save them money and provide a way to earn money for their families.

We will also be providing medical care on a one-on-one basis. In addition we will be observing the progress of construction of the new church and will assist in any construction that may be ongoing while we are in La Cuesta.

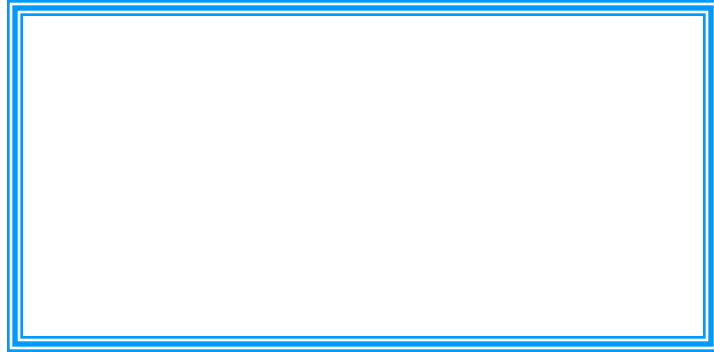
If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Gary Chapman (brothergary@gmail.com). We need you!



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Use us, Lord, to help the Whistle Stop!

As many of you know the Whistlestop business belongs to Luke 10:27. We opted to make it a non-profit organization with all proceeds going to help the homeless and oppressed.

Our "Precious Frank" manages the coffee shop as a volunteer and despite our country's economic woes, the Whistle Stop is operating in the black. Go Frank!



That's exciting!

But, here's something that's even more exciting.

WE can help it stay in the black.

How?

By baking.

All we have to do is call



Stephanie Hill
at #324-0314

She will give us a recipe and a date for providing the Whistle Stop with a

baked good. Then, we just bake it and bring it.

For example:

Cindy Walker's Bible Study group decided that they would help the Whistle Stop by making the most delicious Italian Crème Cake you have ever put in your mouth.

Each week one member bakes the recipe and brings it to the Whistle Stop on Monday morning.

Customers love it!

Now, the clencher here is that I am a part of this Bible Study. There are certainly those of you who know that my culinary talents are somewhat lacking. But, I have discovered a secret. If you can read, you can bake.

So come on. Give Stephanie a call

And help the Whistle Stop!