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Dear Friends of LIFEBUILDERS MINISTRIES:

During the Westward expansion (latter 1800's) and in many military battles throughout history, unexpected and sudden death of family members and key leaders almost seemed a norm. It appeared that those left behind in terrible circumstances were able to make very quick adjustments and move on. I've often wondered how. I'm sure part of the reason was necessity, they really had no other choice. But normally there is something much broader and more encompassing that makes for this kind of courage. I suspect it was the larger-than-life goals they were pursuing and the vital causes they were fighting for. This is commonly referred to as VISION. In last month's newsletter, I referred to receiving this kind of strength in the aftermath of my daughter's death. Sometimes I think it can appear that there is not sufficient caring or grieving for the ones lost, but that is not the case at all. It is just the confidence that comes from knowing that an all powerful Creator-God is guiding us toward a destiny far greater than any current circumstances dictate. Therefore we are always "looking up", knowing that we and those temporarily lost, will share together in the final victory. "I will lift my eyes to the hills.... my help comes for the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth"(Psalms 121:1,2). "Set your mind on things above where the risen Christ sits on the right hand of God." (Col. 3:1). Eternal life and indescribable glory are our future....

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Acteen's "Bread of life" Ministry. On Saturday morning March 12, several Greene County Baptist Association Acteens and their leaders passed out a loaf of bread and flyer containing Jesus' "bread of life" message (John 6) to each resident household at Glenwood. The Acteens considered it a local mission project. They were warmly received, blessed by the activity, and seeds of the Gospel were further sown there. We are thankful they chose one of our Multi-Family housing areas for this ministry. Please note expression of appreciation at right.