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Dear Friends of LIFEBUILDERS MIISTRIES:

In Romans chapter 16 Paul named, greeted, and commended several of his associates and the service they had rendered. Please read this chapter to understand the “dearness” of these people to Paul’s heart. Nothing touches the heart of a leader like seeing fellow servants “lay down their lives” in service to others. Mark 10:45-“The Son of man has come not to be ministered to (be served) but to minister (serve) and to give His life a ransom for many.” With this in mind we offer the following expressions of appreciation and commendation for those who serve in Lifebuilder’s endeavors to “heal the brokenhearted, set the captives free, and preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” (Day of salvation through grace and mercy) - Luke 4:18.



*Winston & Sue Thanks YOU!*

VILLA MARIE -- For Raedean Pollard who serves as office secretary, ministry collaborator, children’s teacher, and is always “everywhere for everyone.” For Warren Honeycutt who continually gathers the “young sheep” (youth) in his path to bring them into God’s fold. For Shelly Honeycutt who provides children’s curriculum for all Lifebuilder’s locations and teaches “little lambs” herself. For Warren and Shelly who take “troubled teens” into their own home and all the risks that go with it. For Sandy Shull, who profoundly, yet simply breaks the bread of life (word of God) for “grown up” sheep week after week. For Victor Shull, assistant youth teacher, and an encouragement to all of us with his spontaneous, affable, yet “profoundly deep” insights into Biblical truth. For Angela Hawn who faithfully plays keyboard as much as her 5-month old Alyssa will allow! For Lori Secker’s “heart”, and success in obtaining benevolence from local businesses and future plans to expand this area of ministry. For Shawn and Terri McMakin who serve as refreshment coordinators, “LBM liaison” to National Heights Sunday School classes, and are always available to help with special projects.

GLENWOOD -- Paul Hadley, Glenwood site-leader, meticulous manager of details, and general “good heartedness” toward everyone. For Joyce Skelly who manages to condense a large (necessarily assertive) 200-employee business administrative persona into the humble role of teaching neglected, misguided, and unruly children

week after week! For Randy Brooks who continually attempts to provide Glenwood youth and any others around, the opportunity to attend “the best” Christ-centered events that are available, and for being “media-man” for LBM movie nights and other events. For Wendy his wife, being at his side continually, and speaking words of encouragement to all the areas she is present in. For Brenda Haley’s (she just joined our Glenwood team) commitment to evangelism and comprehensive desire to reach both children and adults. For Sue’s (my wife) commitment to teaching the very “currently challenging” Women’s class at Glenwood, not to mention the myriads of ways she ministers to my life.

CEDARBROOK -- For Ron Woods, Cedarbrook site-leader, Bible teacher, and “intensive truth-seeker” not only bringing many valuable servants to Lifebuilders, but more importantly, continually leading people into a deeper commitment to Christ through his dedication to discipling. For Don Chapman whose talents (vocally and instrumentally) could easily place him in a prestigious church music position, yet gives those talents week after week to serve the “last and the least” in a public housing area. For Doren his son, who assists his dad in music, and shows unusual maturity and godly commitment as a young man who has adhered to Paul’s admonition in II Tim 2:22 to “flee from youthful lusts and follow after righteousness, faith, charity, and peace.” For children’s teacher Terri Degroot who due to schedule pressures gave up a long-term teaching position in a “stable” church setting to stay with a few underprivileged “rag tag” kids who show up at Cedarbrook each week. For Pam Wilkins who in the same way serves faithfully with Terri week after week, even though barely able to get there by class time. And finally for Rennie Auiler who serves refreshments, sings, and has had to “stretch the most” to grow in faith out series of tragic setbacks in her life.

But may I say that the above is by no means an exhaustive list. Some of those mentioned serve in many other ways as well. And if I could name one thing that I believe gives people the ability to serve in such sacrificial ways, I would have to say that it is the willingness to be inconvenienced. (not a popular concept in most of today’s church world.) But check out Luke 10:30-37, and you will find that it is the crux of Jesus’ teaching in the parable of the “good Samaritan.”

And for those of you who live out of the area and cannot serve in hands-on ways, we want to let you know how much we appreciate you standing with us in prayers, words of encouragement, and financial gifts. We consider these things just as important as any category of service rendered.

For His Kingdom:

Winston, Sue & Lifebuilder’s Team

P.S. Next week Sue and I will be traveling to Central And south Texas to visit kids, grandkids, and try to refresh ourselves for a few days on the beach. May God’s richest blessings be on each and every one of you!