



# Serving the UNDERSERVED

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## Matthew 25:31-46

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### The Final Judgment

<sup>31</sup> “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> Or a stranger and

## From Mike -

Hello all! It has been about three months since we last published a “normal” newsletter. I apologize for that – but to be honest with you, between the record heat we experienced causing me to feel melted at the end of each day and the record rainfall we received creating an overload of manual labor, I just faded at the end of each day! We’re now entering our beautiful Florida winter weather, which has alleviated lots of stress!

I want to give you an update on the ministry through some pictures representing the ongoing work in Guatemala and the life-changes occurring in the riding program. Please pray for each aspect of the ministry as you view these.

### In Guatemala . . .



relationships.”

In Guatemala, the feeding program in the ghetto area is doing so well that Pastor Israel, from the local church we support, is ready to begin a second program near the center of the town! The ghetto program feeds one meal a day to about 100 children. We do these programs in conjunction with other ministries, as we live out our belief of “serving the underserved through

Pastor Israel’s church has grown to such an extent that just recently they were able to purchase property for a future community center. Plant Today will be a partner in helping to build this center.



show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? <sup>39</sup> When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

<sup>41</sup> “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.

<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

<sup>44</sup> “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’

<sup>45</sup> “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’

<sup>46</sup> “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”



The local volunteer firefighters that we are involved with send their greetings and thanks to all of you, particularly for your prayers during the volcano eruptions they experienced and for sending the fire hoses that are so vital for their work. Chief Carlos wrote: “[To] all people that support us, thanks for your prayers, we will be praying for your lives also, in this time [it] is really

necessary to [be] praying for our lives.”

Thank you for your prayers and support for this dedicated group of men and women. Chief Carlos is a true representation of Christ to his volunteers, taking every opportunity to praise God for the changes he is experiencing in his own life through his new spiritual commitment.



### *In the Riding Program . . .*



recently!

To the great shock and joy of our volunteers, C.J. , an autistic child with whom we have worked for almost three years, laughed for the first time in our presence. He is extremely “inwardly turned,” and while we have occasionally seen him smile, this child never laughed while with us. That day, he was full of joy his entire time on the horse. What great strides he has been making

Several parents have been reporting greatly improved behavior in their children after riding sessions. This has eased the burden on them, as the effects seem to last for several days. One parent wrote: “The riding sessions have changed his life, and

ours too, and

we thank you and God for the blessings.”



Another parent wrote: "Adeline and Abigale were playing with their dolls when our 150 pound chocolate lab, Henry, walked in. They decided he would be the doll's horse so they mounted Henry and said 'Let's ride! But first we have to pray!' They prayed for a safe trip and thanked the Lord for the 'horse,' then asked that they wouldn't get germs, ha! Just thought it was too cute not to share. Thanks for teaching them the importance of prayer protection :)"



The program is ever-expanding. In addition to adding several new riders with physical disabilities, for the first time we have included three sisters who are in the foster care system due to family issues. This came as a special request from their guardian ad litem, who was aware of what we do and felt it would benefit them emotionally. Hardly a week passes that we don't receive calls from people requesting to be part of the program. They have heard of us solely through others telling them about it, so God is certainly spreading the word!

Thank you for taking your time to pray. I'm sure your heart was touched by one or more of these photos. So, take action based on those emotions and get involved! Whether it is volunteering in the riding program or going on a trip with us to Guatemala, **GET INVOLVED!** Please contact me about how you can be a part of the blessing of giving yourself to others.

In Him,

*Mike*

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