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Dear Friends,

*"We live through most miracles and fail to recognize [that] what happened is a miraculous intervention of God."* G. Allen Hires.

I heard this from my father early in ministry and have tried to compensate by paying close attention to what God is doing. He alone can change hearts and it is through His power that we can "confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" (I John 4:2).

We have seen God at work in our clients' lives. While at Bethel Ridge a lady faced a past traumatic event in her life. For a long time, fearing what God might do next, she would not sleep so she could "head Him off at the pass." Her vigilance and fear were causing her loss of sleep – getting only a half hour to two hours actual sleep each night. She came to peace with the trauma and now enjoys the God who never slumbers nor sleeps. She has come to believe God, who has declared her to be His child. As a daughter of the King of kings she knows she is His princess.

Jesus shocked the religious folks when He announced His ministry by reading from Isaiah, "I have come to set the captive free..." Central to Christ's mission statement is that of bringing freedom from bondage. It is profound to see how God meets folks in a very personal and emotional way and confirms His freeing love. We have watched this happen repeatedly. What miraculous changes!

We were deeply saddened to learn that Larry, a great friend of the ministry, died New Year's Eve. He was a retired electrician and had taken out an electrical permit for the second cabin and had, along with other volunteers, completed about twenty-five percent of our electrical rough-in. Friends, Walt and Bill, came January 4, 2005 on a recognizant mission and contributed to the electrical project by installing cam lights, heater boxes and bathroom fans. They promised to help further, but we needed a licensed electrician to get a new permit and supervise the project. January 9, Harold told me he would like to oversee the project and could use some willing workers. I feel so much peace knowing God is sending new volunteers to join Him here in the work.

Thank you so much for blessing us with your partnership.

In His Service,

Gregg and Glenna Hires

**Praises:**

- For volunteer help –God sent Jeff, Harold and Walt to continue the electrical rough-in for our second cabin.
- We were given a cash gift to help complete the second cabin.
- We have seen God do amazing things in people’s lives.
- Organizational progress is being made in strategic planning and marketing. The website is being upgraded and a video presentation is in early stages of development.

**Prayer Requests:**

- May God comfort Frank and Karleen, faithful supporters for thirty-five years. Frank is now in the last stages of cancer. May God continue to bless their investments in ministry.
- We need an administrative assistant in order to move to the next level of operations.
- We need a new board member with gifts in marketing.
- We pray our clients will be prepared to receive God’s intervention in their lives.
- We need volunteers to join what God is already doing.