

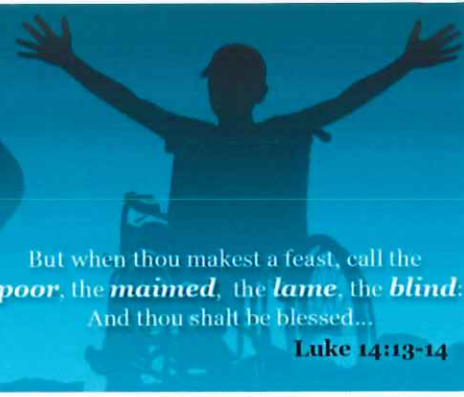
Burgess Family

To the Disabled & Beyond

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But when thou makest a feast, call the **poor**, the **maimed**, the **lame**, the **blind**.
And thou shalt be blessed...
Luke 14:13-14



Dear Pastor and Praying Friend,

March – May 2018

Our family would like to thank everyone who has prayed for us, and this ministry. For the past few months we have been going through some trials and tests, but God has been so faithful to meet our needs.

Back in 2016, we were given a van to better help with the transportation of our son, Samuel. We are so thankful for all those who gave so that this van might work. No one could have foreseen the many breakdowns we have encountered over the last two years, and the expensive repair bills. We truly wanted to make this van work. Back on March 20th we were attending a mission's conference in Michigan, at Volinia Baptist church. Our van broke down in Asheville, NC leaving us stranded at a gas station. It was 4 pm with 450 miles to go! Getting the van fixed and on the road to be at the services for the next evening was impossible – my faith was waning. We were blessed to have our Pastor traveling with us. Through his faith, God opened a door for us to rent a van and continue the trip to make it for the meeting. God is sooooo Good!

When we arrived home from the mission's conference we made the decision to sell the van to find something more reliable. On May 1st we were able to find a 2005 GMC van with a raised roof, and wheelchair lift. Please pray that this van will be dependable to travel to meetings and share our burden for ministering to the disabled. If there is one thing this van has taught us - to PRAY!

While at a service at the Charles Lea Center, Marlene broke down and started crying (she has cerebral palsy and lives in a group home). I asked her what was wrong. She said she needed a new chair as she was unable to sit up all the way. We began to pray. Sadly many individuals with disabilities suffer because of the lack of service, or those who will help them. One day as we began greeting those in Visions 2 I was talking to Marlene. She once again began crying about her chair. I decided to take a look. In just a few minutes the chair was fixed, with a simple adjustment to a cable that had come loose. Maybe what God wants us to do, is not just pray about something but be the solution to what we are praying about!

Our paths crossed with a couple by the name of Paul & Irena Ivangorodsky who is from the Ukraine. They both have said they are saved, but were not in church. We invited them to church and they came with us to a Sunday evening service. Paul has a drug addiction which has lead to their separation. Currently, Paul is in a program to help him with his drug addiction. Satan is working to destroy their lives and marriage. Please pray for this couple. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you!

I received a phone call a few months ago from a lady by the name of Renee. Somehow she received our prayer card from someone at Charles Lea, and needed someone to talk with. She is living in a bad situation, with a drug addiction on crack cocaine. I prayed with her and encouraged her to read her Bible, and get back into church. I stand amazed at how God brings people into our path to minister. May God find us faithful, looking for opportunities to share His Word with others!

We appreciate so much your prayers and sacrificial gifts so that we may continue ministering to the Disabled and Beyond.

Because of Jesus,

The Burgess Family

James, Brenda & Samuel Burgess

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