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Bringing Hope to People in Need

LIFE CAN CHANGE IN AN INSTANT!

Dear Friend,

March 2011

It was a perfect Saturday just one week before our 23rd wedding anniversary on Valentines day when I got the call everybody dreads.....It was Linda, she could barely talk, "Stephen, I've been in a terrible car accident, come quick".

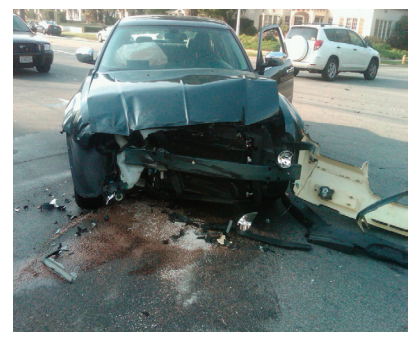
My heart was pounding as I raced to the accident scene "Oh God, please keep her alive". All sorts of things ran through my mind and, at first, I could not fight back the fear and panic that rose in my throat and squeezed my stomach in knots.

Then a bible verse from James came to me: **'Be anxious for nothing'** - *"But God that is my wife, I don't want to lose her!"* - **'but in everything by prayer and supplication'** - *"What will I tell my daughters?"* - **'with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God'** - *"Ok God, thank You that I can call on You, thank You that Linda loves and believes in You, thank You for having Your angels around her"* - **'and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord'**.

As I got closer, I could now hear sirens and see red lights flashing.... Now even closer, I see three fire engines, police cars and a crowd of people but there was a strange peace that started to fill me that I cannot explain.

Then I saw a mangled hunk of metal in the middle of the intersection surrounded by glass and parts. That couldn't be the beautiful car I gave to my wife last year for our anniversary? How could she survive that?!

I parked my car and ran across the street pushing through a crowd and passed two policemen yelling "that's my wife"! She was sitting on the curb in shock. I immediately put my arms around her and began to pray. That peace was still with me.



The paramedics put her on a stretcher with a brace around her neck. As I walked next to her towards the ambulance not knowing what the future held, I knew who held the future, and I reassured her with conviction that everything was going to be all right.

As I drove to the hospital, I sent messages out asking for prayer. Thanks to all of you that did pray for Linda. I called my daughters and told them to pray.

Praise God after extensive tests and examinations, the doctor released her a bit stiff and in some pain but he said she will be fine! We walked out to a beautiful sunset full of gratitude knowing in our hearts how this could have turned out much differently.

I want to thank all of you that pray for us regularly. It means more then words can say! Terrible things happen to all of us and life can change in an instant, but to face those things without the love and peace of Jesus and not having friends to call on to pray is what millions of people go through every day and that is why we do what we do.

The great news of the Gospel is the peace that comes with knowing Jesus and knowing that "He will never leave us or forsake us". The assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of heaven when we pass from this earth.

We leave for New Orleans in a few days where thousands of hurting people at our WOW JAMS face things much worse than this but without hope, without peace, without Jesus and without friends to call on.

All the things we do at the WOW JAMS, we do to show the love of Jesus in an unconditional way so that we can share the wonderful Gospel with them so they too can experience His peace. We also connect them to a local church body so they have those friends to call on in times of trouble.

I need your help.

Please Pray for my family, staff, WOW crew, workers and for the 20 people coming to serve that week.

Please Pray for hundreds to accept Jesus!

Please Give - Gas prices have shot up dramatically and we are about to drive the WOW truck 3,000 miles. Also, food and groceries are very difficult to come by in New Orleans.

For one in eight Louisianans, hunger is a reality right now. Thousands of men, women and children in South Louisiana are struggling with hunger. These are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days.

Feeding thousands of people a hot meal and giving them groceries is a critical part of WOW JAMS. The previous scripture in James comforted me, but this one in James 2:15 convicts me: *'suppose a brother or sister is without clothes or food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well, keep warm and well fed" but do nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead'*.

Please send in your best financial gift today so together we can link our faith with our action. Linda and I really count on your support and prayers.

Thank you and God Bless you!



Stephen Tavani
President/Founder WOW International



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