



Faith Christian Mission

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The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior." Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." - Judges 6:12-13

Two of the most common doubts we face as Christians are that God is with us, and that we are a mighty people of valor (strength). We may have gone through a season where we felt abandoned and powerless in the face of the enemy. But, God still calls us a "Valiant Warrior," even in the midst of trials. How much more is this true for us who have received the Spirit of God because we have believed that Jesus rose again from the dead! He is calling out to you and will give you a specific plan of action, even as He did to Gideon.

We have been tremendously blessed by a group of disciples serving with a ministry called **Next Step Ministries**. They send hundreds of teams out all over the nation to help existing churches and non-profits accomplish their projects. They dug a trench in between the garage and house, and filled it with rocks for drainage; this is very important for when the snow melts! They cut up firewood for our winter supply. They repaired picnic tables on the base and put a new roof on our greenhouse for growing vegetables.

Prayer Requests:

- Ministry teams and outreach
- Funds for remodeling and repairs to both bases



Also, they finished the insulation project on the outside walls and are now installing siding to cover those walls up. And to top it off, they built and tiled a platform for our new wood-burning stove that we will use this winter to supplement the main heating oil boiler. We had a group of 24 one week and a group of 15 another week. Most of this work can only be done in the short, summer season, so we are so grateful for this ministry and the local volunteers that serve year-round and oversaw these projects. We are continuing on with our weekend services, prayer meetings on Thursday night, and Monday night Wellspring discipleship teaching. I never thought I would be so busy at age 76, but God gives me strength even as he did Moses to accomplish the mission.

We have one final project we need to raise additional funds for—a new heating boiler for the Faith Christian Mission building. Parts to keep it going are \$1200, but in reality we need to replace it in the long-term. We appreciate all you do in prayer and financial support and know that God will lead us in victory over any *Midian* that would try to come against us.

Co-laborers in Christ,

Joyce Thurlby

