

Dear W.C.,

My husband was helping a friend fix his car when the car fell off the jack and broke his leg in three places. He is lucky to be alive. Now that he is stable, we are beginning to see the effect this is having on our lives not only physically but also financially. He has had two surgeries and is beginning to use a walker. He still has physical therapy to go through and then he can slowly return to work. The medical bills are overwhelming us and have already taken all our savings. I have sold some of our belongings, so we were able to pay our rent last month. I missed so much work over the past two months due to caring for him and our children that we are short funds for our electric bill too. I went to the food pantry for food and that helped our food budget. This has been such a scary and stressful time for us.

Dear Readers,

An injury such as this one, changes lives in an instant. One minute this husband was laughing with his best friend as they worked on his car and the next, he was in an ambulance in terrible pain. This was a tragic accident that not only caused great physical pain but also placed the family at great risk for enduring the pains of poverty.

I spoke to the wife first as she had written the letter sharing the details of their struggle. With two nearly teenaged children living at home the wife/mother was emotionally distraught. Her greatest fears were hunger and homelessness and she had never had to worry about this in the past. She told me how she and her husband had always worked hard and never been unemployed, even following the birth of her children she had gone back to work as soon as possible. These fears were a new stress they were confronting after getting through the immediate medical emergency and surgeries.

After hearing all the details of what her husband endured, we began discussing the financial effects of his injury. His job was being held but he was not receiving unemployment. His employer had graciously provided sick days and vacation days even though he was a fairly new employee that was not eligible yet. With those paid days long gone they were now living on the wife's income, which was not enough to pay their present expenses.

We went over their budget line by line and I made suggestions of ways to reduce their expenses. The wife had already implemented some of these as she managed all the household expenses. If we provided three months rent, paid their overdue utilities, and provided gift cards for food, toiletries, and gas, they would make it through this ordeal until the father was cleared to return to work.

The husband asked to speak to me as he had been listening to his wife cry tears of relief over the assistance we were going to provide. When he spoke, there was no mistaking the emotions I heard in his voice. He then broke down and cried as he thanked us for what we

were doing to save his family from enduring further pains of poverty. His gratitude and emotions brought tears to my own eyes.

Over the next few weeks, I checked in on this family, wanting to hear about the progress the husband was making. His physical therapy helped him walk again and his doctor cleared him to go back to work part-time to start. The wife was not missing any more days to care for him and they would soon be able to afford their expenses each month. Thanks to our assistance they did not have to suffer hunger and stress in the process. Our last conversation was filled with happy tears of relief thanks to “You” and The Time is Now to Help working together to bring poverty relief to those in need in our communities.

Thank “You” and God Bless “You” for making this and all our poverty relief efforts a success. We appreciate your support every day that allows us to change lives throughout our communities. Thanks to your continued support we will be able to share these blessings with the elderly, single mothers, working poor families, children, veterans and the handicapped that are turning to us for assistance.

*Health & Happiness, Love & GOD Bless Everyone, Sal*

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