

Dear W.C.,

It's been just me and my son for the past ten years. My son's father has never had any interest in having a relationship with him and for the past year has not been paying his child support. On top of that I lost my job when my son was sick for several months over the winter. My employer was not understanding about my need to care for my son and take him to multiple medical visits while he underwent treatment for a terrible illness. Now that my son is well again, I was actively looking for a new job and found a great one last week. Unfortunately, my car decided to quit on me when I was driving my son to school this morning. I had to pay for a tow truck to take it in and that was the money I was trying to save for our rent. It has been one set back after another, but I am trying to keep a positive attitude for my son. I am thanking God for his return to health and praying now that we do not become homeless.

Dear Readers,

We were blessed to be able to help this mother and son last week thanks to "You".

The mother began our long conversation that brought us back to the beginning of this woman's adult life. She had been a young woman with hopes and dreams that were sidetracked by a man who deceived her and physically abused her. When she was left as a young single mother with serious injuries caused by abuse, she had to change her hopes and dreams to those of an adult mother rather quickly. That included getting away from the abusive relationship to not only save herself but also her baby son.

Over the years she worked hard and with court ordered child support they got by each month. The mother made sure her son never endured homelessness or hunger. They lived frugally but the mother said they were happy and safe.

When her son became ill and had to be hospitalized for an extended period, the mother shared how she almost lost hope. She had felt overwhelmed by the thought of life without her boy, and he was the focus of all her energy. The woman cried so hard she could barely continue speaking as she recalled this terrible time.

When the woman was able to speak again, we began to go over the loss of her past job and their present budget. We went over the new job she would be starting the following week and it too looked like an answer to her prayers. With an increase in income and benefits she would not have to rely on the inconsistent child support she had needed in the past. With our help in providing the much-needed car repair and new tires, the stress of getting to that new job would be removed.

After thoroughly reviewing her budget, our plan was to pay her overdue rent and utilities and pay an extra month of both to provide a buffer while she awaited her first paycheck. We also provided gift cards for food, toiletries, and clothing for her son and herself.

The next day I received an email from this grateful mother and her son. I could not help but cry myself when I read, "I cried my eyes out when I received your envelope. I am so grateful and blessed for The Time is Now to Help to ever do this for me and my son. I'm so lost for words I didn't think this was real. I don't know what to say other than thank you from the bottom of my heart. I promise to do right with everything in life for me and my son. We are truly blessed for the Lord bringing you in our lives."

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.

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Prayer Chain: The power of prayer and positive thoughts comes from the true healer, our Lord answering our prayers. Please pray for healing for the following people: Brian, Mike, Sylvia, Megan, Kayla, Maria C., Judy, Scott, Annie, Marilyn, Brandon, Helen, Dennis, Mary, Joseph, Jordan, Jean, Tom L., Dr. Peter, Matthew, Pam E., Jenene B., John S., Patricia H., Ron K., Marian K., Judy, Wendy, Eric, Anthony, Mary, Charlie, Tom P., Christina, Billy, Mike, Cheryl, Bryan E., Ellie and Cornelia.

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