

KATIE'S Chronicles

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Dear Friends,

I can't believe it's been 6 months now since I've been working at God's Helping Hands! As this is my very first newsletter, I'd like to start by saying THANK YOU! We have accomplished so much this year and thanks to you, I am able to be a part of it.

It's been a busy summer. One big project for me was our new website. Have you seen it yet? Take a look! It was a lot of effort for all of us, particularly Nicole and I as she was the artistic brain and I was the logistical/technical brain. We pray that God will use it to do His work.

Some other jobs this year included building and maintaining a management system to organize and store files and media-related items, creating a new system for storing and sharing podcasts, building a YouTube page and researching and coming up with better ways to use the tools available to us. There was a lot on my list this year, but it has been an amazing experience thus far.

2019 has also been a big year for me personally. I'm finally coming to the end of driver's training and will hopefully be able to get my license by winter/spring of 2020 (it's a waiting game). This will help me with getting to work and hopefully being able to go back to KVCC for an IT degree. A big part of my budget is going towards saving for a car since I'll need to have my own vehicle to get to work.

At the start of my job here at GHH, I sent out letters. I wanted to let you know what I was up to and to request support — I hate doing that part by the way. Asking for things is hard because it makes us vulnerable, but I must remember that God has called me here and if I do not ask Him, how do I expect Him to give? There are so many people in my life that love me and give so much of themselves and God uses that for His glory. I never want to stand in His way. I can clearly see God's hand through it all and I know He is still working.

Currently, I have raised about 30% of my needed support to be fully funded as part-time staff. Often it is harder for office staff to raise support due to the lack of exposure. I was fully expecting the process to be slow due to this; however so far in the 6 months I have been at GHH, there has been many more immediate projects to work through than the paid hours to do them in. Eventually, the team wishes for me to come on full time as the need is there, not only to maintain what is already in place, but to assist in the many areas that are expanding. I am trusting God's timing. At present, the need is getting my support up so I can continue working at GHH.

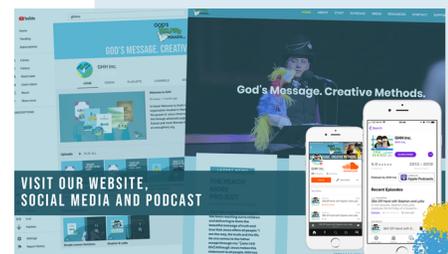
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Jeff is just soooo excited I'm here to tell him about all the things we need to fix. 😂



Guess what? The team won best float at the Elk Rapids parade!



Been very busy this Summer working on the new website, and many other outreach tools to help kids learn about Jesus!



I am confident that God has placed me where He wants me to be. This is not a temporary position. I will be with GHH unless God calls me somewhere else. He has blessed me with the ability to fill some of the holes here. My request is that you pray that God's will be done in this area of my life and that He will provide and lead me in His way. I trust Him completely. He has proven Himself time and time again.

One of those God-ordained events in my life was my trip to Nashville this summer for the Getty Sing Conference. During my stay in Nashville, I experienced so many moments where, without a doubt, God was orchestrating interactions with people, comments and experiences that have overwhelmingly affirmed my belief in a relational God. He doesn't just sit in the heavens and watch our life as we take predestined actions and steps. He handles us with care and allows things to happen to us so we can love and glorify Him more. He orchestrates moments just to give us joy! He refines us to be more like Him. Some of these things are not easy. We experience struggles and pain and must have patience and trust in God's timing. Unless we are willing to do that, we will not have joy or peace in our circumstances.

And just as Christ loves and blesses His children, so we are called to do the same for each other. In a society where everything is about individuality and being better than everyone else, God's desire for His children is quite the opposite. We are called to come together to glorify Him in worship and truth. We are called to come together in encouragement and support for each other (Prov. 27:17, 1 Pet 4:10, Eph 4:11-12, Rom 15:5-6). Instead of living with a self-centered mindset, we walk together in Christian love for one another. We are the hands and feet of God. Wow! Isn't that such an amazing thought?

Of course, the love of Christ is not singularly applying to sending Katie support. Yeah, nope! Please don't get that idea. If God leads, I would be so grateful for your support. However, we have so many opportunities in life to give to and love and care for those around us. Because of Christ, it is not just our duty but our honor.

A final comment: Being a part of a non-profit ministry means we have a lot of people praying for us, but one of the things I love about GHH is that we pray for you too. Every day before lunch, we pray for everyone who is supporting us and also for those we personally know that need prayer. So, let me pray for you: that as this year soon is ending, you would catch a glimpse of how amazing God is; how much God cares and orchestrates moments in time for your good and His glory. I am praying that we will all take purposeful steps to live a life that honors and glorifies the One who deserves everything we can give and that we overflow with kindness and goodness for others out of love for Christ!

In Christ,

KATIE STOWE



Help me keep track of my support! If you would like to be on my support team, write on a scrap of paper if you would like to give a one time gift or a monthly, quarterly or semi-annually gift. This helps keep track of where I am!

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**Katie's Projects:
Started/Completed**

**File & Storage
Organization &
Maintenance**

New Website

- designed
- configured
- domain transfer
- maintenance

Youtube

- configured
- maintenance

Podcasts

- transfer to new storage space
- SoundCloud

Office365

- purchase
- configured
- file integration
- maintenance

Road Rig Upgrades

- new video system
- new cabling configuration
- new software for slide presentations.

Hard Drive System

Upgrade & maintenance

