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"Everything that God brings into our life is directed to one purpose: that we might be conformed to the image of Christ."

Obedience Brings God's Supply Farmingdale Food Pantry

For many years we have tried to bring hope to the local community through our Farmingdale food pantry. Each week staples such as eggs, butter, orange juice, yogurt, bread and cheese are distributed to nearby residents.

Many of our recipients are among the ranks of those who find it nearly impossible to pay their monthly bills. Some struggle to keep their lights on while others have the unfortunate task of choosing between buying food and filling their prescriptions. Combined with the strain already felt from a failing economy will be the ripple effect of the recent stock market decline and corporate bailouts. Most have already seen a huge dip in their retirement funds causing fear and a lack of confidence in the future of our economy.

We have never seen such a high population of homeowners coming in to request help with food. Many were shocked, disappointed and disillusioned at the news that the integrity of Fanny Mae, & Freddy Mac mortgages were

her and her son, she was beckoned by the prophet to make *him* the cake that he might eat. At his word she made him the cake and he ate. From that time forward oil flask and meal barrel were never emptied. She had food sufficient for each day!



We can all learn a great lesson from this woman of faith. Because of the increased

demand for food, our supply is depleting. But, we are challenged in our hearts to continue to give as this widow woman did. May we encourage you to do the same and see what God will do? As always your consistent prayers and financial support are very much appreciated. Please know that we are always in remembrance of you and your house! May God richly bless you!

compromised. It has been reported that one million homes have already been foreclosed and many more stand in danger of losing the homes they've worked so hard to keep.

We have all been challenged these days to hold on to hope. Remember the widow woman and her son in scripture? Having just enough flour and oil to make a final meal for

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 &
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Hope For The Future Ministries will be taking God's love to thousands of New York's poor & homeless again this year. Your gift of \$30.00 will bless someone in need... \$125.00 will bless an entire family. Won't you make this Christmas special for others who cannot help themselves?



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The Widows Shall Counsel the Fatherless

Our walk with Jesus, although maybe glorious, is not without its trials and grief. The Apostle Paul tells us that he had both mountaintop and valley experiences and learned to be content in either. And so it has been with one of our kitchen volunteers, Gloria Graziano.

She and her husband Rocky began attending Love and Mercy Fellowship over thirteen years ago after the sudden loss of their son. There they found solace and got involved in the mechanics of the Church. They began supporting Hope for the Future on a monthly basis and would purchase tickets for an entire table for every banquet or fundraiser that was sponsored for the Ministry. Rocky cared deeply for Love & Mercy's Pastor Deborah,

an active board member and great friend of Hope for the Future, and Pastor Diane and wanted Rocky to work in the warehouse, but health issues prevented him from fulfilling that desire.

Two years ago, Gloria began another valley experience when Rocky passed away. Almost immediately, she began working on the volunteer kitchen staff at Hope for the Future, in addition to her volunteer work at Love and Mercy and its mission outreach Operation Homeless. One would say she is a busy lady. She says she enjoys working for the Lord and it makes her feel better helping others.

Within the very recent past, another valley presented itself to Gloria. Her beloved daughter-in-law

passed away, leaving Gloria with the responsibility of caring financially, spiritually and practically for her three grandchildren, 17, 22, and 23. Not even all that breaks her stride. She remains faithful to both ministries and feels that the work is a blessing that gives her purpose, makes her feel worthwhile, satisfies her servant's heart and helps divert the pain of all her losses. The pantry on premises at our Farmingdale facility helps provide nutrition for her grandchildren. You see, the one thing she can never lose is her knowledge that she will always have Jesus and his work. Ω

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Tomorrow I keep for God. Today I give to God.



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Rocky and Gloria at a Women Of Substance Women of The Year award banquet to honor Pastor Diane Dunne for humanitarian service.



Gloria Graziano hard at work in the kitchen, as she faithfully comes each week to give her support at HFTF.

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Partners,

GREETINGS, in the name of the Lord! It is hard to believe, but the Holidays are upon us again. With the economy in the uncertain condition it is in, most will be tightening their belts a bit and will be less extravagant than in years gone by. Most, though, will have a tree glittering in the living room, a luscious Holiday dinner, surrounded by family and friends, and presents to open. I know our thermostats may be turned down a few degrees and our gift giving may be curtailed to more economical or practical themes, but we will be able to get into our cars and drive to Christmas and New Years service. We will be able to give thanks for the roof over our heads, the food in our cupboards and our warm beads. While enjoying all God has provided us, let's not forget those who have far less. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday is a prime opportunity for all of us to put legs on what we say we believe, we are our brothers keeper! Many good Christians will give to charities that service third world countries. Though worthy of support, I pray that many will be prompted to remember those in our own back yards, a literal reality these days.

Christmas season is going to take creativity for many people. Perhaps you have people on your Christmas list that really don't need another tie or bottle of bath beads. They have all the gadgets, toys, ornaments, or knick-knacks they will ever need. Consider making a donation in their name to Hope For The Future. We will furnish you with a certificate of appreciation to give to them and they will know the true joy of giving that Christ's birth is all about.

May God richly bless and keep you in this season of wonder and awe which is the great blessing of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely In His Service,
Pastor Diane Dunne