

## *Mur's News Letter*

*"and we urge you brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, and be patient with everyone." 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

CLM-Counseling from a biblical perspective

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Happy spring to all!!

It has been quite a cold winter, and much snow has fallen, even into March and April. However, now that spring has arrived, everything is greening up and the flowers are blooming.

I have pondered what I wanted to share with you in my newsletter, especially during these tough economic times we are all experiencing. I would like to share with you God's faithfulness to me and, hopefully in doing so, encourage each of you to trust in His provision a little more deeply.

When I started at Christian Life Ministries, my support was raised easily and quickly with 50% of my support provided by a very generous couple for about eighteen months. When they could no longer support me at this level, it was easy to become very fearful as to how God was going to make up the need that I now had.

My boss Bill Ewing suggested that we go through an exercise in determining God's will in this area of finances. He had me answer a series of seven questions, ranging from re-examining God's call to me here at CLM to making a "minimum" budget of contentment. After about two weeks of prayer and contemplation, we discussed everything. I do think God is still calling me to be a counselor at CLM, and I realized that my needs were really very small. Bill assured me that because of God's name Jehovah Jirah (God will provide) that He would be faithful. I will always have what I need, maybe not what I think I need but always what I need.

Because I like to see evidence of things, I decided to start making a list of how God was going to meet my needs. I took a new \$1 bill and clipped a card to it, and every time I had a need or desire that I was wondering how God was going to meet, I would write it down and keep it in my Bible. It began with a new leather jacket in October. I needed a new fall jacket, and having money saved, I headed to Rapid, hoping I would find a "good deal". I looked and looked, thinking in my mind that what I would really like was a leather jacket- I had never had one before- but when I looked at them, they were too expensive. I was about to settle on a very functional fall jacket when I happened to wander into Sears and towards the back of the store hanging on a rack was a beautiful dark red (my favorite color) leather jacket, 50% off. I tried it

on, and it fit perfectly. I grabbed it and hurried to the check-out counter. I had the exact amount that I needed.

This really spurred me on to see what else God would do. While there weren't any more leather jackets, property taxes were paid, vet bills were paid when my kitty Raggs was sick, dentist and eye doctor bills were paid, and even a trip to Florida to see my sister and brother-in-law in February.

God has and will be faithful to his name Jehovah Jirah. Look to him during these difficult times. You may not have what you think you need, but you will have just what you need.

The card is still in my Bible and the latest entry is full pay checks for the past three pay periods. PTL for this, I need to paint the house come June, and there will be enough money for paint. The journey continues and instead of "nail-biting" and anxiousness, I look forward to see how God will work on my behalf.

### Prayer Requests

- A little 15year old girl whom I counsel is in Yankton State hospital because of self-destructive behavior. Pray that even in a state institution God can be her defender and protector.
- Support needs
- Clarity and confidence in the counseling room. That my confidence will be centered in my Lord and not in myself.
- Employment for Jennifer and Jess as they begin a new phase in their lives now that college is behind them.
- Rest and direction for Carlie and David as Carlie looks at different employment opportunities at Central Wyoming College and David as he recupes from a stressful year teaching a Fort Washike Charter High School on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Hi Jack & Mary

Thank you so much for your continued support & prayer. during these difficult times I know it hasn't been easy. May you discover you Jehovah Jirah in a deeper way as you continue to trust him  
Love you Both B. Mun