

# Heart Beat Newsletter

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- Prayer Requests: email them to [PrayerRequests@HeartMenders.org](mailto:PrayerRequests@HeartMenders.org)
- Audio CD's, Books & Workbooks: [www.HeartMenders.org](http://www.HeartMenders.org)

## TRUSTING THE LORD"

by Carol Gordon

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil."**<sup>1</sup>

In tough times we learn to trust at a new level. Every challenge can be a benefit if we approach it from the security of our relationship with the Lord. Often, we rely too much on what we know or what we can do. It take a shake up to show us we are not as able to handle life as we think.

If we were not going to need a lot of help, the Lord would not have constantly assured us in His Word that we could rely on Him! Thousands of promises are there for the comfort of our hearts.

When we receive alarming news, the enemy always sends fear along with it. This is a natural response, but one that will trap us if we do not resist it. We can always choose the report that keeps our attention. Will we wring our hands over the latest news flash or will we believe the "report of the Lord"?

**"I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!"**<sup>2</sup> Trust in the Lord doesn't just happen – we have to choose it. This gift of choice is a wonderful thing when we use it rightly. In the 82<sup>nd</sup> Psalm, it tells us that if we do not make right choices, we will **"die like mere men"** (v7). In fact, that is a great Psalm to study and pray in this day and time.

A great key to being able to trust in the Lord is to be thankful. Recalling all the trials He has brought us through gives us confidence that He will do it again. He is always faithful and never leaves us to fend for ourselves.

It is up to us how we respond to Him and to any situation we face. Do we gripe and complain about the gas prices? Do we agree with others about how hard the times are? We are either on the Lord's side and confident in His mercy and grace, or we are on the enemy's side, living in worry and doubt.

If you have been adding your words to the world's "woe is us," then you must change what you are saying. The Scriptures assure us that we will receive what we say about ourselves. **"Because they do not change, therefore they do not fear God."**<sup>3</sup> This is a strong indictment of our wanting things to go our way!

Many people are praying for the Lord to help us out of the messes we, collectively and individually, find ourselves in. Rather than seeing His mercy as just fixing our problems, let us rather cry out for Him to be revealed in us and in our land! That He would be sought and found for Himself and that He would be glorified.

A response from us to stand fast in Him in the hard places of life – marital, financial, or health issues – does honor Him and bring Him glory. We can all ask His help to do this. He is always near to help us choose a right response, when we ask.

1 – Prov 3:5-7      2 - Ps 91:2 AMP      3 – Ps 55:19b

*(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)*

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by Shawn Bolz

Back In July  
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With Dave and Linda Crites  
was a great treat...

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**"HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS" UPDATE**

Our outreach ministry, **Hope for the Hopeless**, has been growing and expanding. Our main projects are as follows:

1. **The No Promises Project:** Basic Re-entry services to those exiting the prison system and coming to OKC. This primarily consists of a publication, 'The OKC Faith-Based Social Services Directory,' and a building we have built to the City Rescue Mission.
2. **The OKC Storehouse Project:** In the initial planning and design stages, this project is an attempt to coordinate donated goods (clothing, furniture, etc.) among the various faith-based organizations in OKC. It may also evolve into a physical facility (warehouse, etc.) as documented on the new 'OKC Storehouse' page on the Heart Menders website, under the 'Initiatives' category.
3. **Employment & Housing:** We are also becoming a clearinghouse of information about housing and jobs for ex-felons. Instead of re-inventing the wheel, we are seeking to partner with existing organizations, such as Genesis One Network (in Tulsa) and others.

There is so much *life* in this ministry. Please visit our website at [www.H4Hweb.org](http://www.H4Hweb.org) to read more. And you can see current updates at our blog:

[www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com](http://www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com)

**NEWS AND NOTES**

Dear Partners and Friends:

Where has the year gone? It is hard to believe autumn (or at least our beautiful Indian Summer in Oklahoma) is here. I am looking forward to the Fall foliage. I will actually take a few days vacation this coming week, and go to Branson the end of the month for the annual PRAYER MOUNTAIN meeting!

The Early Morning Prayer group we have is outstanding. I am so glad to be a part of it. We are seeing fruit in many areas as we pray for our community and our nation.

In September, I had a panel of local leaders on the KTOK program casting vision from the view of how The Kingdom of God is the foundation of the family. As it happened, they broadcast the Sunday before and after the opening of FIREPROOF! If you haven't seen this wonderful Christian movie on marriage, do so as soon as you can. It was number 4 in the nation, even opening in only 885 theaters!

I am so thankful to those of you who are our financial partners! Your gifts of \$5 to \$15, \$25 to \$30, or \$50 or larger, make our mission possible! We have a large assignment to reach this big, broken world with His love! Thanks again for your support! I know you will be blessed!

Our purpose is reaching out with the message of wholeness. Pray for HEART MENDERS, and HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE." Your sister in Him,

*Carol Gordon*

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- Prayer for the Radio Ministry

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