



Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

OCTOBER 2019

FOOLISHNESS

At some time in all of our lives we have done something foolish or have been called a fool and I am quite certain that I have also been called dingy!! One of my favorite verses in the Bible is **1 Corinthians 1:25-29**, "*The foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.*"

These are our qualifications!! That's good news to me that I don't have to have it all together to be used by God!! But, we are in good company and here are just a few of my heroes except for the last one:

Noah obeyed God's instructions to build an ark, load up his family and a bunch of animals! Can you imagine all his neighbor's taunts and critical comments! It is said that up to that time it had never rained on the earth so building an ark looked even more foolish! His obedience saved himself and his family!

David looked mighty foolish as he charged towards Goliath without an armor or sword and with only a slingshot and 5 smooth stones. Not only was Goliath laughing at him but so were all of his brothers! And we know how this story ended!

Israelites looked like they had lost their minds as they marched around Jericho blowing trumpets and shouting.....but those walls came tumbling down!

Peter looked foolish as he swung his leg over the side of the boat, leaving his 11 friends behind, and began to walk on the water towards Jesus!

Moses looked rather silly holding up a rod towards the Red Sea. But because he obeyed God, the Red Sea parted and the Israelites walked across on dry ground. He also struck a rock with a stick and water gushed forth! Moses was a stutterer with a stick!

Roof ripper uppers were willing to tear up a roof so they could lower their sick down in front of Jesus.

Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus' feet with spikenard costing a year's wages and she did this in front of a room full of critical men! (Mary is my personal favorite!!) Her costly worship touched Jesus' heart so much so that He said she would always be remembered!

Rhonda looking quite foolish to start a soup kitchen in the hood and trying to obey the Lord when He said, "feed the people!" Men were saying, "that blond will never make it down there." Well, ONLY because of the grace of God and ALL for His glory....we feed thousands and thousands of meals each year! (Total meals & food bags for 2018 **36,207**)

I wish I could say that I was confident and strong but those of you who know me know that I was shaking in my boots!! I wondered about my reputation and if this faith-based ministry could pay the bills and I was reminded that it's not about me but all about Him! **Philippians 2:7, "Jesus made Himself of no reputation."**

God's plans will never look logical because His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts! Faith can also be spelled r i s k y but if we will keep our eyes on Him....and obey what He tells us to do....we will walk on the water!! I don't particularly want to look foolish but I sure don't want to miss some incredible doors opening to my destiny and to be used by God! God is moving in mighty ways in the earth in these last days before He returns. The Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 4:10, "We are fools for Christ!"**

Watching! Waiting! Looking silly!!!

*I love you all!!
Rhonda Grace
CEO/Founder*



People Fed in
September 2019

3,339

3 meals a week & 2 food pantry days a month

#feedthepeople



Christmas Child Outreach 2019

COMPLETE BAG CONTENTS:

1. medium gift bag (*please no xl bags or tissue*)
2. 1 winter cap
3. 1 pair of gloves
4. medium stuffed animal
5. full/queen size blanket (*neutral colors*)
6. pre-wrapped edible goodies (*ex. candies, cookies, etc*)

Please bring no later than December 16



Christmas Party will be
on Saturday,
December 21st from
1:00-3:00pm

**Planning for over 800
children!!**



OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

*Finances

*Gift Cards to Office Depot & Wal-Mart

*33 Gallon Drawstring Trash Bags

*Plastic Forks

*Winter Clothing/Coats

*Men's Socks, Underwear & Belts

*Small Stuffed Animals & Books



Learn how you can help at
www.GracePlaceMinistries.org



1600 Jackson Street, PO Box 1296
Monroe, LA 71202
318.361.9702
graceplacela@gmail.com