



# Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

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## Up! Down! Sideways!

The first time I saw this inflatable man with its crazy erratic movements was in the mid 1990's and I thought to myself..."that's me!" I felt like my life was high and then low and sometimes upside down and sometimes sideways!! This wacky, waving thing actually encourages me to this day because no matter how low it bends down it always pops back up and always has that goofy smile!! This marketing tool was actually commissioned in 1996 for the Summer Olympics to a man named Peter Minshall from Trinidad. What started out as an occasional appearance in front of businesses has now become a commonplace image and each time I see it I think about the faithfulness of the Lord to never fail in resurrecting me up from low or challenging places!

There is no question or dispute that 2020 was a challenging year for each of us! The worldwide pandemic, death of friends and family, two hurricanes and a tornado for my area, serious health issues, political and civil unrest with riots and yet.....we popped right back up! I believe that the days ahead will be even more stressful and if we don't keep our focus on Jesus....it will be harder to pop back up. So, here's some scriptures that I am pondering in my heart and encouraging myself with and I pray that you will be encouraged as well:

Nahum 1:7, "**The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.**" NKJ

Isaiah 43:1-3, "**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire; you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God.**" NKJ

John 16:33 **Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have perfect peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer(take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted)! For I have overcome the world.(I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you)." AMP**



Isaiah 26: 3, "**You will guard him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You.**" NKJ

Psalms 61:2, "**When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.**" NKJ (This is where we could sing (Rock of Ages!)

2 Corinthians 4:17-18, "**For our light affliction which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary but the things which are not seen are eternal.**" NKJ

Romans 5:3-6, "**We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character, and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who was given to us.**" NKJ

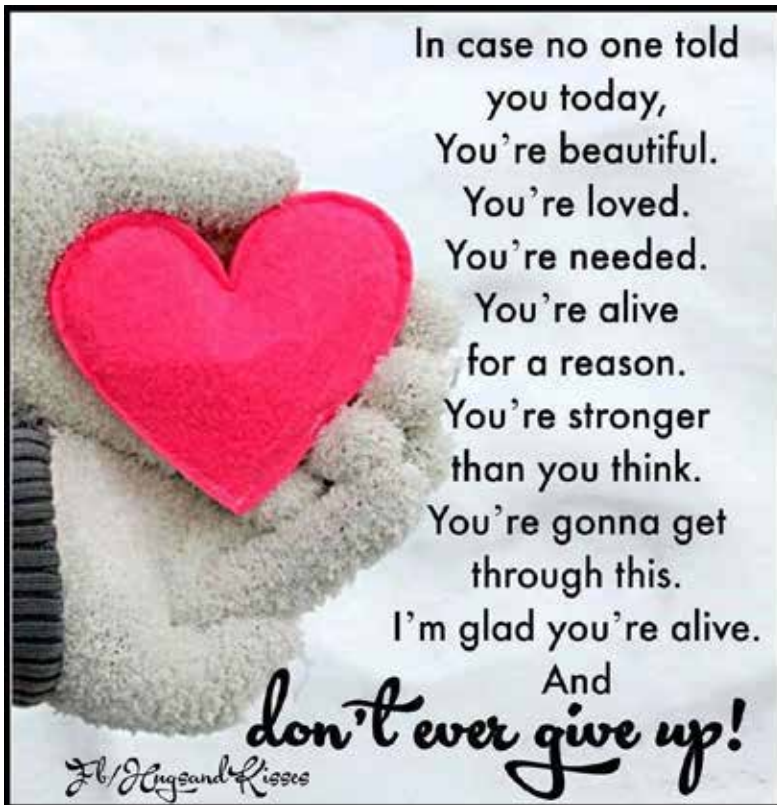
2 Corinthians 4:7-10, "**But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying of Lord, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.**" NKJ

Our hope and confidence must be in God alone! He is faithful; He is in control and He will never fail, forsake or disappoint!! I pray that each time you see this crazy blowup, flopping back and forth thing that you will remember that we will always spring back up when we've been knocked down....as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus!

*Trusting and expectant!  
I love you all!!  
Rhonda*

Donation Drop Off Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Total Served January 2021 **2,127** 3 meals a week & groceries twice month



**Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem, Faith takes you through the problem. Faith doesn't always take away the pain, Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain. Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm, Faith calms you in the midst of the storm. Amen**

### OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- Finances
- Hand Sanitizer (large with pump)
- Deodorants
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Bleach
- Aluminum Pans
- Snack size chips
- Bottled Water
- HP 962 xl Ink (black & color)



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