



Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

October 2023

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Next month will mark the 150th anniversary of the poem that was written by attorney and church elder, Horatio Spafford, and was later turned into one of the most beloved Christian hymns of all time..... "It Is Well With My Soul".

Horatio's life was filled with tragedy. His only son died from scarlet fever at a very young age. The Great Chicago Fire in 1871 destroyed most of his business. But his greatest personal tragedy did not occur until 1873, while his wife and four young daughters were traveling on a transatlantic ship, when an accident occurred, and the ship sank claiming the lives of all four of his precious daughters. While sailing on a ship to meet his devastated wife after the accident, the ship's captain notified him when they were traveling over the location where his daughters went into the ocean. Horatio was overcome with tremendous grief, but said words of comfort and peace filled his heart, and it was during that moment that he wrote the poem... "It Is Well With My Soul."

Horatio and his wife spent the remainder of their lives in Jerusalem serving the needy, caring for the sick, and taking in homeless children. Their desire was to spread the love of Jesus. It was Horatio's testimony that in the midst of great tragedy, God is with you, and if we remain faithful to God, He will help us find peace in our souls.

Last month, we lost a beloved friend at Grace Place, Wayne. He was such a special person and a great friend to so many of us. You could not label Wayne as "homeless" because he technically had "an address", but his tiny home had burned over 15 years ago, and so he had no electricity, running water, or plumbing, with very open walls and an open roof. However to meet Wayne, you would never know any of this. He was always joyous, kind, and most important peaceful. Wayne had a peace in his soul that was often incomprehensible to most people, including myself, considering the extreme living situation he was in. But the Lord gave Wayne a peace that we could all learn from. He was happy! He had so little, and in "worldly" standards he would have been viewed as very insignificant by many, but he taught us all so much! We loved him so much! He had a tremendous impact on so many. We miss Wayne very much, but we know he is rejoicing in Heaven.

Perhaps we cannot always say that everything is well in all areas of our lives. There will always be storms to face and sometimes tragedies to overcome, but with faith in our loving Father and trust in His divine help, we can confidently say..... "It is well, it is well with my soul. "

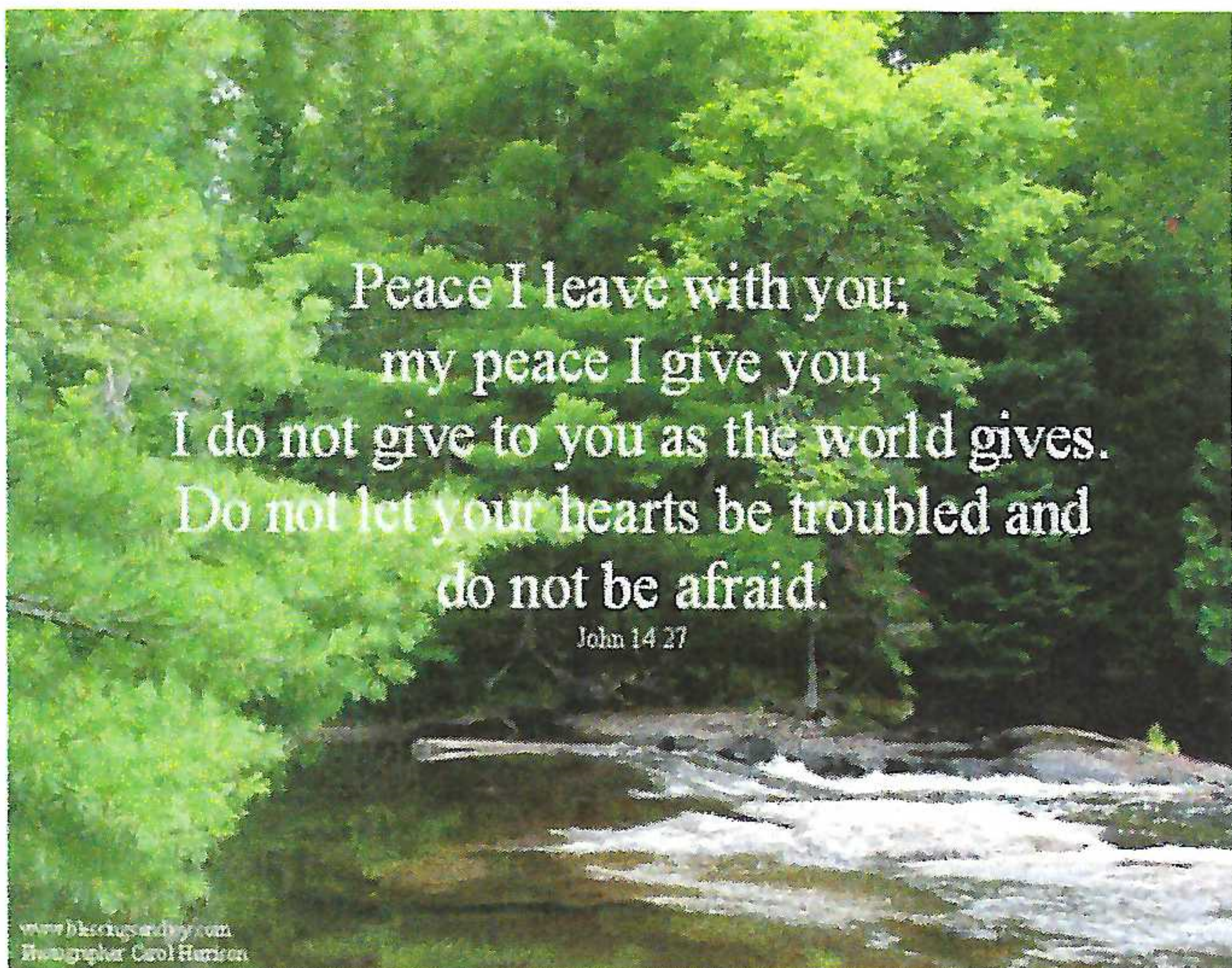
Love, Misty Loe



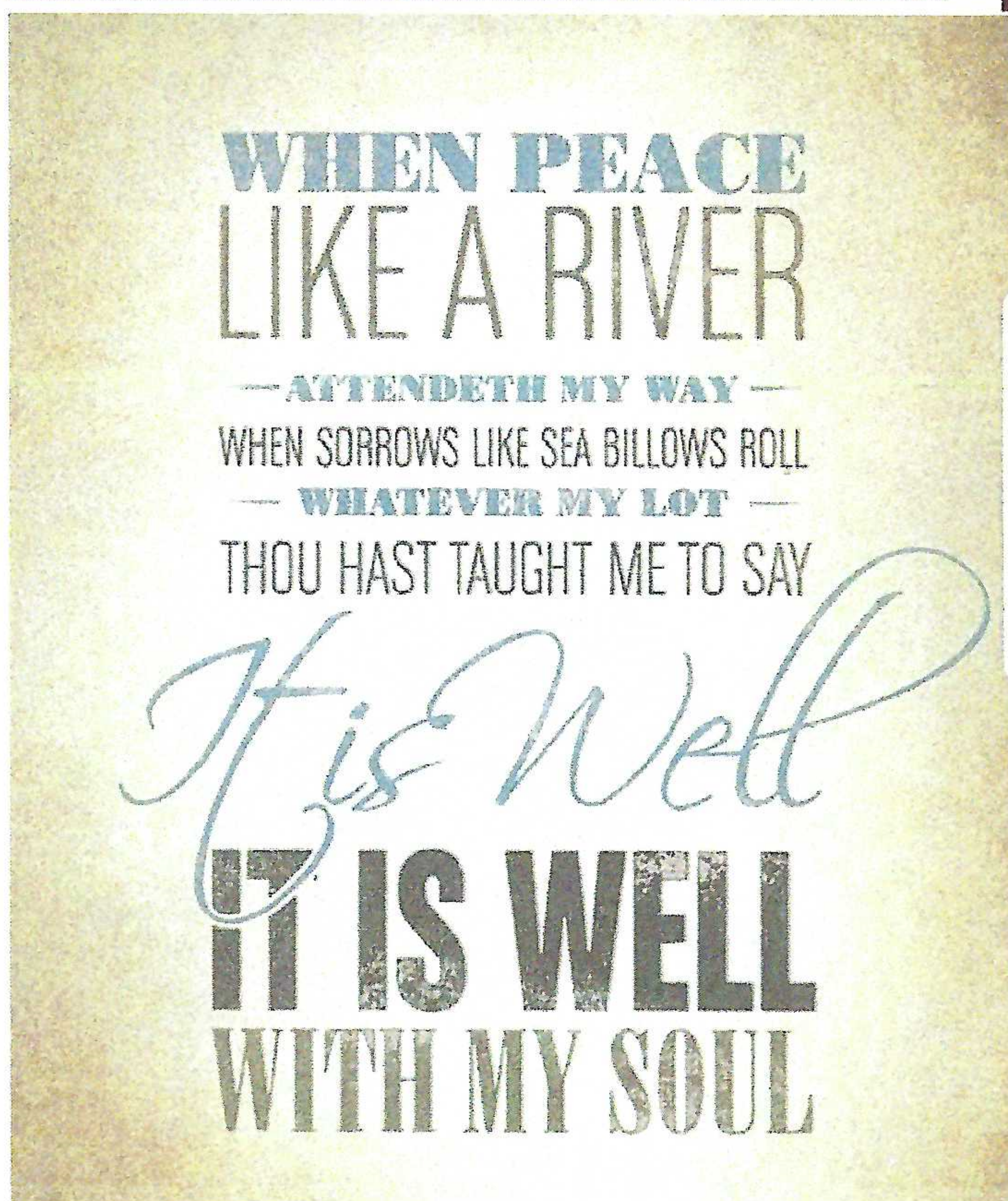
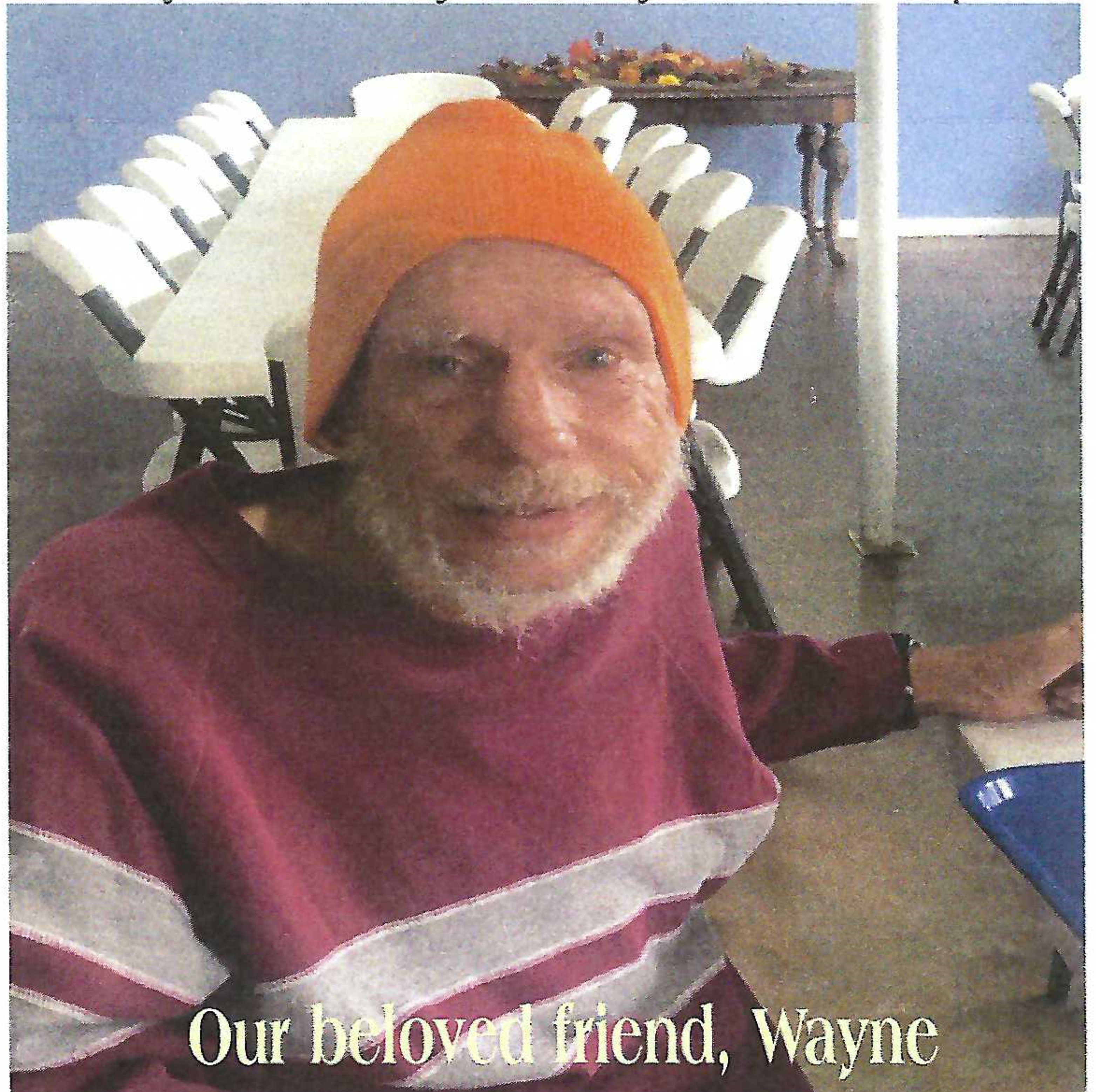
TOTAL SERVED

3,678

3 meals a week & groceries twice monthly



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



Grace Place Ministries, Inc.
Christmas Child Outreach

COMPLETE BAG CONTENTS:

1. Gift Bag (Please No XL bags or tissue)
2. Full or Queen Size Blanket
3. Medium Size Stuffed Animal
4. (1) Winter Cap
5. Coloring or Activity Book
6. Children's Illustrated Bible
7. Pre-wrapped Edible Goodies (ex. candies, cookies, etc)

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS BY DEC. 8TH or Earlier!
Complete Bags or Partial Bags Welcome!!!

**Christmas Party will be on Saturday,
December 16th, from 1:00pm—3:00pm**

We were able to bless over 700 children in 2022! We need your help to fill the anticipated larger number this year!

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