

Tent City Wish List for December 26, 2011

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An example of living conditions in the USA that will only continue to get more and more difficult through these coming years.

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The top two immediate needs are for de-icer (for the parking lot and that slippery sidewalk down to the bus), and toilet paper (â in cold season, it doubles as tissue for sneezers).

At our meeting this Wednesday night we learned of another Very Crucial, if less immediate, need. The Tent City 4 mobile shower unit is leaking. This original shower was built by Dennis Sloan and others at TC4 and lifted by hand onto moving trucks. They can no longer get tires in the size used on the trailer, and it is just an old axle and truck bed frame, we were told. It needs some major repairs. John McGuire says it will cost at least \$1,000 to repair it: replace the CPVC pipes with PEX plumbing which won't break as easily in freezing weather, replace the current 2-piece shower with a one piece version, expand the shell, and up-grade to marine grade plywood that won't rot out so easily. He estimates that it would be a five day job beginning on January 16. That means that for 5 days, the campers would have no showers or sinks. The hosting committee is investigating what it might cost to build a new shower trailer for the camp.

For the new shower trailer, it would be nice if we could make it larger inside and with a larger stall, and with a lower and newer type trailer. We have some funds on hand, and although we don't know yet what this project will cost or what the utilities will run for this hosting, we are considering setting some money aside for this project.

Anyone who thinks they might have skills or contacts that would be useful in the design and construction of a replacement shower trailer is invited to contact John McGuire at 425-208-1816. It really is a â One of a Kindâ item, since most showers are designed to be used inside heated buildings. This one has to withstand exposure to freezing temperatures and be, for the most part, amenable to repair by amateur fix-it folk.

When God sees what we have done for others through our hearts concern, He will do the same for us during the beginning of sorrows and great tribulation---yet all that I have seen in the religions of man for many years are a religious people through their words that goes no further; and that is what God sees hypocrites and murderers; and none, no, not one even believe God when He tells them all what they refuse to hear through His pure words of truth; and for my many years of dedication to God with faith and patience, God Almighty has blessed my wife and I with nearly 400,000 peso when religious people could not spare a dime while rejecting God's commands just as Saul in 1 Samuel 15---so this world of believers can expect the same rejection from God.

I only warn as God directs with no judgments because I see myself as Paul saw himself through these following words

â I can anticipate the response that is coming: "I know that all God's commands are spiritual, but I'm not. Isn't this also your experience?" Yes. I'm full of myselfâ after all, I've spent a long time in sin's prison. What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary.

But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.

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It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.

I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?

The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different. {Romans 7:14-25}-{Message}

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