

The Heartbeat



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Quenching Thirsts

Nothing tasted better than that cold swig of water after prolonged summer heat, does it? It's as though it takes on a sweetness and life that can't be perceived without that deep, parched thirst. I often think how blessed I am to have a multitude of options to satisfy that physical thirst as, for so many others on this planet we share, that is simply not the case. I found it interesting to note that when a person becomes dehydrated to the point of it being a life threatening situation, the sense of thirst can be nearly totally absent and sometimes the actual ability to drink is completely impeded. What an awful situation from a physical standpoint and, even moreso, from a spiritual standpoint.

We see everyday the impact of lives that wandered away from the shore of the Living Waters, in most cases, their parents or even grandparents walked away and this generation hasn't even had the slightest sip of the coolness, clarity and refreshment of the Source of life. It's as though there is a physical manifestation of this parched spirit---a lethargy, a listless gaze, the inability to feel one's own need for the life saving properties that our Savior has to offer, the same saving grace that He extended to the marginalized, forgotten, woman at the well. It's as though there's an inability to even draw in that first sip of grace and hope as the season of drought upon their soul has been the only season they've known. What an awful reality. Wandering without relief as the cruel realities of life beat down like the unrelenting fierceness of the midday sun on a Summer's day.

Friends, I am so incredibly thankful that we have the privilege of guiding these broken, battered, life-scorched lives to the shores of the Living Water, to the one Who walks upon water, to the One Who calls to us from the depths of the Universe and from a place not confined by this time-space continuum of the human existence. I love that we can offer that first sweet sip of the knowledge of self worth. I love that we can offer another longer sip of an understanding of God's unconditional love. I love that we can remind them of the way to those shores of Living Water so that they will always be able to find their way back to Him. I love that once they feel the relief of that deepest thirst quenched, it creates a new set point that changes their perception of need forever. Nothing will ever compare to the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God and I know that whether God is calling a precious soul to Himself with one inviting, cooling sip at a time or with a tidal wave of His presence, He is the Author of Life and commands the One Whose presence hovered above the waters before Creation began. I can't tell you how often I freefall into that reality- I picture my kids standing at the edge of a pool, back facing the water, eyes closed, breath held and just falling back into the seas of blue that waits for them. There's so many moments in life where I find myself doing that very same thing, sometimes with tears in my eyes and breath completely suspended as the realities of this world make it hard to breathe sometimes, yet I know as I fall into His limitlessness, into His presence, into His eternal presence that courses through my veins, there will be a time of cooling refreshment as He beckons each of us to press on through this parched land.

The lives that come through our doors are in varying seasons with some in the midst of a prolonged drought of the soul, others in a torrential monsoon season of chaos, still others slowly, steadily plodding their way back to the One Who they know loves them more than anyone else ever has or ever will. Whether it's the grandmother raising her grandchildren and trying desperately to see that her legacy is a good one in spite of her lost years, or a new mom who is learning how to truly live and be the best parent she can be for the very first time, it is truly a privilege to point lives to the healing, calming, and strengthening waters of this beautiful faith, without which we would all be hopeless, wandering, chasing after every mirage that this world so cruelly entices humanity with.

Thank you, each and every one, for being the force behind all that is done here in the Name of our precious Savior and King; may the love that radiates from this place lead entire families back to the One who created them and can quench every thirst and the deepest longing of every heart. To Him be glory both now and forevermore.

—Abbey Ballard, Ministry Director

John 4:14 "But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet

You are cordially invited....

The time is fast approaching for our annual fundraising banquet! We would be honored if you would spend this special evening with us as we raise not only financial resources, but awareness of what the needs are that we are facing as we seek to better minister to the women and families God is calling us to. We know that each and every person in attendance will be blessed to see what God is doing through this ministry of God's people and perhaps prompted to become involved in varying ways. We truly cherish this event every year as God brings together His people for His purpose; we hope to see you, and perhaps your group, there on October 5th!



Please join us for a fundraising dinner to benefit
Life Saver Ministries

Saturday October 5, 2019

6 in the evening

Florida Town Hall

167 Fort Hunter Road Amsterdam, NY 12010

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about all God is doing
and how you may get involved in this amazing work as we seek to
uphold life and change lives through the Gospel message!

Please join us for a special evening as we enjoy hors d'oeuvres,
dinner and dessert during a time of fellowship as we celebrate
God's faithfulness to Life Saver Ministries!



\$40 per guest/ \$70 per pair.

Table reservation for 6 guests: \$200, 8 guests \$250, 10 guests \$300.

Kindly mail reservation and check payable to Life Saver
Ministries, P.O. Box 407, Gloversville, NY 12078 or email your pay-
at-the-door reservation to lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com. Kindly
include names of known guests at time of all reservations and a
main contact phone or cell number.

We look forward to seeing you!