

# Angel Wings

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Angel Wings Ministries

2015

## Our Journey Together

By Rev. Deborah Shepperson Smith

Over the years I have related to all of you the wonderful job that we at Angel Wings Ministries have done over the last 15 years helping individuals, families and especially children. Now I want to let you know that all of this would not be possible without the help and assistance of so many of you who have given of your time, your money, your energy and your prayers that has made all of this possible.

In 2014 we really stretched out and between December and to the very present time we have given away 3 twin beds, 3 sets of bunk beds, sheets, blankets, pillows and mattress protectors to several families who needed them.

We are helped from a variety of groups and individuals. Some of our partnerships: One God One Thought Center for Better Living, Universal Christian Organized Fellowship Organization, Twenty Women Club, Pedestal Women, The Imani Center, Open Door Ministries, Fellowship Spiritual Church, Windsor Hills Elementary/Middle School, Coppin State College Rehabilitation Department and their special donors, as well as, several hundred individuals who have donated to our worthy mission. These partners have given financial resources that have brought school uniforms, school supplies, adopted children for Christmas providing them with clothing and toys, and have recruited volunteers who have given so much of themselves.

Helping people is our business and we take our business very seriously. This year your money supported us reserving a storage unit for a family that lost their home. We will house their clothing, toys and household goods until they get back on their feet (they lost the little furniture they had). As stated above we have purchased beds for a family who lost their furniture in a flood that ruined everything and two other families who had situations where beds were needed. For one person we found temporary work to supplement their income. We do regular checkups by phone and text to see how they are doing. We have delivered food and moved furniture. Believe it or not we did over 250 pounds of laundry for a family of 5 kids to assist the mom in getting back on her feet when they were in crisis.



### Mission Statement

Angel Wings Ministries, Inc. is an interfaith spiritually-based outreach program dedicated to support children, individuals and families from crisis to wholeness.

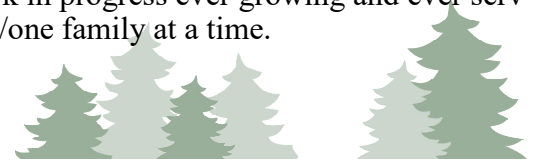
*Educate..... Serve..... Inspire*

### Vision Statement

We envision an interfaith community where families and stakeholders work together to empower *all* to wholeness

You know we always think that we can handle any situation when it arises. Situations don't always have to be financial but can be physical or emotional. Whatever kindness we put out into God's universe does truly come back. Remember, "Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete, therewith it shall be measured to you again." *Luke 6:38*

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We cannot thank you enough for making all of this possible to help families from crisis to wholeness. We are a work in progress ever growing and ever serving humanity one person/one family at a time.



## PRAYER POWER

Rev. J L McLellan

Even though I am a Protestant, I was drawn to follow the papal trip to the United States by television - first Washington, DC, then New York City, and finally Philadelphia. Each city had its own charms; every stop was filled with crowds of onlookers and adoring worshippers.



While the Pope was eager to meet with our President, the cardinals and bishops – even the officials of each respective city - his most endearing expressions of love and mercy were visible when he embraced the vulnerable and outcast persons in the crowd. Yet, the main reason for his visit to our country was to attend the National Catholic Festival of the Family held in Philadelphia. Then it struck me!

We have something in common with Pope Francis! We at Angel Wings care about families, too! For over fifteen years, we have helped parents and grandparents meet the needs of their children—initially around the Christmas holiday. It was our original intent to ease the financial burden of the adults, so they could go on to be fiscally responsible for the New Year. Our goal was to educate and inspire the adults, while providing educational games, sturdy toys and necessities for the children. All our efforts were couched in prayer.

Increasingly, God has blessed us with supplies, resources, contacts, leaders and volunteers. Over a period of time, our mission has expanded to meet even more types of needs of families. Once we showed we could be trusted with a little, God increased our territory. Recently, we have taken on the challenge of collecting and distributing back-to-school supplies and uniforms. Meanwhile, we continue to receive referrals of hard-working families who have been unable to provide basic furnishings during harsh circumstances. We even expanded our borders to share our overflow with families other faiths.

Yes, Angel Wings Ministries has evolved during the decades; however, our focus on families has never wavered. The mission to bring hope to the hopeless has remained unchanged. Our newsletter is still one way we inspire people, and the fundraising is always “for the kids.” *My prayer is that through it all, we stay connected to the Creator and Sustainer, from whence our help comes.*

***All honor and glory goes to you, Father Almighty! Every good and perfect gift comes from you; for all our blessings we give you thanks. Amen.***

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## It's Your Serve!

By William Craig

*"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."*

*- Pope Francis*

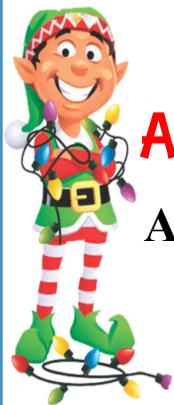
Are you a world changer? Pope Francis was in the United States recently and it appears that some "change" took place during his brief stay here. Some say that his first visit here changed how they view the world. Others may say it was just a huge logistical nightmare. However one may feel about this Pope, you cannot deny his dedication to service. Your views or beliefs can't deny the weight that this man's service record carries all around the world....the whole world sees it.

Service is more than just being a leader of millions....it's "*what you do*" instead of what you do. Do you get what I'm trying to say? We attribute acts of service to those within service oriented professions such as those in leadership inside of the church. But just because the modern church has the same mission as the church of old does not mean we are servicing people like we were commissioned to do. It is not my intentions to offend you or your faith in any way, but people of the modern church have gotten away from being service providers to being service planners. How you ask? The church should be about the original service mission of the church such as caring for the ones that cannot afford to do it themselves. The reason we are not doing that is the church has become preoccupied with things that have no soul redeeming values. We are too busy planning extravagant events like banquets, conferences and anniversaries that serve only one purpose: ourselves and the glorification of ourselves. These events we love so dearly now in church often are basically just social gatherings for church members

and are not planned and executed with the goal of serving anyone.

No you say? Well let's count. Church banquets, conferences and anniversaries are for whom? And who usually attends? If you answered "church people" you wouldn't be wrong because these events are geared towards church people and not outsiders. In contrast, after the Pope spoke to both houses of Congress, he kindly declined lunch with the senators and congressman and chose instead to visit and eat at a homeless shelter. The most recognized religious figure in the world chose to eat the food at a homeless shelter to show true humility to those we often view and treat as "the least of us."

How many of you would choose to skip the "pow wow" with your pastor or ministers to go hang out with the folks at the mission? Or go instead to the nursing home and eat?. I am not advocating that you go join the Catholic church to demonstrate true service. I am trying to open your eyes to examples of service. As a church body we should be caring for and assisting the less fortunate on a regular basis. Maybe you can be the one that says, "Hold up, enough with the events that benefit nobody." Enough with the services to raise money to purchase a new Bentley or private jet for your pastor. ENOUGH! Maybe you can be the one who helps put the mission work back into the vision of the church. And then we all could be back in the business of serving our fellow man or woman in need....*and change the world.*



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## WHAT IF?

by Paulette Privott

Each of us has a story. When we look back over our lives, we can breathe a sigh of relief. We made it! But what if?

We toddled across our family kitchen, taking our first steps. We entered kindergarten, knowing our colors and our numbers from one to ten. During puberty, our muscles strengthened, our bodies filled out, exercise and sports became a new interest. During our teen years, we turned our focus to what are we really going to do with the rest of our life? When we reached the magic age of eighteen, we were legally free to be whoever we wanted to be. But what if?

Everyone did not follow the purposed path. Some of us wandered; some a little to the left, others further to the right. Some experimented with career opportunities while some chose chemical substances. Some of us advanced to the front of the class while others dropped out. Some of us found their gifts and talents were in their hands and physical work was where they excelled. But what if?

These comparisons mean nothing in the scheme of things. Whether you lived in a mansion or were homeless, you woke up this morning, taking another breath of life. But what if?

You have been given another opportunity to get it right. You have another chance to do some good for someone other than yourself. Where are you, in

your life story? Have you recognized the gifts you have been given? Remember you didn't even have to ask! Your life was granted to you. A gift from God. But what if?

What do you say when someone has given you a gift? You say "Thank you". How do you say "Thank you, God". You thank Him by loving your fellow man. You demonstrate this love in so many ways: help a neighbor, volunteer at a senior center or fundraise for a charity.

Each day I am reminded of how blessed I am. I take it very seriously that I have been given another opportunity to serve mankind. These efforts are not my job but the reward is far greater. I believe the world needs us to be greater than our backyard. We must look at our life story and use it as a testimony to help others live a more meaningful life. A life of value. A life of contribution. A life of purpose. A life of love.

What if you helped someone and it made their life better? What if everyone purposefully helped someone else to make the world a better place to live? What if one country in the world helped out another country that needed assistance?

My, oh, my what a world we would be living in. Living God's purpose with no regrets. That's where I want to live. Will YOU be there too? I'm praying for company. ❖

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