

## SOMETHING TO SHARE

My desk overflows with “to do” lists at the moment — seemingly one for each branch of TEP, and one for TEP as a whole. Although it can get quite overwhelming at times, the paper chaos is usually organized. To some degree.

Managing a nonprofit is so much different from “simply” serving in missions/the ministry or volunteering for a cause. It is truly a stretching experience.

Since the beginning of TEP, God has been faithful to lead this effort in the ways it should go — even though I have not always been able to clearly see the path, or even the next step. When I have wavered or been tempted to curl up and quit, our loving Father has picked me up and helped me see purpose, direction, and hope.

For the past two weeks, God has been daily gifting me with generous doses of encouragement, through sometimes seemingly simple things — a conversation, a connection, an offer, a package, a message, an idea. Each has been exactly what I needed at that particular time on that particular day. And all were completely unexpected.

Encouragement can be hard to come by for many people (I daresay even most) at times and in certain situations. This I well know. God has shown me many things in this extended, restoring gift of blessings these past few weeks, and a few notes to share with you are these:

- **Everyone!!** needs encouragement.
- It really doesn't take much time or effort to encourage someone — it can even be just a spoken or written or typed or sung word.
- Anyone can encourage anyone else.
- God uses each of us uniquely to influence those in our circles.
- If you encourage someone, you will be encouraged.
- When you surrender to God, you will be blessed.

I would like to encourage you to look at those around you with eyes to see encouragement opportunities that are in fact there, and to willingly allow God to use you as He gently nudges you to act. I would love to hear what comes of it!



For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in  
faithfulness. He loves righteousness  
and justice; the earth is full of the  
steadfast love of the LORD.

Psalms 33:4-5

## SPACE

For years now, I have been on the hunt for a building to house TEP. It's been more of a dream, really, as the ability to purchase or rent such a space is yet beyond our current means.

But...it is not beyond the means of God. We wait patiently (although with great anticipation) for His provision of a location in his perfect timing.

Our current building fund grows slowly, but steadily, and I am so grateful for each investment in a future structure.

As we burst at our seams of storage and processing space, I would like to ask you to join us in praying about what a next step might be for TEP as it continues to grow and help more people each



year...and to consider how you might be able to help with that in whatever way you are led. We are so grateful for all that God does to move this ministry forward!

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