Because You Matter Ministries Minutes

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5. This is what the Lord God says: Look, one disaster after another is coming!
6. An end has come; the end has come!
It has awakened against you. Look it is coming! 7. Doom has come on you, inhabitants of the land. The time has come; the day is near. There will be panic on the mountains and not celebration.

Ezekiel 7 HCSB

The Bible reveals that times of disaster will come, situations about which we have no control. Some incidents will cause worry and fear to come upon many.

We can prepare for some disastrous situations. Spiritual preparation is possible as we seek God. We can see in the Bible about disasters and can prepare with proper training.

There are natural or man-made disasters for which we can be trained. One of our ministry divisions involves helping in these disasters. Recently a few folks from this ministry attended training with The Salvation Army to help those in need during natural disasters. This training gives us more avenues to do God's work. We have ministry members who have invested

many hours of training to serve in natural or man-made disasters, to provide spiritual ministry in dealing with these stressful situations.

Some of these hours of training include Chaplaincy and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). These two areas are specific to the spiritual and mental well being of people who go through disasters.

One of the main questions asked by people who are suffering in a disaster is, "How could this happen" or "Why did God let this occur?" These are tricky questions to answer. The key is to give an answer that provides comfort rather than arousing anger toward God.

This is where training before a disaster can make a difference. To have tools and wisdom to diffuse anger when responding to people's questions makes a difference. We want people to properly deal with their stress by seeking

God during these times. If they are nonbelievers, hopefully they will make the decision to accept

Jesus as their Savior.

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Working with spiritual and emotional matters are only a couple of ways of helping people in disasters. We also provide physical assistance by cutting up downed trees or branches, cleaning after flood waters, find replacement clothing and furnishings, helping to support people while they fill out papers and forms for additional resources, and navigating through the situation in which they find themselves.

If you think God is leading you to help in disasters, there is always a position for you. Contact us to see which area you would be willing or best suited to serve in this special ministry. Training is needed in most areas, and there are some costs associated with some training, so if you are sure you want to be committed to serving God in this way, share your desire with God and us.

Check out our website: becauseyoumatter.com

If you have not been to our website, you may want to stop by and take a look, it has back issues of Because You Matter Minutes Newsletters.

There is other information as to what our ministry helps out with. Please tell others in your circles to visit our website and learn about who we are, what we do and how we might be of service them or other people they know.

Golden Gospel Group Days & Locations

2nd Saturday of month 1:00pm Harmony on Military Ave.

4th Saturday of month 11:00am

Grancare on Dousman Ave.

Then again at 1:00 P.M. at

Harmony on Military Ave.

Every other Monday 6:30 P.M. *

Golden Living on Shawano Ave.

(* call to see where we are in the cycle)

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