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Greetings,

I hope and pray with all of my heart that this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well. I want to give you an update on how Henderson Settlement is doing and what we are experiencing this year. All of us here give God praise for the fact that we know you would be interested in this information and we praise God for the love that you have for us down here. I am sending out this letter because we need your help.

Our mission is to show the love of Jesus by using our time and attention to meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of God's people. Driving someone to the doctor, tutoring a child, preparing a meal, building a ramp, visiting a shut-in, or listening to a young mother are just some things done here regularly. "I love when you come to visit, it is such a blessing," says Rosie as one of our home visitors arrives to give her a meal. This is what we are called to do, to be the light to those around us and your support allows that light to be seen.

As a staff, we want to try and express enough gratitude and thanks for enabling us to get through the past two years in a firm position financially. Unfortunately during those years we experienced layoffs and ministry was slowed to protect from the spread of COVID. We have tried to catch up and have been encouraged by those of you that have come to see us or support us. We are so thankful that the staff is back to support all the different ministries. The downside of being back up and running is that almost everything has doubled in price and the expense of ministry has been overwhelming. So many of us have been impacted by what is happening in this world (flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, war, stock market...), which is why I humbly ask for help. We currently find ourselves over \$200,000 behind in regular giving, and we need your SUPPORT!

We have been in prayer for our next steps as we look for ways to save money. The only way that we can see is to cut staff or staff-supported ministry and we do not believe that is what God is calling us to do. Many folks like you are regular donors to Henderson Settlement and that truly makes a difference, so asking for support is not something that I take lightly. The first thing that we are asking is that you would continue to pray for us. Second, share our story and need with others. Third, consider giving a monetary donation to our general fund. While support of specific ministries is wonderful, the general fund enables us to cover operating cost from all those ministries. No donation is too small and any help is appreciated. I know it has been a difficult year for all of us and I continue to pray for God to intervene on the Churches behalf.

The most important thing is to do our best to bring God glory. God works in us daily to refine us so that we can bless others with HIS love. It is my earnest prayer that if you are able, you will continue to help us show God's love!

Love in Christ,

John D. Newman
Executive Director
Henderson Settlement