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To our New Partners:

My husband Bryan and I operate Putting Prayers to Action ministry. In 2004, our family found ourselves in an unfamiliar place. We were a two-income family that had saved for the future. Then our oldest son, Trace, became ill. He had a kidney disorder and endured 11 surgeries and multiple procedures. I had to quit my management job to take care of our son. In three months, our finances were drained and our insurance company canceled our health coverage. We found out Trace's kidney disorder was genetic and testing revealed Bryan, and our younger son, Brennen, both had the disorder.

Because of pride we began to withdraw from our friends, family and church, not wanting people to know how bad things were. We had never needed help before and were now facing the reality of losing everything. I had called every church I thought of to place our family on prayer lists. One night a pastor who did not know us called. He said, "God had led me to pray for your family." In the middle of the night he came to our house to pray with us. It was then I realized someone was doing more than just saying they would pray for us. Someone was putting prayers to action for our family.

The following day, I went to the kitchen to fix something to eat and realized all I had was enough peanut butter for one sandwich. I fell to my knees and confessed to God that I couldn't do this on my own. Before, I got off my knees there was a knock at the door. Some ladies from the family resource center at my son's school were there with two boxes of food. Through our experience I realized we had to go through our own hardships to equip us to see the hurting in others. Before our hardship we could only sympathize with others, but now we feel empathy with them.

Over the past ten years our family has helped many, many individuals and families. Currently we are involved in 27 counties in Kentucky, 7 counties in Virginia and 3 counties in West Virginia. God has placed a heart's desire to reach out to the Appalachian Mountain area, so this is our main focal point with 1,700 children and their families. Our local area is a mission field within itself, where we assist over 500 local children and their families. God allows us to help more than 700 families a month with food, diapers, personal hygiene items and clothing.

When starting out in ministry, I wanted to save the whole world, but God spoke to me and what He said became our ministry's motto and sums up our purpose: Together we are "Changing the world one life at a time with mercy, love and grace through Christ Jesus our Lord."

We are an ordinary family serving a perfect, faithful, loving and mighty God. There's one last part to our story. Bryan, Trace and Brennen's kidney disorders are completely healed. Bryan was on the operating table when the doctors, with no explanation, noticed the kidney was normal. Trace and Brennen's kidneys are back to normal, too. We give all Glory & Praise to God! They can't tell us God's not still in the healing business.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted. Luke 4:18

We value the assistance you have already provided to us through Tender Loving Care Ministries, Inc. We look forward to the opportunity to begin to grow a long and prosperous relationship built in Christ with you. We are committed not only in assisting children and their families, but God requires us to be good stewards in all He provides to us.

Your support in this transition will be invaluable in helping us on this journey for Him. We want to thank you, ahead of time, for taking so much time out your own life in providing to our children and for being the vessel God uses to allow us to continue to be His Hands and Feet to a hurting world. We also look forward to serving the Lord together with you, for many years to come. Please check our website to learn more about how Putting Prayers to Action is helping the less fortunate with assistance from people like you!!

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina & Bryan Decker". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Tina and Bryan Decker