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Devotion

RECONNECT to the Body of Christ - \$50,000

Leader: God loves us dearly and he has blessed us richly. We have been blessed in physical ways through what we have – a home, food on the table, a job. Most priceless of all we know Jesus. Either we were baptized shortly after birth or we came to know Him later in life. But we know he loves us. We know he lived, died and rose again to save us from our sins and in Him we have eternal life. What a joy!

All: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Leader: Most of us feel we have more than we need and all that we want. We know He is always with us. But He is also with the poor and the lost. There are verses upon verses in the Bible about helping the poor and needy. Who cares for them? Isn't it our response to God's goodness to share our blessings with the helpless? Isn't God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves?

All: *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

Leader: Our greatest blessing is the knowledge of the Lord. We know His story. We trust in His forgiveness. We treasure His love and kindness. Aren't we, as children of God to share this abundance of love, kindness, forgiveness? *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you ...* (John 15:12).

All: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

Leader: *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person ...* (Colossians 4:2-6). The people of the Texas District Circuit 28 have opened the door. They have seen the need and have answered the call. They want to share the Good News with others; they want to speak of God's love.

All: *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

Leader: *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ ...* (Romans 10:17). The hymn says "We love to tell the story". Don't you think there are a great many people who would love to hear the story? The greatest part of telling others about the Lord is that you now have the opportunity to affect the lives of others for good. They have the chance to come to know Christ as their Savior.

This great blessing can be shared with the poor of Rio Grande to bring them hope. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor ...* (Luke 4:18).

All: We pray that all will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Amen

