



# Burgess Family

*To the Disabled & Beyond*

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But when thou makest a feast, call the  
**poor**, the **maimed**, the **lame**, the **blind**.  
And thou shalt be blessed...

**Luke 14:13-14**

January 2023

Dear Pastor and Praying Friend,

It's hard to believe that we are already in the new year and the first month is already gone. God continues to open doors for us to minister, and we are truly blessed for the opportunities He has given to us.

Back in October, Joe, who is a resident of Woodland Place and where we have been ministering for over seven years, asked if we could talk. I spent about 1 ½ hours with Joe, and at the end of our visit he rededicated his life to the Lord. Just because you are now living in assisted living, doesn't mean the devil will not tempt and test you. Praise God, Joe might have gotten knocked down, but the Lord lifted him up!

Then in November at our Tuesday morning service where we conduct two services – one in Assisted Living and the other in Rehab, a man by the name of Ron requested prayer for his wife, Suzanne. He was in Rehab for a short time and attended our services. Ron was greatly moved to pray for his wife's salvation. Years ago my pastor would say, "Plant the seed in the sod, and wait for God to bust the clod." Ron was able to move out, but his request lives on. Please pray for Suzanne's soul that she would be saved. We may never see the fruit this side of eternity, but wouldn't it be great knowing that you prayed for Suzanne to get saved, and one day meet her in heaven! With God all things are possible.

On Friday, we were getting ready to leave Charles Lea when we met a worker in the hallway. We greeted each other and introduced ourselves. Come to find out she had been working at this facility for years, and already knew about our ministry. She works with individuals that have autism in a separate classroom. We tried years ago to get into her class, but due to their special needs, it wasn't possible. She told us that she could hear us singing and ministering the word as it echoed down the hallway and what a blessing it was to her. After talking with her, it reminded me of how many people we indirectly minister to on a daily basis and don't even realize it.

Lydia Riley, who sells Avon, wanted to give a gift to the people to whom we minister. We suggested chapstick as that is something most people could use. We received a lot of thank yous! Thank you, Lydia!

With the new year here, I have been telling everyone it's going to be a year of blessings. So far, Brenda and Samuel have been sick with the stomach flu. My lower back went out, and I was unable to do ministry for one week which put a strain on Brenda. Then it took another week for my back to get back to normal, but we were able to do ministry! Then this past week I came down with pink eye. Other than that it has been great! LOL! Seriously, sometimes we all go through times of testing, but joy comes in the morning.

Thank you so much for your many prayers for our family and ministry. We talk to many who tell us that they pray for us on a daily basis. I cannot begin to tell you how much that means to us. And then there are the many Christmas cards and special Christmas gifts given this year. Along with your sacrificial giving, you allow us to minister in your stead, to those that many of you will never meet this side of eternity. May God Bless you for all you do in Jesus Name!

Because of Jesus,

*The Burgess Family*

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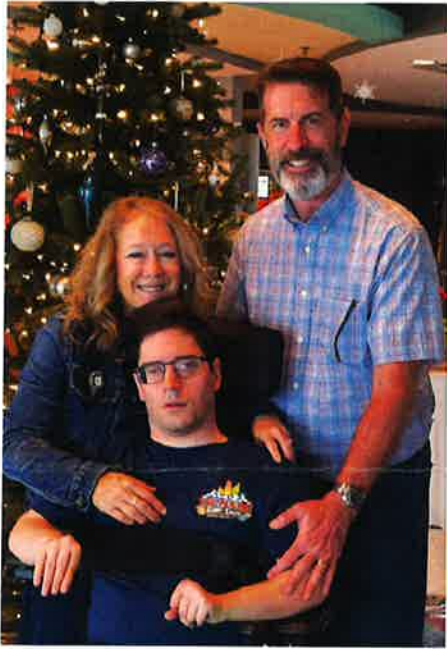
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**James, Brenda, & Samuel  
Christmas 2022**



**James & Chris  
Friday Services**



**Friday Afternoon  
Charles Lea**



**Christmas Gift Handouts at Summit Hills**



**Tuesday Afternoon  
Woodland Place**



**Thursday Morning  
Elite Daycare**

