

## **Shades of Grace is About to Serve 10,000 Meals!**

With faithful and committed leaders within our whole church:  
    Hundreds of prayers offered before each meal,  
    Thousands during each meal,  
    Countless that follow each meal.

Churches and community groups continue to serve,  
From anonymous friends and faithful followers,  
With volunteers in the kitchen,  
And many others bring food and supplies just as needed.

Served in all types of weather conditions:  
    Rain, Wind, Cold, Heat, Calm, Storms . . .

In the two weeks the coffee maker did not work,  
    we served with coffee brewed in pots from home.

When the fridge was not cold enough,  
    we served and repacked meals in a single, smaller unit.

When the floors were being scraped and polished,  
    we served and prepared from storage rooms.

When volunteers were unable to come in,  
    we served with our staff and family.

Somedays we meet and serve 40,  
    other days we will share with 100 –  
    with masks and gloves and new caring procedures.

We have Prayer Stations, Bibles, notecards, and reminders of  
    God's presence offered to each one.

### **This is a Church!**

The Holy Spirit nudges people every day to join with this  
ministry. Jesus prophesied to his followers – and to us – the  
poor you have with you always. (*Even the poor in Spirit.*)  
In that prophecy is a promise: We share miraculous resources  
to show compassion to the least, last, lost, and lonely.

We recognize 10,000 meals and what that means to our  
church family and in our greater community. We witness a  
small glimpse of God – Abundant in Grace and Mercy. **Amen!**

The whole nation was in the Wilderness –  
    wandering through a desert –  
    this would last some 40 years!

Moses is about to give the instructions on a Worship Space . . .  
    This would be outdoors!  
    In a tent!  
    They would carry it through the unknown land . . .

He starts by praying with the leaders  
    who then shared this with all the people:

Only God blesses you and keeps you from the Beginning!  
The One True God is close – all around you –  
    breathing Grace over you!  
God alone returns his Holy Image to you, to restore peace to  
    you – wholeness, healing, and salvation!

God has blessed!  
God is blessing!  
God will bless!  
Always!  
Amen!

The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you,  
    and be gracious to you!  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you,  
    and give you peace.

– *Numbers 6:24-26*