

Dear WC,

My spouse has been bed-ridden for the past year and a half, with a terminal disease. I have been unable to leave my spouses' side for the past nine months. Our family is falling apart. Our children, due to their young age, do not understand why one of their parents is so ill. They continually ask questions about the illness and why this happened to their parent.

We receive a small check for assistance. We have sold everything we own and moved into a small rental. If there is any help that can be offered, we are desperate for assistance, we would be most grateful. I have been staying strong for the children and trying to be positive in their presence. It has been so hard to put on a happy face for them every day. I do not want them to only remember their parent in this way. I do not want them to see us go through any more difficult times. Please stop by any time. God Bless the Time Is Now.

A Neighbor Needing Help

Dear Readers,

After I received this letter of request, I stopped by to check out the situation and see what we could do to help. As I approached, I saw a very run-down shelter. After I knocked, there was a very warm welcome waiting on the other side. The healthy spouse and the children greeted me. The children were told that someone who believes in helping people, who has gathered others who also want to help people, wants to help their family. As we were introduced, the older child said, "I heard you like helping people."

I replied, "Yes, I do." The child said, "We help our parent every day." I said, "I liked you when I first heard about you, I liked you when I first saw you, and I like you even more, knowing you are so helpful." The child smiled a very big smile. The healthy parent said, "Let him in." As I went inside, I looked around. I could see everything they owned was worn, old, or used. When I closed the door behind me, I felt as though I walked into their world. After a few short steps, I was in the bedroom where the spouse was laying, paralyzed from a debilitating disease. As the spouse looked back at me, with widened eyes, I could feel the sense of fear, as well as a sense of wanting help. The parent was expressing the worry of the family's situation. This parent felt so helpless.

The healthy spouse explained the situation, how the disease took a toll from being able to walk, to becoming wheelchair bound, to becoming bed-ridden, from being able to communicate to being unable to communicate, with the exception of the eyes.

The talkative child at the door introduced me by saying, "We are very happy WC is here. Are you?"

The parent blinked their eyes a number of times. The child looked back at me and said, "That means very happy. We set up a code while my parent had the ability to talk. That number of blinks means they are very happy you are here."

We continued to communicate like this for some time. I was asked where my heart was, in respect to God. After our conversation about the Lord, I assured them we were there to help. I could see tears forming and dropping from the parent in the bed.

The healthy parent hugged the parent in bed, with tears also forming.

As I watched the children look upon their parents, they joined in, hugging both parents. The younger child started crying. The talkative child looked back at me, while still hugging their parents and said, "Before my parent lost their speech, I was told I was supposed to be the strong one to hold everyone together."

I could see the tears welling in this child's eyes. The child did not let the tears flow. The child took a deep gasp and held his breath to stop the tears. I said, "I think at times like this, your parent would say it is okay to cry."

As I looked at the parent in the bed, the eyes were blinking. I said, "Look, what does that mean?" The child looked at the parent and let the tears flow. Other than the combination of the sadness, as well as the hope for help, silence was in the room.

As all of you know, I cannot see our fellow creations go through so much, without feeling their pain and sorrow. I share their emotions, as my heart cares. After everyone composed themselves we talked about what was needed. We helped with rent, utilities, and household necessities. We helped until the family felt they did not have to worry about financial uncertainties. The only thing they had to do was be there for each other, in this emotional time. The bed-ridden parent wanted only to say good-bye with dignity.

I want to thank everyone for Caring & Sharing, for helping Time Is Now, and for making life better for those we find.

Health and Happiness, God Bless, WC

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