

IN FEAR OF THEIR LIVES, A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER GO HOMELESS

Dear Readers:

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There are many struggling through these very difficult financial times. Then there are those struggling through living with violence on a daily basis. This always leaves me confused as to how a human being can treat another with such vicious behavior.

The following letter I received deals with that difficult subject.

Dear W.C.

I have no choice but to take my daughter and to leave my home. We will be without money and nowhere to go for support. I plan on leaving in the next few weeks, as soon as I know I can get away without being killed.

She provided a phone number but I was told to call only during a certain two hour period. If she received a call when her cruel, alcoholic husband was home, he threatened to kill her and her daughter. I called during the time she specified but the husband answered the phone. I immediately asked for a fictitious male name. I was furiously told that I had the wrong *\$#@ number and the phone slammed down. I was extremely worried about how to get in touch without tipping the husband off that his wife and daughter were reaching out for help. I nervously waited a few days until I called again. This time the wife answered in a whisper. I replied, "This is W.C. from The Time is Now. Is this a good time to talk?" She whispered back, "Yes, it is." I asked if her husband was home, and she whispered, "No." Her voice was shaking as she was talking. I asked if she could please speak louder and she replied that she was afraid to.

We set up a time to meet to talk as her husband would drop her at the food store every ten days, sit outside and wait for her. If she took a minute longer than 20 minutes when they got home he would severely beat her for making him wait. When she arrived at the grocery store we had to rush as she shopped for food. I could see under her make-up that she had a bruised cheek and a swollen bump on her temple. I asked her what happened. She told me that he knocks her around quite often and it is very common for her to have bruises. I wanted to keep her safe. When I suggested calling the police, she said, "No. He'll kill me, he will kill me." I asked, "How? The police will protect you." "No, no. I'll end up in a shelter. He'll come into the shelter and kill me. He'll kill my daughter. He has told me this many times over the years. I know him. He will get past the police and the weak laws they have to protect me and my daughter. I will be dead. Please, I want to just leave him and disappear, but I have no money. I have no hope." I had asked why the daughter was not in the store and she replied, "That is his way to make sure I get done in time. If I am late he will hurt her first and then get me when I get home."

I was watching the things that she was putting into her cart: two cases of beer, four cartons of cigarettes, and a lot of very cheap food. I offered to pay for a few more nutritious items but she nervously declined. She knew her overbearing husband would immediately notice the extra items.

Our conversation went by quickly and before you knew it she was walking back to him sitting the car. I could see her load the groceries in the car while the daughter was sitting in the front seat, not allowed to help her. He, of course, did not help.

When I spoke with this woman she revealed she had an aunt she had not talked to in about 14 years. The aunt lived in another state. I contacted the aunt. She was willing to take her and her daughter in without her husband being aware where they were. The aunt was elderly and her Social Security was just covering her own expenses with hardly anything leftover at the end of the month.

We were able to get the woman and her daughter away from the very abusive husband. We also helped with some rent money and utility charges. I also made a few phone calls and helped her get a job. She and her daughter found freedom from the constant physical and verbal abuse. They found the freedom that every creation of God deserves.

The aunt is happy to have the company her niece is giving her. She can now live more comfortably with both splitting the rent and without the loneliness she felt.

Thanks to The Time Is Now to Help we were able to put an end to the brutality, an end to the tears and suffering, and restore life and happiness. As the mother put it, "We renewed their lives. Her daughter now lives a normal happy life."

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Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

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