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# THE ELMER BACK Gifting Center Newsletter

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- Available Items

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## *A Division of the Human Relief Organization*

### EBGC Updates

Well I'm finally back from a short vacation. Ok it seemed short. The warehouse has been a busy place both while I was gone and since I have been back. There are so many new items in the warehouse. Everything from light bulbs to furniture. I will try to list things in another section. If you haven't been in the warehouse in awhile you need to come in and look at all that we have. While we try to list all the new items in our newsletter, there is always something that we forget. Also there hasn't been a newsletter in awhile so you may have already missed some good items that are already gone. We encourage you to visit the warehouse at least once a week to see all the new items. Sometimes by the time I get around to writing the newsletter the items have come and gone. Bottom line visit us weekly for the best chance at seeing and getting the latest items

we have to offer. We once again thank everyone who allows us to be a small part of helping provide those less fortunate with items that make their lives a little better and hopefully a little easier. We have heard and seen the difference some of our organizations are making in the community. If you have a story or pictures to share, let us know our donors like to hear the success stories and to know their donations are making a difference. If you know of organizations that are remodeling or fixing up houses be sure to let them know that we have a large selection of building materials. If you know someone who is going away to college or moving into a small space let them know about us also as our furniture is great for small spaces. We still have TV's and DVD players. Also still have counter tops for those

remodeling projects. We have furniture, nightstands, small tables and chairs, dresser/entertainment centers, end tables, and really nice computer desk chairs and upholstered chairs. There are a few other various kinds of chairs. When you come to the warehouse ask to see the pictures or to see the furniture itself. We try to tell everyone about it when they come in however we sometimes get busy and forget. Also because of the large amount of furniture we can not display it all at the Tyler Ave. warehouse but we have it stored so it is no problem showing it to you. Just ask Calvin or myself. Since I mentioned Calvin, I need to tell those who haven't met him. He is Susie's husband. Yea he deserves a medal. Thanks, for all you do.

## AVAILABLE PRODUCTS AS August 13, 2012

As August 13, 2012, the following products are available and on a first come, first serve basis:

- **Avon Lotion**
- **Men's After Shave Lotion**
- **Wood Flooring**
- **Energy Saving Light Bulbs**
- **Lots Of**

### **Scrub Pads**

- **Scrub Brushes**
- **Storm Doors**
- **Microwave Ovens**
- **Children's Books**
- **Slate Tiles**
- **Computer Desks**
- **Rolls of Roofing Paper**
- **Paint Brushes**
- **Entertainment Center/Dressers**

- **Desks**
- **Lots Of Coffee Pots**
- **End Tables**
- **Nightstands**
- **Office Chairs**
- **Loveseat Sleeper Sofa**
- **Upholstered Chairs**
- **Desk Chairs**
- **Pencil Holders**

As always, please remember the items you receive from the EBGC must NEVER be sold, bartered or traded and are not for personal use. They are to be given away FREE OF CHARGE to the ill, the needy and the youth in your area.

## AND FINALLY, A NOTE FROM STEVE

.While I was on vacation I got to meet so many people from different cultures. I got to meet Hawaiian people, who believe that everyone is part of the same family. When you meet them they want you to be part of their family (ohana) They greet you with a family name Dad, brother or more commonly cousin. When they greet you they don't

call you by name they call you cousin. What a great way to make you feel at home. They also talk often about how we are all one race the human race. They believe in treating everyone with respect. The second thing was a Memorial Day event called Floating Lanterns. It's where messages are wrote on lanterns and put in the water in memory of someone.

The theme was many rivers one ocean. Whose meaning is many different people or religions but only one god. Or many different people coming together for one cause. We had a chance to take part in this along with some 40, 000 other people. It is hard to describe how it was like everyone was family and there to honor a loved on. It was something to see that many people from all different background coming together as one. When you get out of your comfort zone you realize no matter what religion everyone is really part of the human race. Until next time I will see you cousins later.

## Still Answers

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A young man had been to Wednesday night Bible study. The pastor had shared about listening to God and obeying the Lord's voice.

The young man couldn't help but wonder, "Does God still speak to people?"

After service, he went out with some friends for coffee and pie and they discussed the message. Several different ones talked about how God had led them in different ways.

It was about ten o'clock when the young man started driving home. Sitting in his car, he just began to pray, "God, if you still speak to people, speak to me. I will listen. I will do my best to obey."

As he drove down the main street of his town, he had the strangest thought to stop and buy a gallon of milk. He shook his head and said out loud,

"God is that you?" He didn't get a reply and started on toward home. But again, the thought, "buy a gallon of milk."

The young man thought about Samuel and how he didn't recognize the voice of God, and how little Samuel ran to Eli. "Okay, God, in case that is you, I will buy the milk."

It didn't seem like too hard a test of obedience. He could always use the milk.

He stopped and purchased the gallon of milk and started off toward home. As he passed Seventh Street, he again felt the urge, "Turn down that street."

"This is crazy," he thought and drove on past the intersection. Again, he felt that he should turn down Seventh Street. At the next intersection, he turned back and headed down Seventh. Half jokingly, he said out loud, "Okay, God I will."

He drove several blocks when suddenly, he felt like he should stop. He pulled over to the curb and looked around. He was in a semi-commercial area of town. It wasn't the best, but it wasn't the worst of neighborhoods either.

The businesses were closed and most of the houses looked dark like the people were already in bed. Again, he sensed something, "Go and give the milk to the people in the house across the street." The young man looked at the house. It was dark and it looked like the people were either gone or they were already asleep.

He started to open the door and then sat back in the car seat. "Lord, this is insane. Those people are asleep and if I wake them up, they are going to be mad and I will look stupid." Again, he felt like he should go and give them the milk.

Finally, he opened the door. "Okay God, if this is you, I will go to the door and I will give them the milk. If you want me to look like a crazy person, okay. I want to be obedient. I guess that will count for something, but if they don't answer right away, I am out of here."

He walked across the street and rang the bell. He could hear some noise inside. A man's voice yelled out, "Who is it? What do you want?"

Then the door opened before the young man could get away. The man was standing there in his jeans and a t-shirt. He looked like he just got out of bed. He had a strange look on his face, and he didn't seem too happy to have a stranger standing on his doorstep.

"What is it?" The young man thrust out the gallon of milk. "Here I brought this to you."

The man took the milk and rushed down the hallway, speaking loudly in Spanish. Then from down the hall came a woman carrying the milk toward the kitchen. The man was following her holding a baby.

The baby was crying. The man had tears streaming down his face. The man began speaking and half-crying, "We were just praying. We had some big bills this month and we ran out of money. We didn't have any milk for our baby. I was just praying and asking God to show me how to get some milk."

His wife in the kitchen yelled out, "I asked him to send an Angel with some milk. Are you an Angel?"

The young man reached into his wallet and pulled out all the money he had on him and put it in the man's hand. He turned and walked back toward his car and the tears were streaming down his face.

He knew that God still answers prayers.

"Stop telling God how big your storm is.  
Instead, tell the storm how big your God is!"

Author Unknown

### The Difference Between School And Life

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The difference between school and life:

In school, you are taught a lesson and then given a test.  
In life, you are given a test that teaches you a lesson.

Greatness

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The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires,  
but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.  
~Bob Marley~

If You Are Not Dead

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If you are not dead,

God is not done.

