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Dear Bethany,

First, let me say thank you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. 😊

I remember doing this same exact thing with my youth group when I was in high school. We'd drop off meals to families and say good bye and God bless! I wanted to share some of our story with you because I wish we could have known more of the family's stories that we ministered to and because I wanted you to know how much this helps.

I am the mother of 4 school-aged kids. My youngest is in kindergarten, I have a 2nd grader, 4th grader, and a 6th grader. I am a student and I work for my church. I also help with watching some of my friend's children after school. We've recently rented out a room in our house to help make ends meet.

About 2 years ago I asked my husband to move out. He suffered from some mental health problems and I felt he was no longer a safe parent for our kids or that it could quickly become unsafe. I asked him to take this time to work on himself and make himself well for his family. Unfortunately, we're still fighting this battle. I am trying to help support him as best I can through this time, but in the meantime our budget has become stretched too thin between two households. God has always provided for us, and you are apart of that!

For the first time ever, I opened our bank account this morning to pay my mortgage and there wasn't enough to pay it. Talk about a

moment of panic! And then I quickly remembered that God will take care of us. He always does. Thankfully by the end of the day, a glitch in the banking system was corrected and I could pay my bills. Due to dealing with bank stuff all day I wasn't able to go to the grocery store today. And then, what a blessing to remember that, you are coming this evening.

My family is in a place where we are fighting and struggling for more stability and better future. Thank you for helping us along this journey to get there. If you think of us in the future, we would love your prayers! It is, after all, our strongest weapon. May God bless your ministry and your endeavors, and may we meet again with a warm greeting and hug!

Your Sister in Christ,