

**But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory,
the One who lifts my head high. Psalm 3:3 (NIV)**

A dear friend recently fractured her wrist in multiple places when she fell from a short step ladder in her home. This would be a tragedy in and of itself, but it is compounded because she makes her living as a licensed massage therapist. She has taken hundreds of hours of continuing education classes over the last twenty years and has become an outstanding practitioner in her field. She had surgery several days following the accident and is now home, waiting on her wrist to heal. The orthopedic surgeon told her he would have a better idea of her prognosis in six weeks.

When I delivered some of my special homemade chicken soup to her this weekend, she showed me the x-rays of her arm. These pictures were not for the faint of heart. A titanium plate surrounds the entire radius and will remain there permanently. I felt heartbroken for her, not just because of the agony she has endured and will endure in the future as she goes through the healing process and physical therapy, but also because she may not be able to resume her practice. The good news is the surgeon was able to place a titanium plate to stabilize the arm as it mends and keep it stable in the future!

The Lord offers similar stability for all who confess their sin and invite the Lord Jesus Christ into their hearts to rule and reign in their lives. When the storms in life come and we are battered and beaten, Jesus is the shield around every believer. Dictionary.com defines shield as "...used as a protection against blows or missiles." He is my glory, the one who lifts my head high! Dictionary.com defines glory as "...to exalt with triumph, rejoice proudly."

I don't know about you, but I believe I still have much to learn about God's shields and glory. I am grateful for His patient and gentle shepherding in my life when I experience storms.

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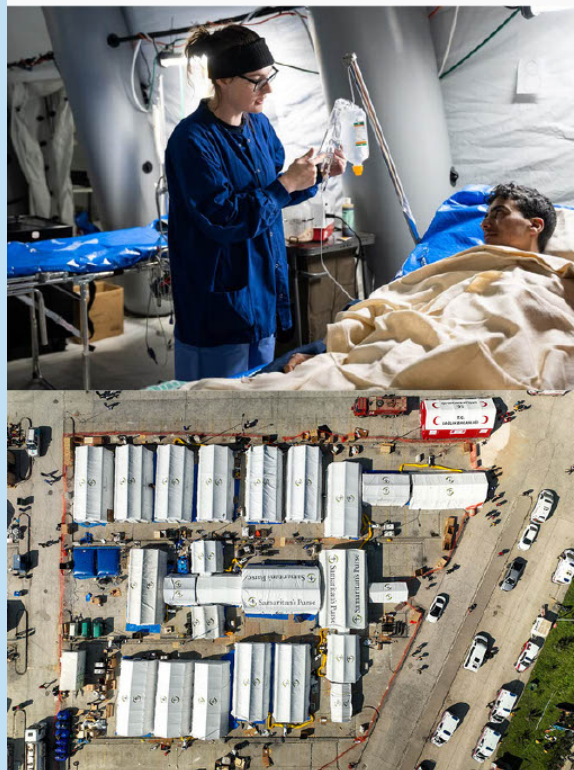
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Fred Eckel, Board Member

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