



News and Highlights

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Hands in the Community Success Story:

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"Faith is like electricity. You can't see it, but you can see the light."

An Ivanhoe family was blessed beyond measure by the volunteers and supporters of Hands in the Community last month. The family of four was left without electricity when their power line not only failed, but fell. After contacting Southern California Edison, they discovered that a replacement pole was left to the responsibility of the property owner. The family had no funding for a new pole, labor, equipment for digging, or electrical supplies and expertise.

The temperatures in California were on the rise, as were the concerns of how the family could sustain themselves without light, a stove to cook on or air to cool their home. When their church referred them to HNC on June 5th, our office volunteers went straight to work looking for ways to help. Due to the complexity of the case, over a dozen inquiries were made before there was a breakthrough at what seemed like the 11th hour...that's when the Lord guided HNC to the generous hands of the local businesses who stepped in to offer an outpouring of support:

Golden State Utility donated and provided the family with a brand new pole, delivering it from Selma, digging the hole, and setting the pole to be ready for the installation of the electricity lines. Consolidated Electrical Distribution of Tulare stepped in and donated the many electrical supplies that were critically needed to ensure the job was performed up to code. L&M Services jumped on board, providing the services of an electrician to handle proper installation. And, their local church donated funds for the purchase of the necessary permits to complete the job.

The job was finished and power turned back on by June 22nd. The total cost of the project was between \$3,500 and \$4,000 and the family paid nothing. It's no surprise that God is working through Hands in the Community.

Sometimes, when things seem dim, a little faith is all you need to see the light!

