

## *A Racer in Need*

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As the title implies a racer will always be in need of something; parts, advice on cars, or whatever...a racer will always be in need. I'm involved in the world of drag racing and this is oh so true. Yet the need I had is not mentioned above—but something much more important.

Throughout the country there are exceptional people that I've had the pleasure of meeting and sharing the joy of racing, but this has been so much more than that. I would like to share about a very special bond with two wonderful people.

The Racers For Christ chaplains that are part of the Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park track (my home away from home) are Hugh and Jill Goodale. They have become some of my closest friends as well as another set of shoulders when life gets to be too much for me to bear.

To say that this has been a tough year for me would be an understatement. I have a father and mother-in-law battling very serious illnesses, a son who had his own battle in the hospital, and many other things that have been brought to bear on me; at times it has been overwhelming.

Hugh and Jill have been my rock. They were always there for me and my family no matter what time of day and no matter what life had thrown at them. With their help and encouragement I have been able to get my feet firmly planted. To say that they are my friends would be an understatement. They are so much more than that; words simply cannot express.

The Goodales are not the type of people who want or expect anything in return for the love and friendship that they so freely give. I am very blessed that the Lord has drawn me to these fine people and that they, along with the Lord, have been able help me cope with all that has happened. The very assurance that I have people such as the Goodales in my corner (as well as the Lord) has eased my own personal burden and has shown me that God does have a plan for each of us. We just need to be patience and let the Lord mold us into His plan.

Without Hugh and Jill Goodale, I do not know where I would be today. The words "Thank You" are often overused and under meant. In this case, however, they are from the heart: "Hugh, Jill, thank you for everything!"

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