

woke up not excited about it being my birthday and getting older. I counted my blessings and realized I really didn't need anything. What would I like for my birthday that would really make me happy? I thought a million dollars! I'm sure many people may want that but I am the new Director of Business Development for Mount Pisgah Academy and what a blessing it would be to get a MILLION DOLLAR DONATION! The worthy student scholarship fund is now called Touch a Life, so I'm going to ask people to give to Touch a Life at Mount Pisgah Academy to celebrate my birthday!

I had two appointments scheduled so they would be my first "ask". I spent 25 plus years in sales, so I'm not very shy about asking but this gift was for ME! It is hard to ask friends to give me a birthday present, but especially hard to ask people who don't even know me. God gave me an idea. Celebrities post videos of themselves all the time; maybe I should post birthday videos of Lucy Hall. I made my first video, me in my car on the way to see a mother of an MPA Alumni (look on Generous Living FB page it's posted there). I explained to my Facebook friends what my project for the day was, asking for my own birthday gift! I also warned them that I may be showing up on their doorsteps! With each appointment I starting feeling

better and better. With each person I would record a video, asking them for a birthday gift for me by "Touching a Life" at Mount Pisgah Academy. I had no idea if anyone was looking at these FB videos but it was amazing. What a gift the Lord gave me by putting this suggestion in my mind, serving others when you are "down" really did make a difference. This day became one of my happiest birthdays. It is amazing how God can use even small things to make BIG differences.

When I got home that evening, after 8 p.m., and after posting eight videos, I looked at Facebook and my email. I had so many people telling me how much they loved my videos and that they would check every hour so they could see who would be next.

No, I never got the million dollar donation that day but the Lord used me in a powerful way. MPA is still getting donations that say "Happy Birthday Lucy" on them. God is amazing; He cares so much about us and is with us even on days where we feel sad. IT IS ALL OF HIM IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF ME!

— Lucy Newman Hall, Director of Business
Development for Mount Pisgah
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