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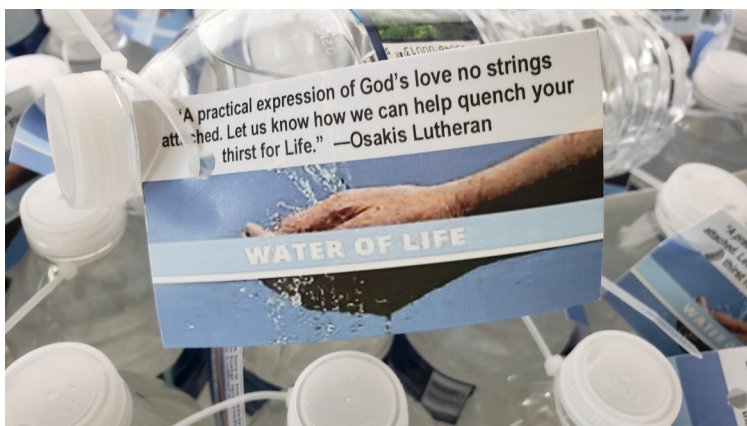
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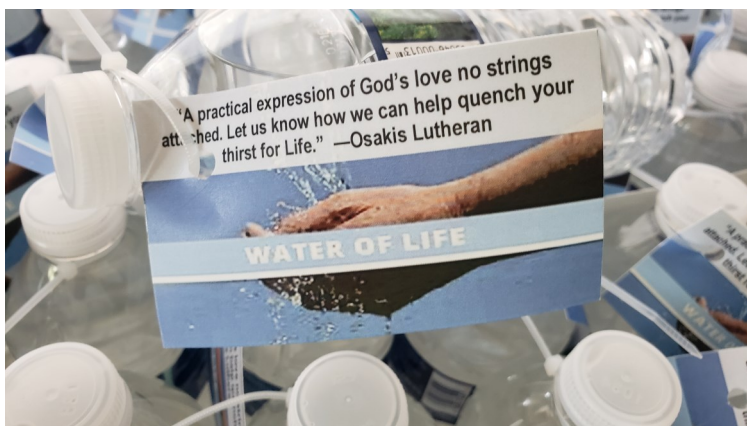
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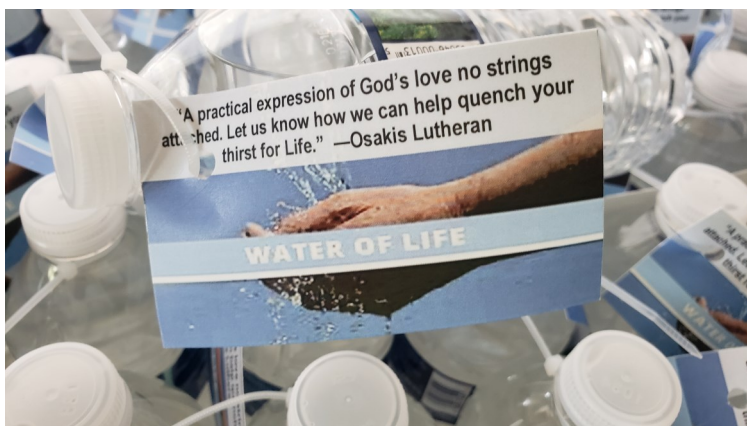
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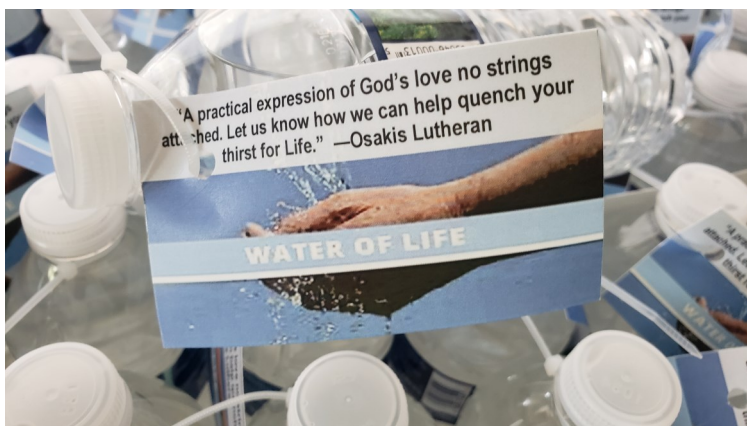
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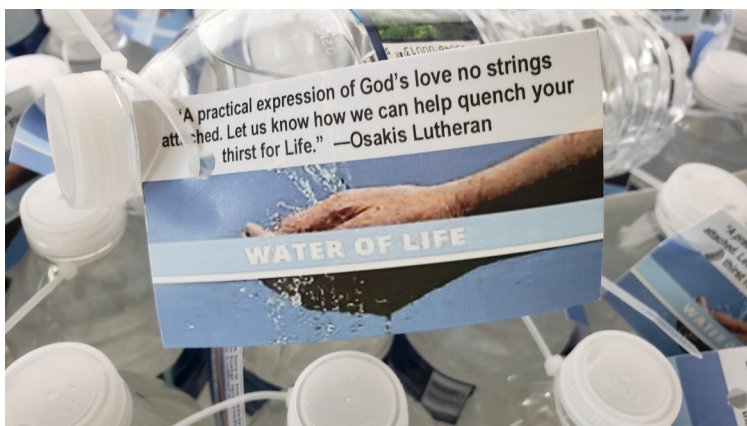
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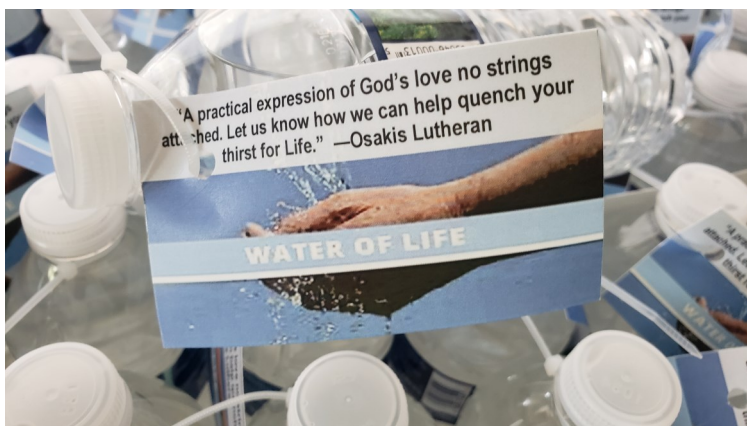
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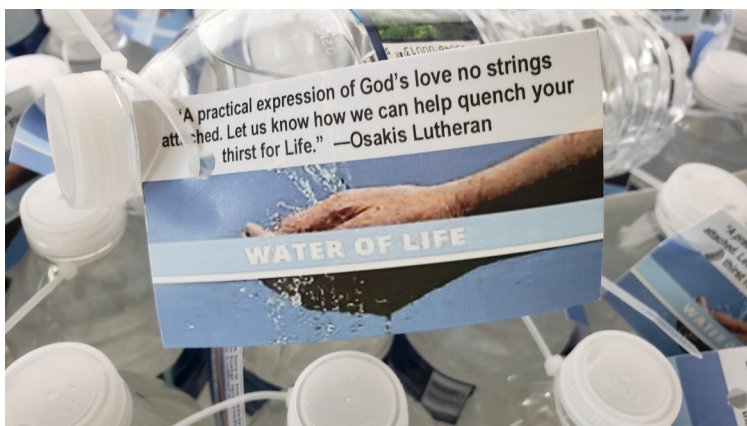
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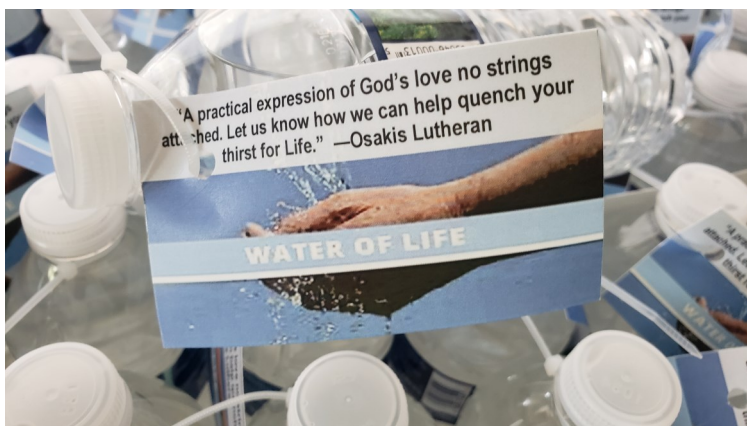
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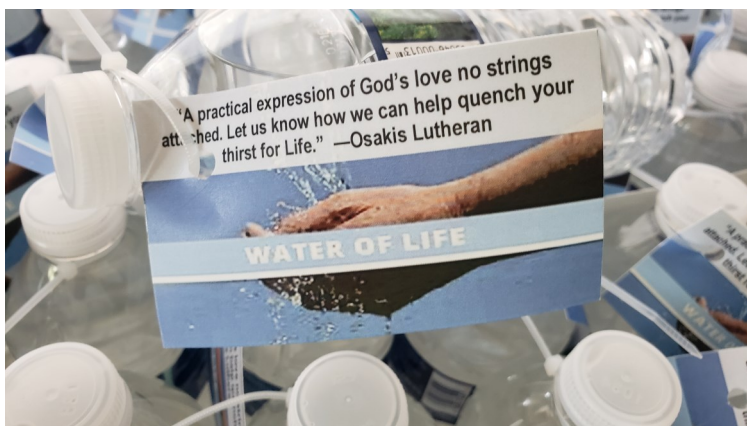
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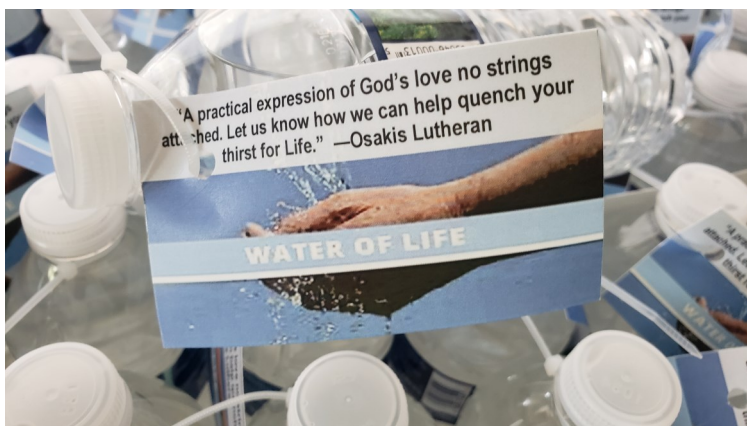
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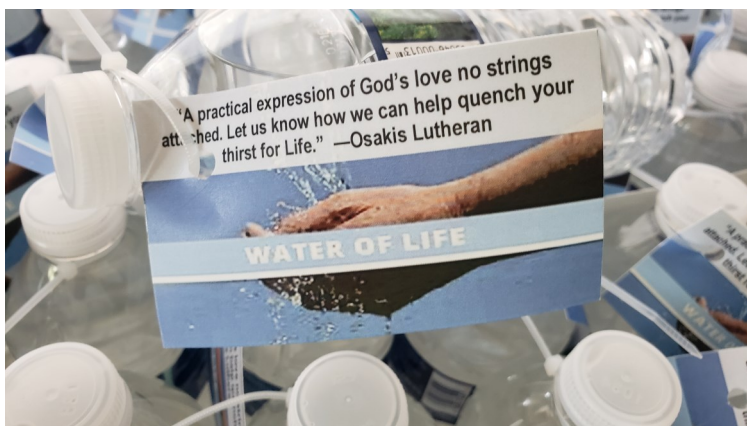
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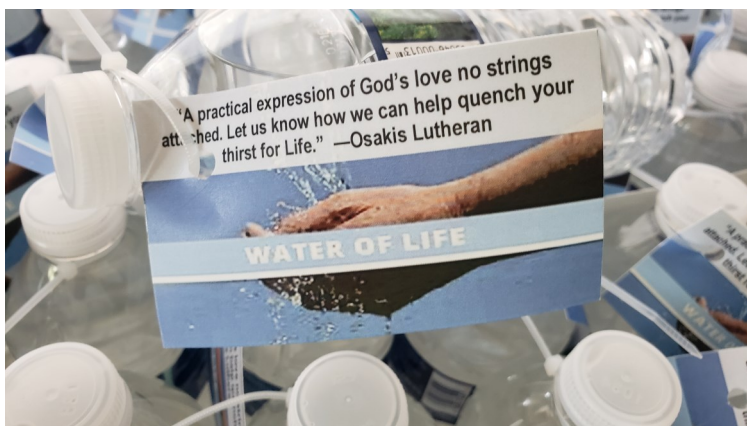
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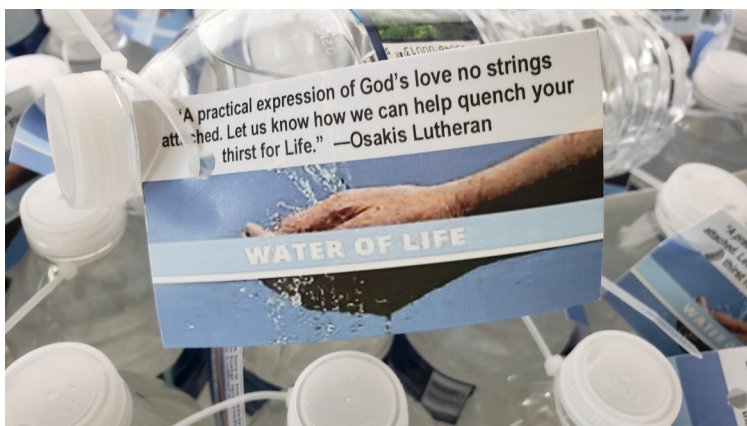
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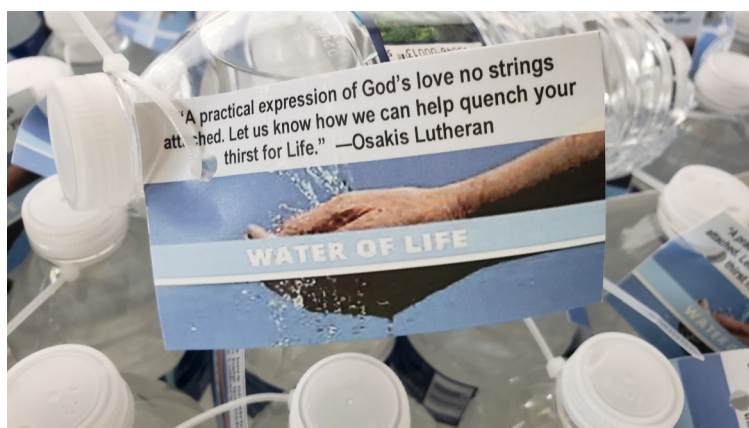
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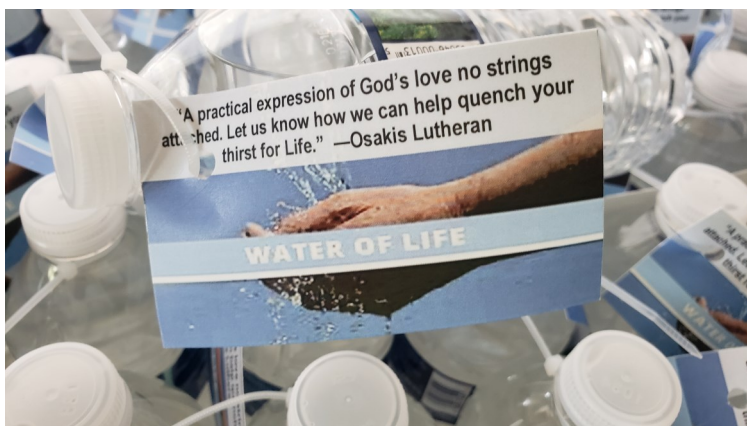
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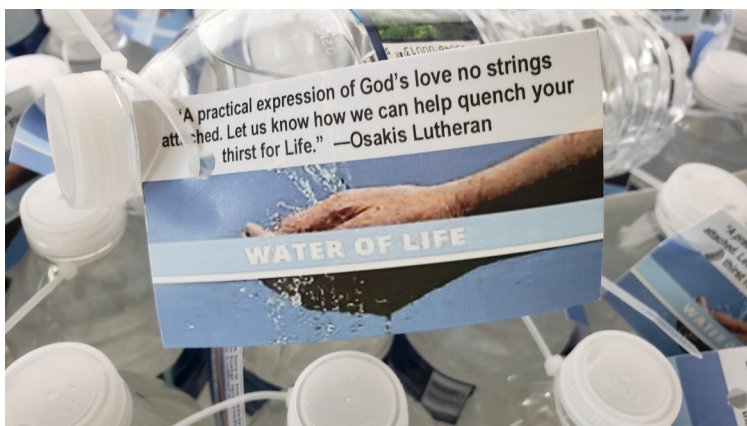
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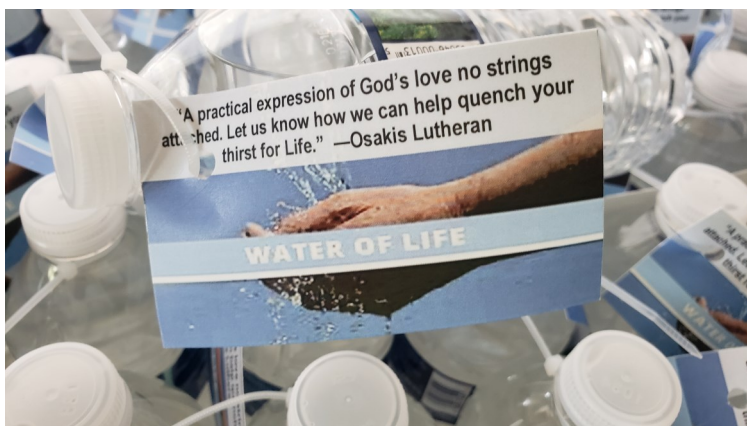
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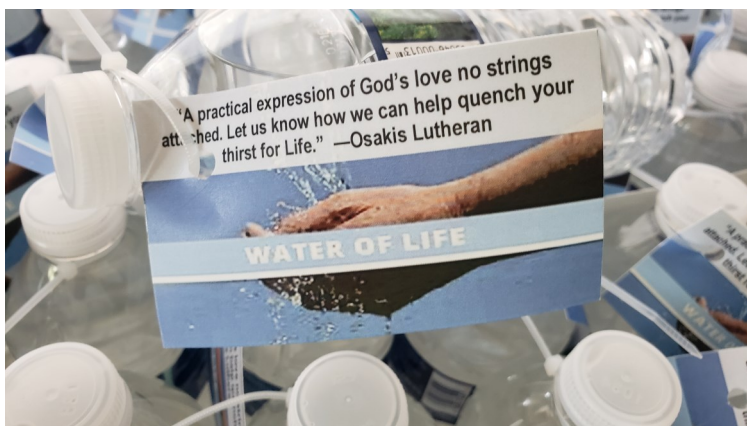
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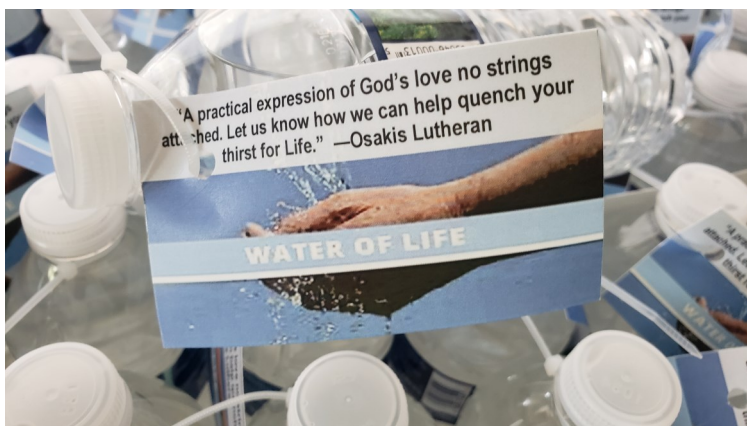
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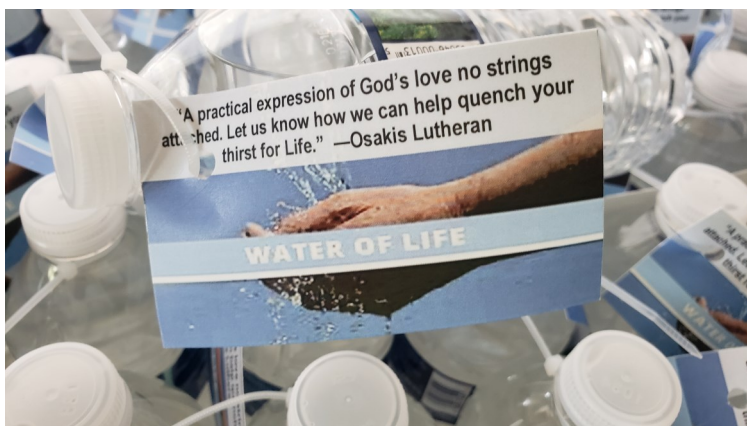
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You don't come for yourself. You come for someone else. You come for that person who needs a word, a hand up, a heart. You come for the person who needs someone to sit beside her. You come for the widow who walks in slowly; you come for the teenager who needs someone to say "You belong." You come and you practice looking for the person, the one you are there for.

You come and you practice, so you can go back out and practice looking all week, looking for the person that God is sending to you.

See you in church??
Pr. Rich



*"Where there is love,
there is life."*
- Mahatma Gandhi



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