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The Power of a Giving Father

I recently read about Rick Hoyt, a man who has been severely disabled physically from birth. He is unable to talk, walk, or use his hands. Doctors told his parents that he would never be anything more than a vegetable and that they should just put him in an institution. Rick's father, Dick, was unwilling to accept this. He could see in his son's bright eyes that he was not a vegetable. He eventually fitted his son with a computer that he can use to communicate by tapping a button with the side of his head. Not only did this enable Rick to graduate High School, but he also went on to college and got a degree in special education.

When a classmate was injured and the school organized a charity run, Rick typed out to his dad, "Dad, I want to do that." So Dick prepared to push his son in the wheelchair. When they started the five mile race, many of those watching thought he would push his son down to the corner and come back. But he didn't. He ran the entire five miles. Afterward, Rick typed out, "Dad, when we were running, it feels like I'm not even handicapped!"

So began the first of many races which not only included marathons, but triathlons as well. Dick really got into shape, leading some to suggest he try racing without his son. But he will not. Rick cannot race without his dad, and his dad will not race without his son. They are called "Team Hoyt." Dick has become his son's arms and his legs in the races.

After reading this story and seeing a video of it (Now on by blog - <http://7-pillars.blogspot.com>), I was stuck by a father's love for his son. Dick outputs and amazing amount of time, effort, and energy for his son. They literally do everything together!

It occurs to me that this is sort of the way it is with my Heavenly Father. My sins twisted my life and rendered me a powerless slave to them. He took those sins and bore them upon himself out of love for me. Without him, I would still be enslaved. It is my Father who is at work in me both to "will and to work for His good pleasure" (Phil 2:13). Truly, I can do nothing without him.

I am still weak, but his power is demonstrated in my weakness. He carries me through life with his strength. When I sin, I remind myself that I can do no better without Him, and that I need to reconnect with Him. I cannot do it on my own. Without him, I would be stuck right where I was. The strength that I now have is really not my own. He gave and continues to give to me endlessly.

John Telgren
Leavenworth, KS

PRAYER REQUESTS

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box" the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For our Haiti Mission Team leaving January 19

Millie Lemon is scheduled for a follow up surgery on January 16. After recuperation hopefully she will be able to be out and about and with us again.

Renee Bissell had round 7 of her chemo this week.

Rick Richmond was hospitalized on Monday this week with weakness and balance problems. He is home now doing better. She has an MRI on Thursday. Prayers for his faith and healing.

Emerson Coriell had his tonsils removed on Friday at Mt Carmel in Columbus. He came home Friday afternoon and is doing well. Complete results of all tests expected January 15. Keep praying.

Debbie Sullivan had surgery scheduled Monday at SOMC and came home on Wednesday. She is recuperating at home.

Austin Coriell is now at home after spending a few days at Best Care.

Alex Cram and Family, a continuing request for God's mercy and blessing.

Rhonda Daniels (Hayes & Eloise Hayward's daughter) had knee replacement surgery at SOMC on Monday. She is now in rehab at the hospital.

Diane Piccone (Lisa Hoskins mother) is hospitalized in Columbus with complications from advanced lung cancer. She is on a ventilator now. Doctors are trying to get her off. Prayers for the her and the family.

Sharon Rogers is scheduled for a foot surgery on Wednesday, January 16, at SOMC.

Mikell Rase (22 yr old cousin of Kim, Kendra & Kristi) is having vision problems that stem from a blindness that had to be corrected at birth. She is having blind spots show up in her vision.

Praise Report: Alex Cram had an eye exam this week that showed his optic nerve is in good shape and there is no permanent damage to his vision from the excess spinal fluid. Furthermore, the excess spinal fluid may be only a temporary condition. Praise the Lord and keep on praying!

Praise Report: All financial needs of the Haiti Mission Team have been met. PTL!

Spirit Club Verse of the Month - January 2008

Let the little children come and do not forbid them for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

In the News

Jessica Gahm (daughter of Troy & Julie) was chosen by the student body at Valley High School to be the sophomore "Sweetheart" attendant for 2008. She will be introduced along with the other attendants and the queen on Saturday, January 22, between the reserve and varsity basketball game. Congratulations, Jessica.

Haiti Mission Needs

The Haiti mission team leaves on January 19. They are requesting your prayers and your donations of the following items to be taken to Haiti for the 590 children we are currently sponsoring through Hope for Haiti's Children: **Socks**, all sizes, white, brown, black; **Ball Caps**; **Hair Accessories** for girls (barrettes, bows, ribbons, clips). There will be receptacles placed in foyer over the next few weeks for you to deposit these items.

SOLUTION TO KIDS CORNER PUZZLE:

Scripture is this month's memory verse, found above.

Spirit Club Meeting

Tonight, 6 pm, kids of all ages (2-99 years) are invited to come a little early and learn the latest Spirit Club memory work through song. We'll learn the new songs month by month and also do some review of what we have learned in the past. The song and verse for January is Mathew 19:14. Meeting will last till about 6:20 pm. If you are interested, the songs are taken from a CD called Hide'Em in Your Heart by Steve Green. It's available for \$10.00 at Praises Book Store in Portsmouth.

Time for Fasting & Prayer

A few weeks ago we noted in Acts 13:3 that the church in Antioch sent out Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey with prayer and fasting and the laying on of hands. January 16 after our Wednesday Bible study, we are going to be sending out our own missionaries to Haiti with prayer and fasting and the laying on of our hands. Plan to stay a few extra minutes after the Bible study for the prayer and the "group huddle" up at the front around our missionaries. Also, we're asking that you spend the 24 hours leading up to this time in fasting (you can have fruit or vegetable juice) starting at 9 pm on Tuesday and ending at 9 pm on Wednesday. Our missionaries headed to Haiti for January 19-26 are: Matthew Gampp, Scott Gampp,

Aaron Kallner, Jason Coriell, Karren Griffith, Mike Dixon and Brandy Gampp. Please include these brothers and sisters in your daily prayers.

Notes of Encouragement

For our 7 missionaries to Haiti we are asking the congregation to write notes of encouragement to each one that they can open up during their trip. There are big envelopes laid out on the table in the foyer with the name of each person going. Write your notes, seal each one up in an envelope and put your notes in the big envelopes on the table. There are envelopes, pens and note pads on the table.

2008 Budget

Copies of the budget for 2008 for our congregation are on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy and be informed. We will be talking about this budget over the next few weeks in some of our lessons.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Dorothy Goodwin (sister-in-law to Esther Crisp) who passed away on Tuesday. Her funeral was Friday in Portsmouth.

Winterfest Coming Soon

Feb 15-17, 2008, are the dates for Winterfest in Gatlinburg, Tn. To register for Winterfest to get a seat on the bus and a room in Gatlinburg, go to www.innermission-ssu.com and click on the Winterfest Sign Up tab. Be sure and include a contact phone number in the message box. More information soon. Thanks, Shaun and Jamie.

Birth Announcement

Emilee Katheryn Steffens was born to Eric & Crystal (Price) Steffens on Thursday, January 10 in Nashville, Tn. Katheryn weighed 5 lbs, 5 oz. and measured 20 inches in length. Many of you will remember Crystal from her days here at Sunshine as a member of our youth group.

Father-Daughter Valentine Gala Coming

Saturday, February 9, 7 pm at the MHS gymnasium, the Grande March for the Father-Daughter Valentine Gala will commence. As always we are needing help with the event. People to help with food, set up and decoration, clean-up at the end, coat check workers, the picture-taking operation, and cookies. The tickets to the Father-Daughter Gala are still \$5.00 and are available at the Pharmacy in Minford among other locations.

Innermission Meals

We're past the holidays and school starts again this next week. If you would be willing to prepare a lunch for the Innermission gang on a Tuesday in January, sign up for an open date. The pad is on the table in the foyer.

Snow Removal Team Needed

We have been having mild winters the last few years, but 2 or 3 times a year we have significant snowfall. We need at least two guys (or girls) who will come at least an hour before our Wednesday or Sunday meetings who will make sure the walks are cleared and salted before the people show up. If you are willing to take this job, see Steve Miller.

Shepherd's Prayer Session

This Thursday, 7:30 pm, our shepherds and ministers will be meeting to pray for the needs and requests of the families and members of the congregation. If you have something to be included in that prayer, see one of the shepherds before Thursday.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

1/13 Acts 15:36-16:40
1/20 Acts 17:1-18:22
1/27 Acts 18:23-20:2
2/3 Acts 20:3-38

Wednesday

1/16 Daniel 4
1/23 Daniel 5
1/30 Daniel 6
2/6 Daniel 7



1/16 Haiti Mission Team Send Off, after services
1/19-26 Haiti Mission Trip
2/9 Father-Daughter Valentine Gala @ MHS Gym, 7 p.m.
2/15-17 Winterfest in Gatlinburg

Movable Wall Session

We have a new movable wall in the annex which will add to the usability of the annex. You are welcome to extend or retract the wall to fit your needs. However, there is a tool and a procedure that you need to know about in order to move the wall. Plan to meet with Steve Miller for 15 minutes after evening Bible Study on Sunday, January 20 for a short explanation/demo.

Spirit Club Survey

Parents, there are survey sheets for Spirit Club on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up, fill it out and get it back to Kristi Cordle ASAP. We need your input so that we can keep Spirit Club fresh and exciting and effective for you and your children. Deadline is January 27.

Kids Movie Matinee

Hey, parents, look! On Saturday's and Sunday's at 12:30 and 2:00 the new Portsmouth Theatre has Kid Toon Matinees. In January the Kid Toon Matinee is free. Ordinarily they are \$3.50/person and include a snack for each person. Next Sunday (1/20) at 2:00 let's meet at the theatre for Kid Toon Matinee. See Kim McCray for details.

Teen Girls Class

The Sunday evening Teen Girls class will resume on February 3.

Not a Hoax

Two weeks ago I posted a warning in the bulletin about a stranger approaching a child in a suspicious manner at the Walmart in New Boston. Since then, there was a front page article in the Times saying that the story—which had spread like wildfire on the internet—is a hoax. It is not a hoax. I wish it was. The child is a close friend of our granddaughter, Hannah. Her mother is someone I know and respect. She called me immediately after the incident, still shaking from her daughter's close call and her conversation with the assistant

manager. Since this happened, I've done a little research. www.familywatchdog.us lists 75 sexual predators within the New Boston/Portsmouth/Sciotoville area with another 8 in Minford, 14 in Wheelersburg and 17 in West Portsmouth. These are ones who have been caught, convicted, served time and are now released. Statistically only 1 in 3 predators are ever caught.

The technique used to approach this child, and the timing of it is common to predators. He didn't hand her a toy in the checkout lane as the newspaper reported. He filled her hands and arms with small toys near the exit thereby taking her attention away from following her mother, as well as rendering her arms useless because she was concerned about dropping the trinkets and being rude when the man had just given her "presents." This danger is not unique to Walmart. Keep an eye on your kids. Serena Miller

Hocking Hills Winter Hike

Next Saturday, January 19, Hocking Hills State Park will be hosting their annual winter hike that is attended by over 2000 hikers from around the country. College students, and anybody else who wants to go, are invited to take the 6 mile hike in Hocking Hills State Park. We're leaving the building at 8 am. Cornbread and bean soup and hot chocolate are served at the half way point of the hike. The hike starts at Old Man's Cave and goes through Cedar Falls and ends at Ash Cave. People from Sunshine and Innermission have been going on this hike for the past 6 years. Spectacular views. See Jamie for details.

Library Alert

We have done an inventory of our library materials and we want to remind parents that the items in the library are for short term check outs. Please take a look around your house and see if by chance some library items have gotten lost in the books, DVD's, video tapes that belong to you. Please help us get these materials back so that others can use them. —Julie Miller.

Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>January 13</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Don Coriell
Song Director	Scott Gampp
Scripture Reading	Jamie Riley
Prayer	Don Ramey
Lord's Supper –Bread	Bill Gammon
Wine	Eric Copas
Server 1	Spike Ferrell
Server 2	Barry Hayward
Server 3	Gary Glispie
Server 4	Michael Dixon
Server 5	Aaron Franke
Server 6	John Gampp
Message	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Eric McLaughlin

<u>January 20</u>
Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Steve Williams
Caleb Miller
Jamie Riley
Dewey Cordle
Dale Kuhn
Gregg Ferrell
Brent Frazee
Dale Gampp
David Gampp
Tim Coriell
Steve Miller
Jason Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening

Song Director	Gabe Coriell	Jacob Miller
Scripture Reading	Greg Coriell	Rich Book
Lord's Supper	David Gampp	Mark Risner
Assist	Josh Coriell	Ira Coriell
Prayer	Mark Gampp	Eric McLaughlin
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Acts 15:36 - 16:40</i>	<i>Acts 17:1-18:22</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Aaron McCray	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Rich Book	Zach Sims
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Daniel 4</i>	<i>Daniel 5</i>

Children's Bible Time

January 3/5: Jane Ruggles, Stephanie Copas, Jennifer Gampp
 January 6/8: Kristin Riley, Cindy Coriell, Becky Dixon
 February 3/5: June Book, Rich Book, Rachel Jarvis
 February 6/8: Cathy Coriell, Emerson Coriell, Becky Jarvis, Chuck Jarvis

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.



==== SCRIPT-O-GRAM ====

A very familiar verse is written below using a letter substitution code. See if you can decipher what the verse is. Hint: Q=E

P Q K K B Q P L K K P Q J B L P V C Q H J W T Q

G H V V W H W K S W C Z L V K B Q T S W C

W S N R J B L N K B Q Y L H D V W T W S

B Q G F Q H .

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