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“...GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS, AND TELL THEM WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND HOW MERCIFUL HE HAS BEEN.” MARK 5:19

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From Trash to Treasures

Margie, my oldest sister, always told me I needed to write a book about our life story as children, something I thought I could never do. Because of things that happened to me in my childhood, I have been in counseling for so long trying to get over those memories. If God wanted me to write a book about it I was sure He'd let me know.

God has already blessed me so much, He is using me to write inspirational poems and share them with so many people and the poems have helped and blessed them so much. I share them on face Book and monthly in *The Good News Just Keeps Coming* newspaper. I am always so thankful and so humbled when I hear from someone whose heart had been touched and helped.

Our church was having a craft show. I am always so excited to take the things God inspired me to write and set up a table there. It gives me the chance to talk about God and to help someone.

I have a good friend, Dr. Arvil Jones, a pastor I met through a writing group. Arvil is so kind and has published a few really good books. I called him and asked if he wanted to come and set up his books and He said yes. I looked forward to seeing him.

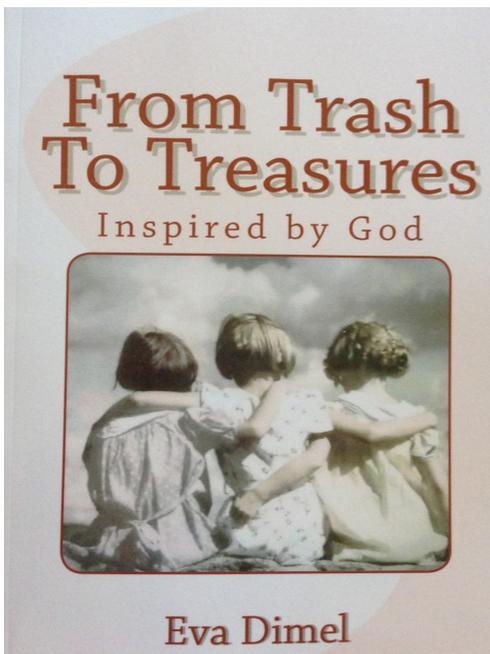
My husband Tom knew how much I loved God and how grateful I was to be doing what God wants me to do, sharing God's amazing love.

The craft show was really busy but Arvil and I still found time to talk. He suggested we write a book together. I shrugged it off because I write poetry books not novels. I told him I would pray about it and I did.

One day while talking, Arvil asked me what kind of book I would like to write and before thinking about it I said my life story. I couldn't believe I had just said that. This was the book I said I would never write, I couldn't write. I told Arvil I would have to really pray and then I would let him know.

The more I thought about my childhood, the more scared I became of releasing all those shameful memories. What would people think about me and what if someone's feelings got hurt and could I even go through those memories again. These terrible memories had caused me to have panic disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). My answer was no.

But God had other plans. I prayed and I cried asking God what He wanted me to do. After going to bed and still feeling upset I woke up the next morning



Positively, this book is about the love and grace of the one and only true and living God, who alone is able to take hold of the reins of human lives that are being driven toward Hell at breakneck speed, and turn those lives into something more beautiful than human language is capable of describing. This book will take you to the utmost depths of human shame and depravity. And depending upon your own personal relationship to God, it will raise you to the utmost heights of joy. These are pretty big claims for a book, are they not? Now, let us see if these claims can be substantiated.

Dr. Arvil Jones, editor.

and while I was reading a new Devotional my daughter Mary had bought me, I couldn't believe what it said, "I know that you have what it takes to accomplish God's purpose for your life, "I know the people whose paths you cross are going to be blessed because of you, "I know that your life story is being written by an Author who has more in store for you than either of us can even imagine."

All I could do was cry. I knew this was Gods answer about the book. I started writing. I began sending some of my memories to Arvil. He did an awesome job helping me edit my thoughts, Growing up I always felt like a piece of trash and I just couldn't shake those painful memories. But God, in His own way, was showing me I am HIS DAUGHTER and that made ME WORTH SOMETHING!!

Now I was going through all those memories and feelings again. I even

wondered what Arvil must be thinking of me after learning secrets I never shared with anyone. My husband and my daughter and sons all supported me through this painful time, especially my sister Margie.

But more than anything I was willing to go through this because I knew in my heart this was what God wanted me to do and I knew He had a reason. I went through all kinds of emotions and Arvil and his wife, Carolyn were so kind and encouraged and supported me, something I really needed.

After many long hours, the book was finally finished and when I first held it in my hands I wanted to cry. I was still so scared of what people would think. When people started getting the book and reading it I was so surprised and so humbled by the things they said about it. I couldn't believe how it was helping

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Innocent Eyes

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for 25 cents each. Every day a young man would leave his office building at lunch time and, as he passed her pretzel stand, he would leave her a quarter, but would never take a pretzel.

This went on for more than five years. The two of them never spoke. One day as the man passed the old ladies pretzel stand and left his quarter as usual, the pretzel woman spoke to him,

"Sir, I appreciate your business. You are a good customer, but I have to tell you that the pretzel price has increased to 35 cents."

Uncle Leroy got a job down at the Broom Factory.

On his first day the straw boss (Floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man huh? What is yer name?" Leroy replied, "Leroy."

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to breakdown in my Authority. I refer to all employees by last names; Now what is Your Last Name!"

Leroy sort of smiles and says, "Its Darling - Leroy Darling!"

The Straw Boss said, "Now Leroy the next thing..."

At a clearance sale, the wife of a federal district court judge found a green tie that was a perfect match for one of her husband's sports jackets.

Soon after, while the couple was vacationing at a resort complex to get his mind off a rather complicated cocaine conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the design of the tie.

The judge showed it to a local FBI agent, who was equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug' planted by the conspiracy defendants. The agent sent the device to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC for analysis.

Two weeks later, the judge phoned the Washington office to learn the results of their tests.

"We're not sure where the disc came from," the FBI told him, "but we discovered that when you press it, it plays 'Jingle Bells.'"

The company I work for sometimes puts on what they call "Lunch and Learn" seminars during the employees' lunchtime, dealing with a variety of physical and mental health issues. If the seminar lasts beyond the normal lunch hours, we're supposed to get managerial approval to attend. So, last week, this flier came around: **LUNCH AND LEARN SEMINAR: WHO'S CONTROLLING YOUR LIFE?**

(Get your manager's permission before attending)

Looks like that question's been answered.

A Texas rancher, visiting a South Dakota farmer friend, asked him to show him his farm.

After seeing the 1,000 acre spread, the Texan bragged that down home he could get into his car, drive all day, and by evening would not have gotten to the distant point of his ranch.

The South Dakotan simply replied, "You know, I had a car like that once."

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The old pastor made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week.

He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name.

They came up with about 40 names.

He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, "Yes, but in those days there were only thirteen."

A woman was driving her old beat up car on the Highway with her 7 yr. old son, Little Johnny.

She tried to keep up with traffic but they were flying by her. After getting caught in a large group of cars flying down the road she looked at her speedometer to see she was doing 15 miles over the speed limit.

Slowing down, she moved over to the side and got out of the clump that soon left her behind. She looked up and saw the flashing lights of a police car. Pulling over she waited for the officer to come up to her car. As he did he said, "Ma'am do you

know why I pulled you over?" Little Johnny piped up from the back seat, "I do! Because you couldn't catch the other cars!"

Each evening bird lover Tom stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl - and one night, an owl called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversation."

Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor.

"My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said.

"That's odd," the neighbor replied. "So does my husband."

Then it dawned on them.

Grandma, who appeared to become an ever-more intimidating personality as the years went on, was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife:

"You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14.

When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?" the grandson asked.

"You're coming empty handed ... ?"

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Come As You Are

Operation Christmas Child: A Box Full of Love

Hello. My name is Alina. I grew up in an orphanage in Romania, a Russian country. It was very hard. There was no love and not enough to eat.

When I was just over a year old, doctors told my mother that I would never be able to walk. Not knowing how to care for me, my mother left me in a hospital. Thanks to doctors and nurses who did not give up on me, I began to walk and was placed in an orphanage when I was 3 years old.

On a cold day nine years later, I noticed other kids in the orphanage carrying shoeboxes. I was very curious what was inside them! So I got in the back of a long line and could hardly wait my turn. I was one of the last ones to receive a shoebox.

When I finally had one in my hands, my teacher told us that we had to wait to open them until we were back in our classroom. That meant a seven-minute walk up five flights of stairs. I couldn't wait that long! I tried to peek inside my box, but my teacher said, "Nope! Close it! We all need to go to the class."

When I finally got there and opened it, the first thing I saw was a little round, white music box that played Christmas music. I liked it because I could put it in my hat, hiding it from the other orphans who beat kids and checked their pockets in order to take things from them.

When I tucked the music box in the fold of my winter hat, it played music in my ear. I remember kids watching me while I bounced along to the mu-

sic. They heard the noise, but didn't see me carrying anything.

Eventually, though, I became careless and an older girl heard the music. She asked what it was and I had to show her. I begged, "Look, you can take whatever you want from my shoebox, but don't take this away from me."

But she took it, stepped on it, and broke it. I was so mad at her for ruining my new happiness—the music box was mine for two days at the most.

The other thing in my box that I especially liked was a Lego man. I liked him because he also was little and I could hide him. I tried not to play with him except when I was by myself, so people wouldn't see him.

But when I took the Lego man out to play with another orphan, an older girl saw it. The next thing I knew, five older girls ganged up on me and took him. I cried because he was my imaginary person. I had him for about a month.

Even though I no longer had these toys, my shoebox gift meant I was special. I was loved. It meant someone cared for me.

That same year, I attended a camp where they talked about Jesus. I had heard about God, but didn't really know who He is. I imagined a huge man with a white beard sitting in a big arm chair looking down at people as little ants.

But a woman gave me a New Testament and explained that I could ask Jesus into my heart. She said I could talk to Him at any time. This meant a

lot to me because I talked to myself often—not aloud, but in my thoughts.

Now I knew someone would hear me whether I was sad, happy, or even had questions. The woman told me that God could be my best friend, brother, and even my parent. I thought, now I can have a best friend with me no matter what!

When I got back to the orphanage, people saw a change in me. I had Jesus in my heart. No one could take that away from me!

Thank you for packing and sending shoeboxes around the world.

Years later, I had an opportunity to come to the United States to do some translation work for missionaries who

had served in Romania. Here, I met my husband and now we have a baby girl. I can't wait to pack shoeboxes with her one day.



Alina with her husband and baby girl here in the United States.

We Had No Idea

Volunteers from a local church spent a frigid evening distributing food to people in a low-income apartment complex. One woman who received the food was overjoyed. She showed them her bare cupboard and told them they were an answer to her prayers."

As the volunteers returned to the church, one woman began to cry. "When I was a little girl," she said, "That lady was my Sunday school teacher. She's in church every Sunday. We had no idea she was almost starving!"

How much do you really care about others?

Clearly, these were caring people who were seeking ways to carry the burdens of others, as Paul suggests in Galatians 6:2. Yet somehow, they hadn't noticed

the needs of this woman - someone they saw every Sunday - and she hadn't shared her needs. This can be a gentle reminder for all of us to be more aware of those around us and, as Paul said, to "Do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" Gal. 6:10). "Carry each other's burdens." Galatians 6:2

People who worship together have the privilege of assisting one another so no one in the body of Christ goes without help. As we get to know each other and care for each other, perhaps we won't ever have to say, "We Had No Idea!"

Nothing costs as much as caring - except not caring!

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WORDS From Heaven

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV
This verse has gotten me through more situations than I can count.

About a month ago I had an inner ear infection and was taking medication for that. The infection caused me to have vertigo and three days later walking to the mailbox, I fell in my driveway and broke my right wrist. The ambulance transported me to Methodist Hospital where they set my arm and did some x-rays. I had a few bumps and bruises but thankfully the only thing broken was the wrist and not a hip or leg. One week later I had surgery to put a plate and eight screws in the bone to hold it together. This slowed down the production of the May issue of The Good News Just Keeps Coming as I cannot use my right hand. My daughter Holly, who delivers the papers, has been in Florida the last two months taking care of a good friend who had heart by-pass surgery. I was not sure what I was going to do to get the papers delivered during that time. A good friend, Liz Cockrell, offered to drive me around those two months to deliver the paper. That is a three-day job. I was so thankful for her. Holly is back in Texas now and I was happy that she'd be able to help deliver the papers again for May. Her return was perfectly planned only four days before my fall, so she has been able to care for me (along with a lot of my other family and friends) during this healing time.

My sister Barbara, who does all of the subscription mail-outs, was in the hospital for two weeks with bronchitis. No one gets paid to produce or deliver The Good News so I felt like maybe God was telling me this was the end of The Good News because I didn't know what to do. Then only two days after I broke my wrist, my water quit working and had to be replaced.

I guess the broken arm and the \$2,000 water well going out was the final straw. Then I received several letters and calls from readers telling me how much the paper means to them and it made me happy. I kept reciting this verse over and over and over thinking surely He has a plan for all of this. I just know that God wants The Good News to continue and He will provide the way to make it happen.

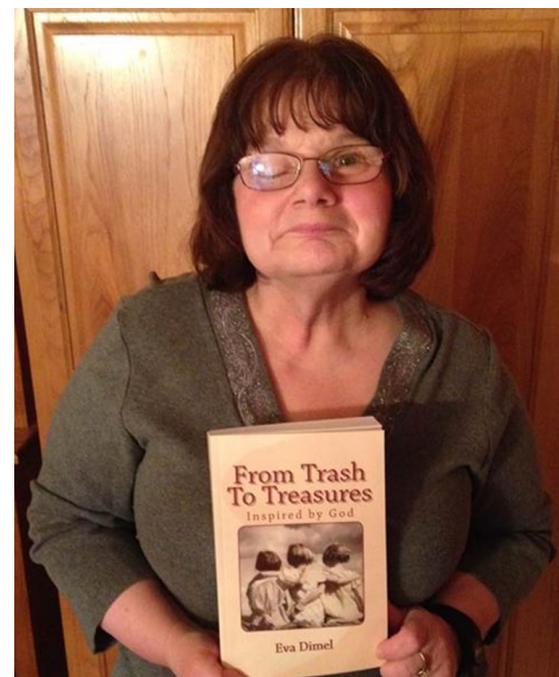
Let me tell you upfront, I am a hypocrite. I have never wanted anything to do with social media. I could not imagine anyone wanting to share their innermost feelings with perfect strangers and then I realized that is what I do, except I call it Hugs from Heaven. My deepest thoughts I want you to know is that God is real and He will NEVER leave us or forsake us. Someday we may know why all this is happening and then again we may not, but someday this won't matter.

In His Love,
Diana Boring

(TREASURES continued from page 1) and blessing so many hurting lives. I couldn't believe it when they told me they could hardly put it down once they started reading it. What I do believe and know is that God had a plan for this book and it was doing what He wanted it to, and for that I am so grateful.

The title of the book is "From Trash To Treasures" and God has shown me no matter what I have been through I am His child who He loves and He can use anyone for His glory, no matter what they have suffered through.

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From Our Mailbox

Congratulations on such an uplifting publication. Not only do I enjoy it, Many of the men I share it with in my dormitory devour it enthusiastically. Fun with God's Word Puzzle is one of the highlights I especially relish because in addition to searching for the underlined words you provide, I also search for as many other words as possible as I contemplate the Biblical reference of the puzzle. For example, did you know that the puzzle in Volume

12, Issue 4 has 67 unique words hidden within it? This extra word search gives me double the pleasure each month! Keep up God's good work. You are in my prayers.

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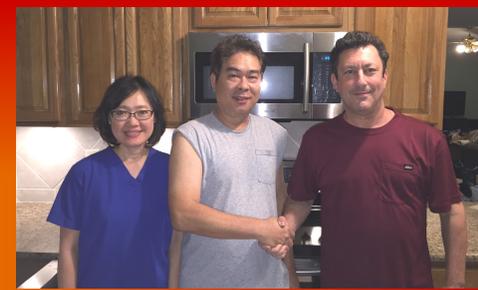
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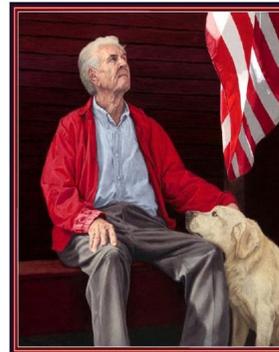
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Colossians 3:23



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FUN WITH GOD'S WORD

Use the scriptures below to find and circle the **BOLDFACED** words. **UNDERLINED WORDS** will be found together.

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³ "**Blessed** are the **poor** in **spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of **heaven**. ⁴ Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they will be **comforted**. ⁵ Blessed are the **meek**, for they will **inherit** the **earth**. ⁶ Blessed are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for **righteousness**, for they will be **filled**. ⁷ Blessed are the **merciful**, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the **pure** in **heart**, for they will **see God**. ⁹ Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called **children** of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the **kingdom** of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10 (NIV)

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God Loves the Unlovely

Down in South Georgia, a little family of sharecroppers struggled to make ends meet. They never seemed to have enough to go around, but one year they planted at just the right time, the rains were plentiful, and the market conditions were right. After they gave the landowner his share, they paid their bills and had a little bit left over. They decided to buy one thing the entire family could enjoy, and after shopping through the dry goods catalog, they selected something they'd never owned before: a mirror.



When it arrived, the husband, wife and children gathered round, and unwrapped it together. The wife looked in it first, and then the husband. Each child took a turn, down to the youngest named Willie...a small, deformed child whose mouth was misshapen and scarred. He stood before

the mirror a long time before he turned to his mother. "Did you always know I looked like this...different from the others?" She said, "Yes, Willie." He said, "Momma, you mean I always looked like this, and you loved me anyway?" She said, "Yes, Willie. I love you because you are mine. You belong to me."

Isn't it a relief to know God has always known us, with our shortcomings, our flaws and sinful ways, and He loves us anyway? We were sinners when Christ died for us...not "cleaned up saints." He loves us because He gave His Son to die for us.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

*Dr. Ed Young
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Eva's Inspirations

From Trash To Treasures

I couldn't stop the memories from coming again,
I felt like a piece of trash how could I mean anything to Him.
The one who was perfect in every way,
I needed God to love me and I asked Him everyday.
Looking around I knew that I had nothing to give,
There was so many bad things that happened in this life I lived.
From the time I was young there was so many things,
I felt so unworthy of His love and all the blessings it brings.
Down on my knees I heard Him as He whispered so softly,
My child gather all of your trash and bring it to me.
You keep trying to run from all the trash in your life,
With me you can take time to heal I'll make everything all right.
Like a pile of compost made from so many things,
Over time turns into something with so much beauty it brings.
I can use all of your trash and the things you've been through,
To touch so many lives there's so much you can do.
My love for you is endless and could never be measured,
You are a child of the King who will turn your trash to treasures.

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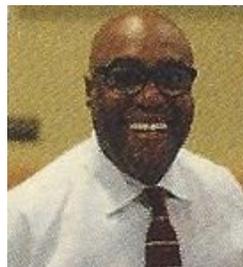
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10. To be able to eat a whole candy bar (alone) and drink a soda without any "floaties" (ie, backwash)
 9. To have my 14 year-old daughter answer a question without rolling her eyes in that "Why is this person my mother?" way.
 8. Five pounds of chocolate that won't add twenty.
 7. A shower without a child peeking through the curtain with a "Hi Ya Mom!" just as I put a razor to my ankle.
 6. A full time cleaning person - period!
 5. For my teenager to announce "Hey, Mom! I got a full scholarship and a job all in the same day!"
 4. A grocery store that doesn't have candy/gum/cheap toys displayed at the checkout line.
 3. To have a family meal without a discussion about bodily secretions.
 2. To be able to step on a plane with my toddlers and NOT have someone moan, "Oh no! Why me...!"
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