

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING... disciple-making at home.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."



The last two months have been a very busy time, and as a result my communication has been weak. **However, we are deeply grateful for your ongoing support and I'm very encouraged by all that is happening.** Here are some of the highlights:

COSTA RICA

Recently while in Costa Rica with our daughter Christy, I had the privilege of training a number of young leaders from different parts of the world. They had been studying the 'message' of Christ, but had never looked at His 'mission' nor His 'methods'. When I explained how Jesus created a



movement of multiplying disciples and told us to do the same, the level of excitement these young leaders experienced was contagious. They were eager to study Christ's life as a model for their life and ministry. Like sponges, they devoured His model for disciple-making, asking insightful questions with eagerness. They soon realized His 'mission' was to be experienced in our everyday lives. The Gospels were not static books that related only to the 'message' of Christ, but instead Christ's life became a pattern for everyday living. It was truly an energizing experience for both Char and I.



2:6 GROUP

We just finished our fifth 2:6 Group meeting where I met with 17 youth leaders who are going through the Life of Christ and doing life together. We meet over a 3 day period and had a great time of Bible study, evaluation, prayer, and fun. I almost feel 25 again as I hang with these gifted young leaders... until we start doing rock climbing or lazer tag:)

This 2:6 Group has been meeting for two years as a "test" group for the re-launch of Sonlife Classic in North America. At our last meeting we made the decision that we need to multiply our 2:6 Group experience. In November we plan to launch our group into five new Groups with 60 other youth leaders which we will personally invite. I will then spend my time helping these groups succeed.



What a joy it has been to see these guys impact others. One of these ministries saw over 76 baptisms last year, and another ministry had over 2200 teenagers attend the opening of their new youth facility. God supernatural Presence has truly been with us as we journey together!

MAJOR PRAYER REQUESTS

Trip to the Middle East... this next week Char and I head to the Middle East where we will be taking a second course at the University of Jerusalem along with doing some training for three different youth ministries which equip young leaders. We will be gone from May 18-June 7. Please pray for our travel, the training and the course work we will be doing.

Denominational Leaders Meeting... on June 15-16. I have invited 20 denominational leaders to come to the old Sonlife Campus where we will be presenting our new strategy for 2:6 Groups. I am deeply encouraged that almost every denomination we invited is sending leaders to learn about the re-launch of Sonlife Classic. Please pray for this meeting!

Semp 2009 at Moody... on July 6-11. With great excitement we are pleased to announce that the re-launch of Semp at Moody is now full (500 plus attendees) and we are having to turn away any new groups. Pray... Pray... Pray for this event. Pray for the trainers, the students as they go out witnessing every day, and for the speakers. God has greatly used this event in the past to equip students to reach their friends, and we want to see the same this year.

Live 2:6 Conference... Oct 4-6. We will be running a conference this Fall in Chicago for the re-launch of Sonlife Classic in North America. We will be inviting our previous trainers to attend and then explaining our new strategy. Much work needs to be done in preparation (web site developed, materials written, video resources completed, etc). Pray for 200 trainers to attend!

ON A LIGHTER SIDE... WHEN CHILDREN WERE ASKED

How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. **Alan, age 10**

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. **Kristen, age 10**

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. **Derrick, age 8**

What do you think your mom and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. **Lori, age 8**

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. **Lynnette, age 8**

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. **Martin, age 10**

Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single than boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. **Anita, age 9**

How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? **Kelvin, age 8**

How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. **Ricky, age 10**

Three good friends were driving along on the highway one Saturday: a doctor, a teacher, and a lawyer. All of a sudden, a brand-new SUV cut them off. In an attempt to miss the shiny big vehicle, the driver swerved to the left and hit the median. The car flipped several times and all three friends died instantly.

They all found themselves in line waiting to get into Heaven. The doctor asked the others, "Hey, what do you want people to say at your funeral? I want them to say, 'She was a great doctor, and she never let down any of her patients.'"

The teacher said, "I want people to remember me as a great educator, so I would want to hear people say, 'He was a wonderful teacher, a great role model for children, and he changed countless lives throughout his career.'"

Then the lawyer said, "I'd like people to say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

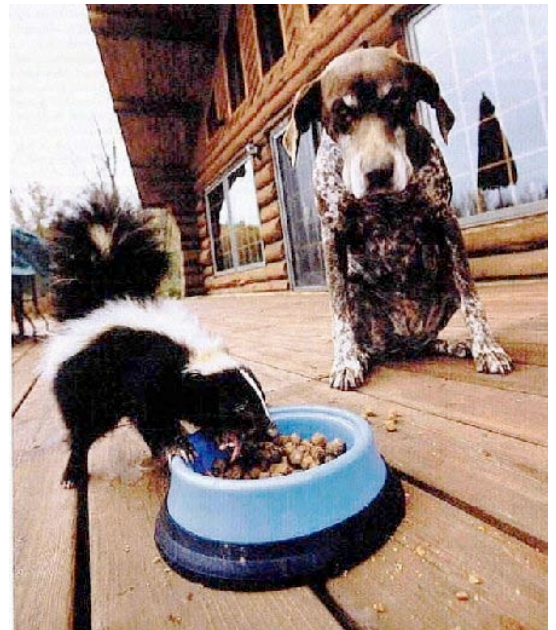
A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

Wife: "The bank just returned this check."

Husband: "Isn't that nice of them? What can we buy with it this time?"



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in life... patience & wisdom**