



A THOUGHT ON MOTHERS DAY

LOVE IN THE HOME

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper--not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness--not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.
 Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window.
 Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk.
 Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.

Love is present through the trials.
 Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive.
 Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood.
 Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart.

Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection.
 Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.
 As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love.



A BUSY MONTH

After a very demanding month, I have felt a need to get out a quick prayer letter asking for your prayers.

After returning from my Kuwait and Israel trip, I have been feverishly working to get all the details together for our Israel 2008 Summit. With over 200 attending the task has taken much more time and energy than I anticipated. The tasks have involved establishing the tour routes, finalizing the new contracts, developing the master invitation list, raising the funds, setting up an online registration system, and determining the 20 plus regional coordinators. Hoping to have the invitations out by April 30th, I am now finding the challenge to get them out by the end of this month. I'd really appreciate your prayers for all the various issues.



Prayer Requests:

- Narrowing the invitation to the appropriate individuals
- Finalizing the details of the contracts
- Planning a 2 day pre conference for the indigenous leaders
- The online registration system to be well organized
- The web based FAQ truly addressing all the questions



COSTA RICA TRIP

Two weeks ago Char and I returned from a brief 5 day Vision Tour, taking some dear friends with us to Costa Rica to see the ministry first hand and hear of their vision for the future. Trusting God for 250 new missionaries to be sent out into the 10/40 window over the next 10 years, is truly a giant sized vision. Woody Rowland and Mark Edwards, who lead the ministry in Costa Rica are also trusting God to allow them to train over 5000 youth leaders in ministry skills and over 10,000 students to share their faith.

Our visit allowed us spend some time working and then meeting first hand some of the fruit of the ministry, plus to also see the ongoing progress of the new Latin American Multiplication Center which is being built. It has been a joy to see our Church and my community group get behind this project.

Just this last week in our Community Group, we were studying II Timothy 2. With fresh insight into the passage I saw the great Apostle Paul, at the end of his life, saying to Timothy almost exactly what Jesus at the end of His life said to his disciples... "Go and find reliable men, who are faithful and able, and entrust them to train others also" (my paraphrase). As we studied II Timothy 2 we realized that Paul went on to explain "How to find reliable men" and "How to invest in them". After the study a couple of men commented on why they were so excited about the ministry in Costa Rica... because that is exactly what Woody and Mark are doing... finding reliable men and investing in them. For them it is a joy to come alongside and help to do what Jesus and Paul did... creating a movement of multiplying disciples who can invest in others also.



WRITING PROJECT FOR KOREA TRIP

One of my major goals this month was to seek to find time to rewrite our

Harmony Self Study on the Life of Christ. Unfortunately, up to this point, I have not been able to get to it. Next month I head to Korea where I will be with an estimated 20,000 Campus Crusade young leaders, for their first ever Urbana-type conference... challenging their leaders to make some giants steps forward in movement building. I have been asked to present an overview of the Life of Christ at this conference in their workshops, and I had hoped to have this Harmony Self Study available online.

Would you pray?

- That I will find the time to get the initial work done
- That I can find a new graphic designer, as my current designer is unable to help
- That the Lord would give me great insights as I study Christ's priorities

BACK TO ISRAEL

In two weeks I head back to Israel for a deepened study time, plus finalizing some of the details of our conference next year. My goals are to go deeper in understanding what many have called the Fifth Gospel... the land of Israel. Secondly, I need to clearly finalize all the touring details and organizational details of our conference and tour next year.

Would you pray for my trip and for Char and the girls while I am away?



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

WHY GOD MADE MOMS (Answers given by 2nd grade school children)

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

THOT FOR THE DAY: DIAPER spelled backward is REPAID. Think about it...

THE MOMMY TEST

I was out walking with my 4-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that.

"Why?" my daughter asked.

"Because it's been laying outside, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied.

At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Wow! How do you know all this stuff?"

"Uh," I was thinking quickly, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy."

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

"Oh! I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy."

"Exactly," I replied back with a big smile on my face and joy in my heart.

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Reporters were interviewing a 104-year-old woman.

"And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN PRAYERS AND SUPPORT. GOD IS TRULY DOING SOME AMAZING THINGS. I AM GREATLY ENCOURAGED! PLEASE LET CHAR AND I KNOW HOW WE CAN PRAY FOR YOU... WE LOVE THAT OPPORTUNITY

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