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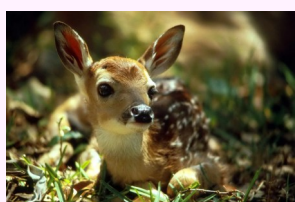
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NEWS



Loved and Not Forgotten

By: Diane Houghtaling



A friend told me an inspiring story about a baby fawn left beside her house by his mother. She was concerned since it was quite young, shivering in the cold rain, and she didn't want her dogs bothering it. Her husband built a little shelter over the fawn because they knew they shouldn't touch it, and then they left it alone to see what would happen.

That baby just stayed in that spot and didn't move, as if his mother had told him to wait right there for her to return. He waited for 24 hours, and finally the mom did come back to get him. My friend shared how patient the fawn was to wait. No matter how long he'd have to stay put, he believed that his mother would return for him. He knew he was loved and would not be forgotten.

This story reminds me of a twelve-year-old boy who was left on a street corner in Florida by his mother 65 years ago. She told him to wait for her there, but unlike the mother deer, Bill's mom never returned. He was patient and believed she would come back for him, but he was still sitting on that corner three days later.

Although it looked like young Bill Wilson was unloved and forgotten by his mother, he was loved and never forgotten by his heavenly Father. God was watching over Bill the whole while he waited, and He would not leave His precious child abandoned. Thousands of people walked past Bill during those three days, but finally God sent a man to ask if he was okay. It took one person filled with the love of God to change Bill's life forever. After

hearing about his situation, the man got him food, made some calls, and got Bill on a bus headed to a Christian summer camp.

However, it didn't take Bill long to discover that no one there wanted to be around him because of how badly he looked and smelled. Bill found himself alone at an altar attempting to talk to God. He said, "My mother doesn't want me. The Christians don't want me. But if you want me, here I am." God's immediate response to Bill was, "YES, I want you." That was the beginning of his life-long service to his Father to rescue other children.

After college, Pastor Bill Wilson began Metro World Child in Brooklyn, NY in 1980. He has ministered to hundreds of thousands unwanted and unloved children with the love of Jesus for all his years. God showed what He could do through one abandoned kid. This ministry, the world's largest Sunday School, reaches over 600,000 children every week around the world.

Psalm 27:10 says, "Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close." Our heavenly Father loves us with an everlasting love, and has promised to never leave nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8).

No matter what you've been through in your life or how many have turned their backs on you, no matter how alone you may be feeling right now, there is a Father who loves you like no other could. We can proclaim with the psalmist, "I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and He turned to me and heard my cry" (Psalm 40:1). Cry out to God, receive His love, and wait and see what He can do in your life.

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Hope House

Mervis Pursuing Further Studies:

Mervis Tembo, a valued Hope House alumna and former Assistant House Mother, has embarked on the next chapter of her journey by pursuing further education. Her dedication and support to the Hope House family have left a lasting impact, and the entire team celebrates this significant step in her academic and personal growth. She will be one to receive scholarship funds.

Leading the Musical Band:

Oscar, Emmanuel, Harry, and Edward continue to develop and showcase their musical talents as part of the church's worship team. Each Sunday, they lead the congregation in praise with Emmanuel on the keyboard, Oscar on the bass guitar, and Harry on the drums. Their commitment and growth in musical ministry have been a blessing to the church community.

Hope Community School

Term One Results Review with Parents:

The school held its regular Open Day, where parents were invited to collect their children's Term One results. These sessions included one-on-one consultations between teachers and parents, enabling open dialogue about students' academic performance. Together, they identified challenges and devised practical solutions to support each child's learning journey.

Hope Clinic

Rise in Respiratory Infections:

With the arrival of the cold season in Zambia during May, the clinic has observed an uptick in cases of respiratory infections, including common colds and influenza. In response, Hope Clinic has been proactive—providing treatment to affected individuals and conducting education campaigns within the school and community. These efforts focus on prevention, hygiene, and strategies to reduce the spread of infections.

Hope Chapel

Mother's Day Celebration:

In recognition of International Mother's Day, Hope Chapel held a special service to honor and celebrate the mothers of the congregation. Heartfelt songs and expressions of gratitude were shared, creating a joyful and meaningful occasion for the women who play vital roles in the church and community.

God Uses Weak Vessels

Ever think you're just not good enough to be used by God?

Don't forget:

- Moses stuttered
- David was too young, and he had an affair
- Moses, David, and Paul were murderers
- Noah got drunk
- Abraham and Sarah were too old
- John was self-righteous
- Jacob was a liar
- Miriam was a gossip
- Jeremiah was suicidal
- Jonah ran from God
- Hosea's wife was a prostitute
- Gideon and Thomas both doubted
- Elijah was burned out
- Martha was a worrywart
- John the Baptist was a loud-mouth
- Jesus was too poor

But God doesn't require a job interview. He's not prejudiced or partial. He doesn't hire and fire like most bosses because He is more of a Dad than a boss!

Satan says, "You are not worthy." But Jesus intervenes for us by saying, "I am!"



- *Vessels of Light Ministries*

WE need your continued prayer and financial support to accomplish the task the Lord has given us to reach out to those who are struggling and need a safe place to turn for help. Prayerfully consider becoming a **PARTNER OF HOPE** by making a one-time gift or monthly commitment.

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU GIVE.

Remember — your gifts to HOPE Ministries are always tax deductible!

Can Animals Predict the Weather?

From "Folklore, Fun Facts, & Traditions"

Centuries ago, farmers and others observed animal behavior and recognized patterns that corresponded to weather events. These observations were passed down through generations as advice, which survives today as adages.

- If a cow stands with its tail to the west, the weather is said to be fair.
- If a cow grazes with its tail to the east, the weather is likely to turn sour.
- If the bull leads the cows to pasture, expect rain; if the cows precede the bull, the weather will be uncertain.

There is some truth here. Animals graze with their tail toward the wind so that if a predator sneaks up behind them, the wind will help catch the scent of the predator and prevent an attack.

Other animal Indicators

- Expect rain when dogs eat grass, cats purr and wash, sheep turn into the wind, oxen sniff the air, and swine are restless.
- When cats sneeze, it is a sign of rain
- When cattle lie down in the pasture, it indicates early rain.
- When horses and cattle stretch out their necks and sniff the air, it will rain.
- Woolly bear caterpillars are said to be winter weather predictors: The more brown they have on their bodies, the milder winter will be.
- If the mole digs its hole 2 1/2 ft deep, expect severe weather; if two ft deep, not so severe; if one ft deep, a mild winter.
- When pigs gather leaves and straw in fall, expect a cold winter.
- When rabbits are fat in October and November, expect a long, cold winter.
- If sheep ascend hills and scatter, expect clear weather.



- Bats flying late in the evening indicates fair weather.
- Wolves always howl more before a storm.

Memorize Scripture

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Isaiah 53:6

Lizzy Says:

We are painting a mural on Grammy's flower pot!



A Short Story from "Bits & Pieces"

One day an eight-year-old boy went to the pet store with his dad to buy a puppy. The store manager showed them to a pen where five little furry balls huddled together.

After a while, the boy noticed one of the litter all by itself in an adjacent pen.

The boy asked, "Why is that puppy all alone?"

The manager explained, "That puppy was born with a bad leg and would be crippled for life, so we're going to have to put him to sleep."

"You're going to kill this little puppy?" the boy said sadly while patting it.

"You have to realize that this puppy would never be able to run and play with a boy like you."

After a short conversation with his boy, the dad told the manager that they wanted to buy the puppy with the bad leg.

"For the same amount of money, you could have one of the 'healthy' ones. Why do you want this one?"

To answer the manager's question, the boy bent over and pulled up the pants on his right leg, exposed the brace underneath and said, "Mister, I want this one because I understand what he's going through."



Give God what's right—not what's left ~Tony Abram



Extravagant love means giving our best in service to
God — in everything we do.

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*Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard,
anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her
hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the
oil.*

John 12:3

~ From "God's Best For Your Success"

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