



Birthdays In August

Judy Critchfield	August 5
Twila Nave	August 6
Aaron Holt	August 11
Benjamin Richards	August 11
Sean Richards	August 17



Anniversaries In August

Tony & Evalee Cuica	August 2
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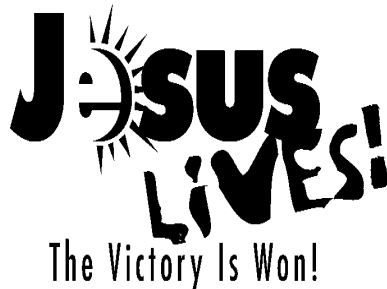


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- Kristina DeCerbo for coordinating and scheduling the meals for the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center, July 19 thru July 21, 2007
- For all those that brought food and served at the homeless prevention center.

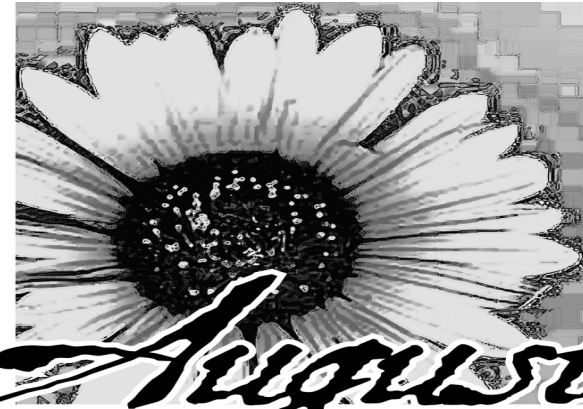


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CHIPPY'S TRAUMA ... AND OURS

A woman was using a portable vacuum to clean out her parakeet's cage, but Chippy, the bird, was still in the cage. When the phone rang, the woman left the hose in the cage. When she came back, the bird was gone. She quickly opened the canister and found Chippy alive but covered with dust.

She took Chippy into the bathroom and ran water over his body. When he was clean, she dried him off with her hair dryer and returned him to his cage.

When a reporter heard about the incident, he called to see how the bird was doing. "Well," said the woman, "Chippy looks okay, but he doesn't sing much anymore. He just sits and stares."

Given the traumas we may face in life, we too, may be tempted to just sit and stare. It would be more beneficial to sit and pray, or do something for someone else in need of help. Talk with a pastor or counselor and immerse yourself in the Bible. Help is always available!



Compelled To Be Compassionate

Sometimes the needs of the poor, the refugees, those afflicted by floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, wars, famine and the like seem enormously overwhelming in scope and severity. The needs often appear so great that we may feel rather helpless in the face of them. And the needs seem to be increasing. We are told that there are now six billion people crowding the earth and more on the way. Mother Earth, the environmentalists tell us, is already taxed to provide enough food, enough trees for shelter, enough clean fresh water, enough oil and coal to make electricity and so on. An Internet service, Religion Today, reports that some 6 million children die each year mostly due to hunger-related causes. Worldwide, some 32,000 children under five die daily for lack of food. Considering all these needs, what are Christians to do?

In Matthew 25 we find Christ telling us how we will finally be judged. Judgment, Jesus indicated, would center on how we meet the needs of the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, those without adequate clothes, those who were sick or imprisoned. Christ's word was, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

The model for Christian compassion was and is Christ himself, the one who fed the hungry, healed the sick, accepted the rejected, offered comfort to those who had lost a loved one, blessed children, and provided the way out of darkness for those trapped in confusion and sin. Writer Robert C. Roberts puts our Christian mandate for compassion in these words: "When a person acknowledges that Jesus is the Lord, he no longer has any choice about how far to go in identifying himself with weak, suffering or sinful people. Because there is no person too lowly for his Lord, there is none too lowly for him either." We are compelled by the compassionate Christ to follow in his steps.

Dave



Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)



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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."