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I WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR FATHER

Today you held my finger tight. Your big almond eyes spoke to my heart, and I instantly knew that I had to be strong for you.

My life changed the day you came into the world. As long as I live you will be my son and I will be your father. The thought frightened me as I looked at your tiny frame. How can I take care of someone so small? Will you break if I pick you up in my big burly arms?

I remembered the day your big almond eyes were fixed on mine as you took your very first step. You instantly knew that daddy's big burly arms were strong, and that you would be safe, you could not fall. My life changed when you began to walk.

I knew I had to be strong when you would venture off on your own and even more

when you turned two. I wanted to give up, to give my job to someone else. Then I remembered that day you held my finger tight. I knew I had to be strong. I could not quit.

You were my son, and I was your father. Even when I learned from a stranger that you were in a gang. What happened, what did I do wrong? How could I have not known that you changed from being my little boy, to being someone else's? You were now a boy of a gang. I didn't know what to do. I wanted to quit. It had become too hard! Then I remembered the day when your big almond eyes spoke to my heart. I will not give up, I will not give in! The gang can't have you, I will fight for you until my end.

Son, you and I have gone through a lot. I never gave up on you, nor did you give



up on me. It is strange to see you now as your little girl holds your finger tight. I know what you are feeling, I know what you are thinking. Yes, your life changed the day she came into the world. As long as you are living she will be your daughter, and you will be her father. You must be strong. You must never give up. I learned when you were a teenager, my son, to depend on the Lord, and He will give you the strength to not quit.

MY DADDY IS BACK!

My daddy is coming, my daddy is coming! I can hardly wait. Its been so long. Will it be the same? Will he take me to the park, and we practice baseball? Will we laugh like we use to as he reads me funny stories?

My daddy is here, my daddy is here! I see him walking towards me like a giant bear. He

left us a long time ago, but now, finally he's back. His smile looks familiar. Could it be he's the same?

My daddy is back, by daddy is back! He is back from the war. He is my hero, my dad.

God bless all our soldiers!



HAPPY FATHERS DAY

A father is a MAN that rises early in the morning to change a dirty diaper, then looks forward to a day of work to put food on the table.

A father is a MAN that takes time to play with his child, even after a long unappreciated day of work in the sun.

A father is a MAN that puts his arms lovingly around his wife, and shows the children how to love as he tenderly kisses their mom.

A father is a MAN that takes his example from Christ. He leads his family with love, with the view of the cross in his sight.

By Sheila Green

Thank God for Fathers!



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Descendants of slaves
Seeking the promise

We are totally, completely, and wholly committed to a Christ centered life. We are wholly committed to submitting to the will of God, to serving and leading others to Jesus and to working with other believers to reach out to the hurting and the lost.

WE ARE MAKING A
DIFFERENCE ONE LIFE
AT A TIME.
WE WOULD LOVE
THE OPPORTUNITY
TO SHARE WITH
YOUR GROUP THE
STORIES OF LIVES
CHANGED THROUGH
OUR OUTREACH
EFFORTS.



I remember your very first steps, my precious one, and now you are stepping into your destiny!

WHY JUNETEENTH?

On January 1, 1863 slavery in America officially ended with President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. However, it was not until June 19, 1865, two and a half years later did slavery end in Texas.

"Later attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another, is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to

maintain the labor force on the plantations. And still another, is that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All or none of them could be true. For whatever the reason, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory."

General Order Number 3 "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an abso-

lute equality of right and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

"The celebration of June 19th was coined 'Juneteenth' and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time of reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members."

A true Independence Day Celebration!
Juneteenth.com

WHOLLY COMMITTED FOR THE SUMMER

I asked many of the children I work with if they were excited about school ending for the summer. Many of them had a glazed over, unexcited look, and gave a half hearted, yes for an answer. I know that they will be bored out of their minds all summer long! Summer is prime time for disaster to strike, where bad habits are formed, and good character challenged if not tainted.

Starting in June we will be

working with children. Taking them to neighborhood pools, to the movies, doing activities with an educational theme, and building leadership qualities. Every Wednesday in July we will offer our "Imagine" program, and throughout July we will continue to work to develop youth leaders. We hope when the children return to school and the teacher gives the assignment to write about their summer, the children will have plenty of good memo-

ries to write about. In August we hope to have our Back to School outreach. Two sets of new school clothes, a pair of new shoes, underwear and school supplies for each child. And a special age specific celebration for each group.

We hope that you will consider 2008 wholly committed summer a worth while cause to give your financial support to. Thank you!

TO THE GRADUATES OF 2008

This is the time of year for hugs and handshakes, for commencement ceremonies and graduation parties. For parents, it is a time to celebrate the achievements of your children, and the time to hope for great things to come. For you graduates, it is a time to celebrate your accomplishments, and to look forward to the future.

Children are advancing from elementary to middle high school, from middle high to high

school, and from high school to adulthood. Others are graduating from high school to college, and from college to the uncertainties of life.

Whether you graduated in the top ten of your class, or barely made the requirements to graduate, you all have one thing in common, you are entering into a new season of your life. From elementary school to the college graduate, the choices you make will have an affect on the road of

life you travel. Choose wisely and do not take "time" for granted. As you celebrate, know that you have been given a gift many in other countries only dream of. Take time to look over your shoulder and see the eyes looking at you. Be an example for those coming after you. Congratulations to the class of 2008, and congratulations to my two nieces, DavRena & Crystal!

VOICES FROM PRISON

Dear God, I need structure, discipline, and hope that I will someday be set free on the inside. Humble my heart and mind Father. Pour your blessings out over me and have mercy on my soul. Give me the strength that I need to get off into my Bible so that I can learn how to hunger and thirst for your word. That I can learn also how to put your word into practice in my life. Please give me a bond with my children and help me to build a special relationship with them.

Watch over and protect them, keep them safe Lord. Catina

It Took Prison To Find Freedom
Right now I don't actually remember thanking God, but I remember being thankful I had stopped (using drugs). I was a mess, and I knew I was a mess. I asked the jail chaplain for and received a Bible which I put aside. I wasn't ready for that yet. As the fog began to lift I did begin to pray a little each day. I decided well OK at least I'll

clean up. I have a clean place to sleep. I'm feed three times a day, I'm out of the cold. It was November and I have something clean to wear. This was when I first realized I needed to thank God. David

The above entries Dear God, and It Took Prison To Find Freedom are from letters received from Catina and David. For the next few months excerpts from those letters will be shared with you. We continue to seek pen pals for incarcerated individuals.



"...Bring me out of prison so I can thank you. The godly will crowd around me for you treat me kindly." Psalm 142:7 NLT

All articles written by Sheila Green unless otherwise stated.

HOW MUCH WILL IT TAKE?

How much will it take to run a weekly, year long teen youth workshop for over 15 teenagers? How much will it take to run a summer program for over 75 children? How much will it take to buy new clothes and shoes for 100 disadvantaged children? It first takes courage, faith, and commitment something we have plenty of, however the financial resources is another matter. We hope that the people that donated last year will be so kind to donate again this year. We hope others who have watched us over the years, but never donated will decide to donate this year. How-

ever, we are also making every effort to help raise funds.

In May we were given the opportunity to sell tickets to the, end of the year, football game for the Central Texas law enforcement and fire department football team. We raised \$600.

On July 19th we will have Christmas in July. Christmas ornaments, and other items made by children and formerly incarcerated individuals for sale. All proceeds going to the Back to school outreach. We ask that you spread the word and come out to support our efforts to

raise money for children to have clothes to start the school year.

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL
Saturday July 19, 2008
9 AM - 3 PM
4301 N IH35, Austin, TX

Our final opportunity to raise funds will be "Telling Stories" a dramatic presentation. We are experiencing some challenges in finding a location, but will give the location and time in our August Newsletter. Our hope is to have the presentation between August 8 - 10th. Just in time to go school shopping. Plenty of courage, faith, and commitment.

"TELLING STORIES"

A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION INCLUDING DANCE AND SONG. STORIES OF STRUGGLES, AND TRIUMPH OF ABANDONMENT AND RESCUE. STORIES FROM THE VOICES OUT OF PRISON THAT HAVE SAID, "WON'T SOMEONE COME AND HELP US. ALL WE NEED IS SOMEONE TO NOTICE US." COMING IN AUGUST

UNCOMMON LOVE

Every year hundreds of children enter the Texas foster care system. Instead of focusing on the abstract numbers of children entering the system let us focus on their faces. Many children find themselves in the home of a stranger, because their mother was arrested and sent to prison. The fathers' are either invisible, struggling with drug addiction, or incarcerated. The children have no place to call their own.

I once met a nine year old girl that had lived in nine foster homes, the pain in her eyes is still vivid in my mind. Many of the children are placed in foster care because of physical or sexual abused, or neglect. Statistics show that many children in foster care end up, as adults, in prison.

Every year for the past fourteen years over 90 adults faithfully volunteer for a week long resi-

dential summer camp called Royal Family Kids Camp. The purpose of this camp is to show unconditional love to hurting kids. The volunteers use vacation time or take unpaid leave of absence to show children ages 7-11 God's love. Uncommon love changes both volunteer and child.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

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