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This monthly update is actually timely. Miracles happen!



Joe Adams, of America Oh Yes, sent this letter to his daughter Linley, with a copy to me. It flooded my mind and soul with childhood memories. I do not claim to be a religious man but perhaps I am more religious than I give myself credit for. Thank you, Joe

I'll just type this little story for you....

While watching a little tv on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring a 92-year old pastor who had been retired for many years. I wondered why they even asked the old gentleman to speak.

After a warm welcome, introduction of the speaker and as the applause died down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the lectern. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began:

"When I was asked to come and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the most important lesson I learned in my 60-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing I always relied on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear paralyzed me...the only thing that would comfort me was this:

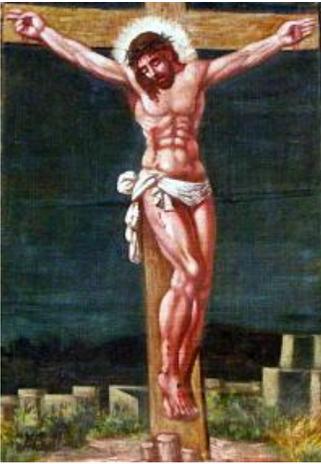
And then he said:

"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones

**to Him belong, we are weak and He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me...The Bible tells me so."**

**And with that he turned and walked slowly back to his seat. The church was so quiet you could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back.**

**Love, Dad (Joe to Linley)**



**And Albert Alvarez—my adopted in my heart, grandson, inspired the new section on the website “Inspirational”. We are just starting to build it up. Nothing in it is for sale. About 20 years ago an aged man would come in to the gallery and visit. One day he brought this wonderful painting of Christ. It was on burlap. He made me promise to never sell it, telling me that it would bring me protection and love. I never sold it. Albert asked for it when I die. Albert and I talked about building this wonderful room of inspiring art, not for profit, but for peace.**

**Please visit the section. One of these days I will tell you how an old man came to love a young Mexican boy so much! Albert is the father of my great-grandson Jaden. My granddaughter, Angela is the mother.**

**Here is a story that will bring tears to your eyes. It is a dream of LeEllen Chandler. Her grandfather was killed fighting in Normandy. And before we go any further, LeEllen is artist Steven Chandler’s wife! I tried to copy the story but couldn’t. LeEllen retraces her grandfather’s footsteps.**

**My Dear Friends,**

**The final story about my journey ran in the Banner Herald this morning. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you again for your support, your wisdom, your advise and most of all your prayers and good wishes. It was a journey that I will carry with me always and I couldn’t have done it without you.**

**[http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/090609/liv\\_490063123.shtml](http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/090609/liv_490063123.shtml)**

Sincerely yours,

**LeEllen Harvey Chandler  
Granddaughter of 2nd Lieutenant James Earl Harvey  
90th Division**



**And I can't forget Alex Sez! Please note that Alex is in a challenge class for gifted kids. The teacher makes him read books that he has no interest in and does not want to read. One day, after thinking about it, Alex asked his mother, "Mom, Why? It is like they are torturing you for being smart!"**

**This photo was taken a couple of years back---I should have a recent photo on here.**

**I have been selling several paintings thru ebay. It is a bad mistake on my part but I need some cash flow. The paintings went below my actual cost. If you want to buy cheaper, ebay is presently the place to buy.**



**I have recently purchased some of the best folk art I have ever seen. It was not cheap but it is great stuff. Look at this set of andirons. Have you ever seen another pair like them---too heavy to lift!**

**Any my granddaughter, I purchased for \$15. And she is going to kill me!**



**Jeannette gets to toot the horn that loves to toot her horn and she is**

**Myles Corbin deploys to Afghanistan this Sunday on his mother's birthday! At home in Albuquerque is his lovely wife Holly, pregnant with their baby daughter—can't let myself think about it!**

**And a special hello to the woman we all love, Juanita Leonard!**

**Coming to the gallery in the next few days are Steven Chandler's "Sockeye" (everyone loves this painting) and a big Swordfish painting. The Sockeye Salmon may be spoken for. Keep your eyes open for these two paintings.**

**I am placing paintings on the website that I have stored for years. Now is the time to bring them out. Heck, I am old and I love my website!**

**Anyway, will close and say good night!**

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