

# *Springs of Hope Ministries*

Newsletter – August 2006

Dear Friends,

One of the required books to read for the SPM team is Brennan Manning's *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, which I have been reading and thoroughly enjoying. In it he quotes Rabbi Heschel who said, "Never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder and He gave it to me." I am asking Father for the same thing. I don't want to get so preoccupied with myself and what I need to be doing that I forget to look at the moon and the stars or stand in awe at the glory of God's creation. I do not want to be in such a hurry to get to the store and back that I miss a world of awe and reverence and wonder.

And I thought of that as my grandmother heart was so warmed after spending time in Nashville with my grandson, Cole, and after spending time with three of my "adopted" granddaughters in July. Cole turned 3 on July 31, and we had such a fun time together. Douglas is such a good dad, and the Lord gave him favor as he went back to court on August 10. They are gradually increasing more and more visitation, and the new judge said it could eventually work out for 50/50



custody, which is what Doug is believing for. As Douglas said, "This is the first of many victories to come." Thank you all for your prayers.

Three of my "adopted" granddaughters (Kaitlyn, Paige, & Toya) came over from Florence for a few days, and we grabbed the sand buckets, the towels, and a friend from church and took off for the beach. Our next stop was Alligator Adventure, which was really interesting for all of us. Even though we were totally tired and the bathtub will never be the same, we had a grand time.

The summer has really been a time of travel for me and a time to have company when I have been home. I have enjoyed the company and have more coming. In early July, I drove to Virginia to spend time with Doug's three sisters and with some of my friends. I had lunch with my dad's former secretary who is now 84 and as spry as ever. I visited the home church of my friends and enjoyed the simplicity and the awesomeness of the time together as we gathered in their home. I went to the birthday celebration for my 81-year-old aunt and had lunch with a friend I have not seen since 1985. She and her late husband spoke at our church here in Georgetown, stayed in our home, and took all of our leadership through life counseling in 1985. Isn't Father good to us!

And that brings me to another subject – The Father Message. One of my friends said her husband was concerned that we mentioned Father so much and not Jesus. But please know that we talk often of Jesus and that without Jesus we would all be lost. He is my Savior, Healer, Deliverer, my Brother. He is The Way, The Truth, and The Life. But if you are The Way, there needs to be a destination. Jesus is The Way

to the Father. He is the One who made it possible for us to come into Father's presence and not be ashamed. He paid a high price to reconcile us to the Father. Remember the Jesus movement and then the movement of the Holy Spirit? In these end times, there seems to be coming forth the Father movement where we can know the unconditional love of the Father. He wants us to know Him as the loving Father that He is—the one portrayed in Luke 15 and not the Old Testament God of judgment that so many think of.

We have found that many times people cannot relate to God as a loving Father because they relate to Father God with the same thought pattern as they did toward their earthly dad. You may have had an abusive father, a harsh father, a passive or absentee father, and therefore God is very distant to you. That's where Shiloh Place Ministries and Springs Of Hope Ministries and other ministries come in to help with healing emotional wounds so that you can relate to Father God as the loving Father that He is. He wants to hold you lovingly in His arms maybe like your dad could never do. If I can ever help any of you with this, please let me know. Remember:

Jesus - The Way

Father - the destination

We are seeing so much restoration as the hearts of the fathers are being restored to their children and the children's hearts to their fathers. (Malachi 4:6) Even if it is not possible for reconciliation to happen with your earthly father, Jesus is able to heal you, and then you can inwardly experience the loving arms of your Heavenly Dad. Here are some notes of appreciation from those who have received an impartation of the Father's love:

“Thank you so much for your time, your compassion, your understanding, your belief, and most of all for the overflow of our Father's love out of your life into mine during our recent time together. Your prayers with me and over me meant so much.”

“This is just a little note to say how much I love and appreciate you. You are such a wonderful example of Daddy's love to me. We are praying for you, and I am believing that the God of all comfort will lead you into a greater and deeper level of His rest and comfort.”

Here is a little quote I read by Nicole Johnson, “Encouragement is to a friendship what confetti is to a party. It's light, refreshing, and fun, and you always end up finding little pieces of it stuck on you later.” Isn't that true? So encourage somebody today. I want to give encouragement and thankfulness to all of you who have supported me with finances and with prayer. You are a blessing to me and Father God is going to reward you

Please continue to believe with all of us at Shiloh for Jack Frost's healing. He is taking a Sabbatical from travel ministry for the rest of this year to give his body a rest. You can check his health updates on the SPM web site: [www.shilohplace.org](http://www.shilohplace.org).

With lots of love,

*Jean*

#### Upcoming Events for Prayer

- Sept. 11-15: SPM Week School - Myrtle Beach
- Sept. 29-30: EFI Ladies Retreat - Myrtle Beach
- Oct. 5- Nov 1: SPM School of Ministry (4 weeks) Myrtle Beach