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Baby Steps of Faith



"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."
-- Oliver Wendell Holmes



"We want to spend our lives putting their lives back together; giving them something to live for!"
-- Larry & Cathy McDaniel, 1992



Blast from the Past ~ Fishing in 1998

We think you'll enjoy this story from September of 1998, told by Larry's wife, Denise McDaniel:

Denise stopped to chat with a child who was returning from fishing at the lake...

Denise: How was the fishing today?

Child (with great excitement): There was a really big one, and I ALMOST caught it!

Denise: Oh, I'm sorry that it got off your hook.

Child: But I didn't have a hook.

Denise: No hook????!

Child: No, I lost it, but I wanted to keep fishing anyway. So I found a tree with a web of worms on it. I pulled off some of the web with the worms and tied it on my fishing line.

Denise: Goodness...we need to get you some more hooks.

Child: No, that's okay. It's harder this way, but the fish really like those worms. And if I get fast enough, when lead them up to shore with the worms, I will catch them with my hands or a net!

Denise concluded: Children can teach us so much! If you or I didn't have a hook, we wouldn't go fishing. How many times have we missed opportunities because things weren't quite the way we thought they should be? I laughed as the child shared the story with me, but later as I thought about it, I asked God that He would give me a heart like this child. Help me to find joy in situations that may not be as I would have wanted them to be.

And Larry's sidenote? "YES, we do have hooks!"



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A Safe Place to Be a Child.
A Place to Find Hope.

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A teenager arrived last fall, her "shell" hardened by past experience. Emma* held herself distant from staff, Home Parents and the other children. With lots of unconditional love, support and encouragement, Emma is not only improving emotionally, she also seems to be awakening spiritually.

Her Home Parent Mom explains, "It started just a few days after she arrived. She asked us to pray with her at bedtime, which surprised us since she had been so very distant. But she saw us praying with the other children at bedtime and I think she craved that attention. No matter the motivation, we continue to pray with her each night.

"Recently, she applied for and got her very first job! However, when she went for orientation, she no longer had her ID. They wouldn't allow her to participate without it. We told her she would need to get another one from the school. She came home from school the next day, frustrated and mad that the school wasn't able to give her another one. She shut herself in her room.

"I made some phone calls, and the school agreed to provide another one the next day. When she came out of her room, we told her the good news. She was shocked, and explained that she had just been writing the problems in her journal to God. She exclaimed, 'It worked! I was asking God about it and He listened!'



Emma also enjoys the horses!
**name changed for sake of confidentiality*

"Lastly, Emma experienced a wonderful revelation after church one Sunday in January. You have to understand - she usually just sits in church looking bored and has shown little interest in having conversations about God. It took me by surprise when I was driving her home from an appointment, and out of the blue she said, 'As I was sitting in church Sunday, I decided who cares about my biological dad? I have a Dad - God is my Dad! He's been a lot better Dad than my biological dad! He's protected me and been with me when my own dad hasn't.'

"We invite our kids to experience God's love as we have, but the choice is always theirs. Her comment was a huge reminder that even the stubborn teenagers are watching and listening. I'm so thankful that she feels safe enough to reach out and invite His love into her life. How amazing to know that regardless of who her earthly father is, her Heavenly Father loves her better than any dad on earth could. How freeing for her to finally be able to let go!"

A Safe Place to Be a Child

Pancake Breakfast

Help kick off our 25th year of ministry by attending our longest standing tradition! Join us for this event that's been a part of Coyote Hill since the mid-1990s.

Saturday, March 5
7 AM to 12 PM
Memorial Baptist Church
 (1634 Paris Rd., Columbia)

Adults: \$5 | Ages 3 to 12: \$3
 Under Age 3: FREE

All proceeds benefit the Recreation Fund for our homes. This fund allows our kids to play sports in the summer, take family vacations, attend concerts, go to camp and more!

Be watching www.coyotehill.org for a listing of the morning's live entertainment. Contact liza@coyotehill.org if you have questions.



Our Oldest and Tastiest Tradition!

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January Joys



Forget the cold - work and fun continue daily in Overton Arena



First snow of 2016 may have been scant, but it didn't keep the kids from trying to go sledding!



TWO accomplishments for the new year...her driver's permit, and her first job (at McDonald's.)



Mom Rachel Howell? Hesitant to get doused during The Zimmer Home's Great Wolf Lodge outing. Dad Al? Proud to be an American!



Several new kids - after one arrival, Mom Merri Heberlein bragged, "The Wright Home grew by two feet!"

We hope you enjoy just a few glimpses of the fun and exciting activity that took place here at The Hill in January.

Never a dull moment...

