

In Touch

Karnataka Congregation, Kuwait

20 June– 26 June 2009

Sharing Her Grandpa



Avery's elementary school hosted a Grandparents Day recently, and her Grandpa was able to arrange his day to be there. Avery was pleased. And her proud grandfather was looking forward to sharing a special event.

Things ran about as you would have expected. With all the grandparents seated in the bleachers, boys and girls began parading onto the gym floor. Various classes were introduced. People were thanked for helping. And the children were given permission to go sit with their special guests.

As Avery went to her beaming Grandpa's side for a hug, a beautiful smile practically covered her face. But she looked back over her shoulder at the only child in her class who had not left the gym floor to scale the bleachers. Joshua was standing there all alone and looking sad. "Grandpa," Avery said, "Joshua's grandparents are all dead. So he doesn't have anybody to be with today. Can he come and sit with us?" "Why, of course he can, sweetheart," came the reply. "It would be great to have him join us." He did. And three people had a great time together.

I only wish you could have seen his face as Avery's grandfather told me the story. He was so

proud of his granddaughter for her sensitive spirit and kind treatment of her friend. He teared up a bit as he told me what had happened. I knew immediately that I had heard a story that needed to be shared.

Jesus once reminded his disciples that they needed to become like little children in order to enter the Kingdom of God. If you've ever wondered what he had in mind with that statement, just picture Avery's compassionate treatment of Joshua. See her giggling, playing patty-cake with her Grandpa, and sharing his presence with Joshua. No jealousy. No selfishness. There was enough human kindness and laughter to go around for everyone that day.

Maybe she will keep that spirit for the rest of her life. But I can guarantee there will be events, people, and circumstances to tempt her to change. Somebody will try to convince her she has no responsibility to anybody but herself. And there will be times of scarcity when her own heart will tempt her to be selfish with something under her control that another person needs. May she rise to the occasion – as she did on Grandparents Day with Joshua.

*I only wish you
could have
seen his face!*

There will be somebody in my world today who needs an Avery. Since she will be at school, I will try to remember the lesson she taught me and imitate her. You just might run across a similar person in the course of your day, too.

I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven ([Matthew 18:3](#), NIV).

• **By Rubel Shelly**

(www.heartlight.org)

You can't tap your back for a job well done.

You can't hug yourself for comfort.

You can't cry on your shoulders when tears fall.

That's why you have GOD in your life,

to let Him do whatever you can't.

Only GOD can turn

**MESS into... a MESSage
a TEST into... a TESTimony
a TRIal into... a TRIumph
a VICTim into... a VICTory**

GOD is GOOD...

all the time.

In Touch—June Week IV

Cell Groups This Week :

Salmiya - Sunday 7 PM

Fahaheel - Sunday 7 PM



Birthday This Week

Kumar

June 20, Saturday

Godwin

June 16, Tuesday



Next Friday - 26th June

Combined Service

6 PM - English / Kannada @Hall of Hope

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(See Luke 10:30-36)

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**DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
MEDIocre SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE YOU A
BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF**

Come, Now is the time to ... PRAY!

It is **MORE** blessed to pray for others than
always expect others to pray for you!

Thursday - 25th June—10 PM to 12 Mid-night @
Salmiya Parsonage and also at Fahaheel

The TATE family ...

How many members of the Tate family belong to your church?

There is old man Dic-Tate who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro-Tate tries to change everything. There's sister Agi-Tate who stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri-Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi-Tate and his wife, Vege-Tate, want to wait until next year.

Then there is Aunt Imi-Tate, who wants our church to be like all the others. Devas-Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten-Tate wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili-Tate is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici-Tate. Cousins Cogi-Tate and Medi-Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands. And of course there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu-Tate, who has completely cut himself off from the church. How about it - do you know anyone in the "Tate" family?

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless. - Gilbert K. Chesterton

T D Jakes Saved from being Killed!

(Dallas, Texas)—On June 7 a natural gas explosion damaged the home of pastor T.D. Jakes. Though no one was hurt in the explosion, the AP is now reporting that Jakes is saying a "last-minute change of plans saved him from being killed."



Per the sermon he delivered on Sunday at The Potter's House, Jakes praised God for keeping him safe.

He also reportedly said he "would have been getting dressed near the blast last week had he not suddenly had the feeling he should call off a planned meeting."

The explosion was ruled an accident.



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