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## In Search Of A Real Mother

By: Mike King

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33*

Each has their own definition of mother or motherhood. No doubt they are all good and speak to the qualities of the great women of our lives. One profound and insightful explanation of a mother was given by *Tenneva Jorden*, “A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.”

One of the more familiar narratives in the Bible is where Solomon was called to determine the identity of the true mother. As you remember, one mother’s child died and the other was alive. They both claimed the living child to be theirs. Solomon had sought the wisdom of God to govern His people (1Kings 3). God must have answered his request. The two women were brought before him and he proposed to settle the dispute by cutting the living child in half and giving each woman half a child in an effort to satisfy both. When appealing to the instincts of a mother’s love, the real mother forfeited her right to the child to insure the child’s life. A mother’s love is a rally to the “call of duty.” She will risk her own life to protect her offspring.

**Love**— Describes the motive behind a mother’s devotion. This is a love that looks to the best interests of the object of that love. This is

the love that God has for His children (Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:10, 19). This love forfeits the last piece of pie, best cuts of meat, or even self-deprivation.

**Discipline**— is a part of the way a mother expresses her love. Is the pulling of the ear necessary? What about the thump on the head when a child turns mouthy? No restraint causes chaos and declares “hate” for her child (Pro. 13:24).

**Wisdom** — is a gift from above (Jas. 1:5) and usually comes by means of life’s experiences. The very giving of birth to us reminded her that most of the blessings of life are found in the midst of struggle, pain and opposition. Mothers can provide a wealth of wisdom to all with whom she has to do if only given the privilege to benefit. Her wisdom and love came from heaven.

**Training**— is “OJT” or “on the Job Training.” It was mother who taught us to tie our shoe, read the Bible, to pray, eat right things, make our bed, to brush our teeth, and so many more worthwhile behaviors.

If your mother is still living, tell her of your love and say “thanks!” If your mother is dead, activate those principles for which she lived and died in your life and honor her in so doing. Happy Mother’s Day!

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Haiti Relief Update  
April 25, 2010

reported by Jesse Robertson

Over the last month our relief effort in Haiti has begun to take on a more sustainable form. Plans have been made which we hope will allow us to not only meet current urgent needs, but also build for a better future for the church in and around Port au Prince.

In mid-March our annual spring break medical campaign was restructured to provide a major medical clinic and Bible School at our group house in Santo. Hundreds of people were transported in from other congregations, and over 2,000 were treated in the clinic. Everyone who came through the clinic participated in a basic Bible class, and dozens attended VBS each evening for all ages, including adults. The Santo congregation had over 300 in attendance while our group was there, which has been consistently the case since the earthquake.

In order to relieve Roberta of the strain of receiving and distributing tons of food, we have asked a committee of church leaders to accept the responsibility of purchasing and distributing food in bulk. These brothers have agreed to provide accounting for all that they do, and they believe that they will be able to distribute about \$32,000 worth of food each month. This will not only provide food, but will provide opportunities for these men to learn accountability and cooperation.

We have also offered to help several congregations either rebuild or purchase suitable property for the churches. We are suggesting to them that these properties could be used not only for worship, but also as Christian schools. Many of the preachers and church members already make their living as teachers or school administrators. We are hopeful that this will create jobs as well as make contacts for the churches. Healing Hands International has offered to drill wells at these sites in order to further enhance public relations.

Many bottlenecks have been removed over the last month, and we hope that a month from now our capacity to help is even greater. Over 2,000 people or congregations have sent funds to Estes for earthquake relief. We are working on a formal, quarterly financial report to be released in the next few weeks. (An external auditor will review this report.) In brief, however, I will mention that we have distributed about \$370,000 in aid thus far. 74% of that went for food, medicine, tarps, and other forms of temporary aid. 13% has been spent sending in strategic teams of emergency workers. The remaining 13% has been spent on reconstruction and equipment (such as a heavier truck for handling supplies). Over \$2.3M has been received, leaving almost \$2M on hand. This generosity will allow us to help for at least a year longer, possibly two, as well as providing for some capital purchases as described above.

A large number of people have volunteered to go and work in Haiti. We are concerned, however, about the workload that this places on Roberta. Therefore, we are trying to match personnel with needs so that we provide the right kind of support. The show of love and support has been very encouraging to us and to Roberta.

### SHORT N SWEET

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during **church** services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. 'You're not supposed to talk out loud in **church**.' 'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the **church** and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

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### YOUTH NEWS

- Please remember to sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend the picnic/camp-out at the Wall's on May 21st. If you will be bringing a guest please mark that as well.
- This month's Youth Devo is scheduled for Sunday night, May 23.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Mable Erwin**, recovering from eye surgery.

**Connie Walton**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Donna Weeden**, doing well following surgery for breast cancer. (friend of Sarah Walker)

**Linda Griggs**, will have heart catheterization on Thursday and possibly a stint put in.

**Jann Hicks**, suffered a mild heart attack and later had a stint put in. (niece of Terry Young)

**The Shane Nance family & The Cowan family**, who suffered deaths, injuries and lost homes from this past weekends tornados in Benton county.

**Clay Jennings**, fell and broke his foot.

**J.A. Thornton**, was released from the hospital and will be going to a Personal Care Home in Booneville.

### Continual Prayer List

**J.D. Stroud, Vernice Clemmer, Wayne Jernigan, Rivers Robertson, Dee Cox, Tom Elliott, Janet Drummond, Betty Adams, Jeanne Perkins, Terry Young, Jean Drummond**

### Shut-Ins

**Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest,**

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

**Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Joyce McNutt, Corrine Hall, Willie Jackson, Dessie Lee Allred, Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis**

### Military List:

**David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy –Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force—California, Tiffany Erwin– Army-Fort Campbell, KY; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan**

## EVENTS IN MAY

- Spring Picnic/Camp-out at the Wall's May 21st.
- Gospel Meeting with Jesse Robertson May 30-June 2.

## BIRTHDAYS

May 06.....Lonnie Weaver

May 07.....Randy Wall

May 07.....Ashlee Weaver

May 11.....Viva Dillard

May 11.....Sydney Hill

May 13.....Carl Smith

## SYMPATHY

*We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Montgomery who past away this past Friday morning. Mary was a wonderful Christian wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held Monday here at the church building with burial at Vista Memorial Park, in New Albany.*

*We express our sympathy to the family of Tommy Barns of the Macedonia community. His wife Sarah is a member of the Enterprise Church of Christ. Funeral service were held Monday.*

*We express sympathy to the family of Bobby Hall of New Albany . Mr. Hall was the uncle of Troy Robertson. Funeral services were held Wed. May 5.*

## IT'S A BOY!

We are happy to report the birth of Josiah David Palmer, born Friday, May 1st, to Todd and Cassandra Palmer. He weighed in at 8lbs and 10oz. Proud grandparents are Larry and Connie Montgomery and great-granddad Bobby Montgomery. Mother and baby are doing fine.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ladies' Day @ the Ashland Church of Christ,** May 15. Registration from 8:00-9:00. Rhonda Jones will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served.

**Gospel Meeting @ Hwy 178 Church of Christ,** New Albany , May 16-20. Terry Wallace will be the guest speaker. Mon. –Thurs. night @ 7:00p.m.

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	NA
Sunday A.M .....	113
Sunday P.M. ....	140
Wednesday .....	81
Contribution.....	\$2,836.50
Budget .....	\$3,305.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture .....	Drew Drummond
A.M. Prayer ..	Daniel Drummond
Closing Prayer .....	Olen Clark
P.M. Prayer.....	Jason Jennings
Closing.....	Harold Crowe
Wed. 5/12.. ...	Richard Jennings
Wed. 5/12.....	..Matt Jennings
Usher & Lock .....	Randy Wall
Greeters.....	..... H & D Crowe

## PANTRY ITEM: JELL-O

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship .....	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00

### Elders

Richard Jennings .....	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

### Deacons

Bill Botts .....	316-2422
Greg Clayton .....	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer .....	816-5887
Harold Russell .....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

### Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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## WHAT MAKES UP A MOTHER?

### Proverbs 31

**HER VALUE**—Her price is far above rubies (v. 10)

**HER TRUSTWORTHINESS**—The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her (v.11)

**HER SUPPORTIVENESS**—She doeth him good and not evil all the days of her life (v.12)

**HER PRODUCTIVITY**—She looketh for wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands.

**HER SACRIFICE**—She riseth also while it is still night and giveth food to her household (v. 15)

**HER STRENGTH**—She girdeth her loins with strength and maketh her arms strong (v.17)

**HER COMPASSION**—She extendeth her hands to the poor and the needy (v.20)

**HER INDUSTRY**—She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness (v.27)

**HER BLESSEDNESS**—Her children rise up and call her blessed: her husband also praiseth her. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the woman who feareth the Lord she shall be praised (vs. 28,30)

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

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