

The Davis Update

Dear Friends,

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“Listen to me!” This cry echoes through our house on a regular basis. From a parent it means, “I’ve told you to do something and I expect you to obey!” From the kids it means, “I need you to hear what I’m trying to tell you!”

You think God ever calls out an exasperated “Listen to me!”? His patience is way ahead of mine, but I was reminded of the importance of listening to Him the other day when I was out in the yard trying to squeeze in some “God time” while Marybeth was playing.

She got bored and wanted me to play a game with her. I told her what I was up to and she sighed, knowing that nothing short of an emergency would pull me away. I let her know she was welcome to have her own “God time” next to me, if she wanted to bring out her Bible and some paper and crayons. She could look at her Bible and draw a picture of what she and God talked about.

She hauled out her supplies and spent a few minutes with her Bible. Then she started drawing. I saw two figures emerge, very close together. As she moved on to drawing lots of flowers, she explained that she and God had talked about how she was afraid to die and go to Heaven. She said He told her He would hold her hand, so it was okay now. This has been a fear of hers since Jarvis’s 28 year old cousin died suddenly in February.



Marybeth loves God and knew that Heaven was good, but dying and going to Heaven has scared her. Nothing Mommy or Daddy said helped. It took listening to God. What fears do we carry around? What else do we miss when we miss out on listening, just listening to God? We appreciate your help in giving students the opportunity to know and listen to God. Hope you’re getting chances to relax and listen, too, and that you sense Him holding your hand.

Still Seeking and Serving,



IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY

Jarvis has been burning the candle at both ends lately. He works well under pressure, even if the pressure is self-induced. Over the last couple of months has been pushing himself to prove the worth of the system that he has been working on. In particular this has meant the need to better implement the functions that the system has already been doing and to expand the system so that it can take a more active role in improving the reliability of the computers that our staff use to do their jobs of reaching students for Christ.

One of the “Holy Grails” of computer management is having an automated system for installing a computer. With an automated system, we can take a new computer out of the box and have it in one of our staff member’s hands in about an hour. Without an automated system, this process can take anywhere from half a day to a week. This is one of the goals that Jarvis accomplished in the last week. By the time you read this, twenty of our staff members will be using computers that have been installed with this automated system. The amazing thing is that all a tech support person has to do to install a new computer is click the “Next” button twice.

If you’d like to read more about the details of what Jarvis has been working on, take a look at his Blog (verbalprocessor.com). He posts regularly with details of some of the issues he has been working through.

COLLEGE—SPRING BREAK

Over the last four weeks, thousands of college students involved in our ministry have headed to our annual outreach at Panama City Beach, FL. Over the course of the four weeks, these students shared the gospel with 7302 people and saw 1003 people accept Christ as their Savior! Pray for these students as they head back to their campuses and use the evangelism training that they received at this event back in their dorms, Greek houses, and classrooms.