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Mothers never STOP praying!

I want to give a short testimony of my life’s journey to becoming a Christian, and the amazing power of a mother’s prayer for her son. My mother had a holiday farm, where people came from around Australia to get away on a rural property and have a break from the city. Strangely enough we had a honeymoon couple come (which had never happened) and we found this all a bit strange that they would want to stay in the outback. Mum did her usual thing and went down to the holiday unit to make them feel welcome. Surprisingly she found bibles on the kitchen table, but even more of a surprise they were OPEN! She came back home and said “Nick, we got some weirdo’s staying in the holiday house, they have got open bibles on the table! They asked us to come for prayer group tomorrow night.” We both thought this was pretty cool, and for some reason I kept saying to mum that night, we should go to the prayer group and check it out. Dad wasn’t going to have a bar of it and was very cautious of us getting involved in something we shouldn’t, but somehow Mum and I ended up at prayer. They preached and prayed directly from the bible, which I had never seen before. Before now we had always just read prayers from a book without too much thought. That night we saw the power of God which we never thought was possible, including a personal healing that took place which was a total miracle.

That night I made Jesus my Lord and Savior. I followed this church group for a while, until I got distracted with being a young guy just out of school, and the world as my oyster. I ended up in a relationship that was not Godly. I guess out of this, came the guilt and in turn, I walked away from God, and did my own thing. It was a period of two years of my life, in which I was very unhappy and I tried to fill this unhappiness with what the world could offer me. During this time my mother was praying for me constantly. She was saddened that I had stopped following God, and she prayed earnestly every night that I would return to Him. Then one night while I lay awake in bed, I was thinking about the new age movement and how I thought I might give that a go. Suddenly everything went pitch black, even though I could see perfectly in the room before from the moonlight. I found myself standing in a room all by myself. The next thing I heard was the voice of God. The only way I can describe his voice was like claps of thunder. He only spoke one word to me which was “MAJESTY” I heard this word three times. I don't know if God spoke three times, or if it just echoed around my head. Every part of me was alive when I heard these words and I felt surges of power running through my body. As quick as I found myself alone in this room, I came out and found myself lying in bed. Jesus is Majestic, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and from that moment on I have followed Jesus and made him Lord of my life. I believe God had given grace to me through my mother’s prayers and performed a miracle to pull me back on track.

NEVER give up praying for your loved ones. Here are some promises from God to hold on to in a time like this.

(Proverbs 22:6 NIV) Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Acts 16:31 NIV) They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household.”

ISAIAH 55:8-9
8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.
9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Remember, your thoughts are not always the plans God has. In times when you feel like giving up, and you are not seeing any result, don't. Hang in there. God has a purpose and a plan. When God parted the sea for Moses, I can guarantee that was the last thing Moses was expecting from God. God Bless!

Submitted By: Your friendly IT Guy, Nick Foster
FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL...

I have sat in Kaye's chair before, but never as a relieving Principal, nor for such a long period of time, as she has jet setted off to Canberra with 50 students and 4 staff on a week of Capital City education. It is not until you sit in the chair of the Principal, that you realise just how much activity goes on in the front office and what passes this desk. This place is a minefield of activity where one interaction perpetuates the next in a snowball of events that keep even the best of us on our toes. I sit here at the desk watching and listening to the office staff buzzing around servicing the needs of our students, parents and visitors, it's like a beehive of activity. It’s not until you sit in this position, that you realise how blessed you are, and I say this from my position. Blessed that we have a staff of individuals who each have a specific task to perform, each have specific skills they share, each interacting with the other to make this place work.

As a teacher, you are aware of all the activities you must perform in a day, but when given the opportunity to sit in the position I am now, you begin to realise that without these people here in the office, the school wouldn't run very efficiently. As I write I am reminded of Romans 12:4 “For just as one in one body we have many members, and not all the members serve the same function, so we who are many are one in Christ, and individually we are members who belong to one another. And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us.” We are all actively seeking the same goal and without each other we would find it difficult to make this place what it is. What a busy, organised place to work but none of us would have it any other way.

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to our staff member, Andrew Jericho and his wife Kylie, who on Tuesday night became the proud parents of a little baby boy, Josiah Blake Jericho. We wish Andrew and Kylie every blessing as they welcome Josiah Blake into their family.

Stuart Cox, Head of Middle/Senior School

CANBERRA TRIP

This week our Year 6 and Year 7 students and some staff members are on the Canberra Trip. If you would like to follow their travels, and read their regular written updates, please visit the blog address http://canberratrip2011.edublogs.org

YEAR 4/5 EXCURSION

The Navigator College Year 4/5 students went on an excursion to visit seven Port Lincoln businesses to begin their inquiry into Aid Organisations. We visited Global Care and Community House, Saint Vincent de Paul's, the Salvation Army, Uniting Care Wesley, the Red Cross, the Port Lincoln Library and Terry White Chemist. We would like to acknowledge and thank these businesses for their time and enthusiasm in supporting us. After asking questions about what each organisation does, how they function and who they help, the students were able to identify some of the necessary features of Aid Organisations. The students decided that though the Library is a service that helps people, it is not an Aid Organisation because it is run by the government. They also decided that Terry White Chemist is not an Aid Organisation because it is not a non-for-profit business. We have had some very interesting class discussion following our Port Lincoln excursion.

Year 4/5 Class Teachers

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Woolworths “Earn and Learn” vouchers have finished! Congratulations on a fantastic effort of collecting and handing in these dockets. Navigator College has reached an amazing 25,000 dockets. A really big thank you to a number of our parents, who have been tirelessly inputting barcodes, so that the school can earn these rewards. A big thank you to Kathryn Doudle, Alison Gassner, Kylie Window, Esther Campion, Sally Wilson, Vicky Pahl, Mel Bartel and Susan McFarlane. The school has now finalised an order and we await the delivery of some wonderful new equipment.

Stephen Jude, Head of Junior School

2011 MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

Navigator College will be publishing its 2011 school magazine later this year which will be an overview of school activities and events throughout the year. In order to offset the printing costs, we are asking local businesses and organisations to sponsor our 2011 magazine. The following two sponsorship options are available: $110 for a business card size advertisement in the magazine and $330 for a 1/3 page advertisement. All adverts are GST inclusive and a receipt will also be issued for taxation purchases. Please contact the school front office if you are interested in advertising in our 2011 school magazine. Thank you in anticipation.

Magazine Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Could parents please make sure they have the latest Canteen Price List (Blue - October 2011) these are available from the front office. Money included in the lunch bags is often incorrect, so please ensure you have the current prices. Also at times “Emergency” lunches are given to students for various reasons, so if your child has received one of these lately, please follow up with payment as soon as possible. The Canteen should not have to wear the cost of lunch orders with a money short fall. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs Di Schmidt

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Our Saviours Lutheran Church Little tackers Fellowship for 5 - 9 year olds on Saturday the 5th of November 1pm-3pm at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre. Dash & Splash $10.00/child or Splash & Swim $7.50/child. All parents are to attend to supervise children. All children under 120cm are required to have assistance from an adult on the slide.

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