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“Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield” (Psa. 5:11,12). Look at the key statements: ❶ We rejoice as we put our **trust** in Him. No trust, no joy. It really is that simple. ❷ “Let them ever shout for joy!” Shouting for joy is sometimes hard- especially when times are rough. Remember- praising God when you least feel like it, is a sweet **sacrifice** to Him (Heb.13:14,15). ❸ “Let those who love Your **name** be joyful in You”. The names of God bring good images: Almighty, Provider, Protector, Sanctifier, Shepherd, our Righteousness. The same is true of course with the names of Jesus: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, our Friend.

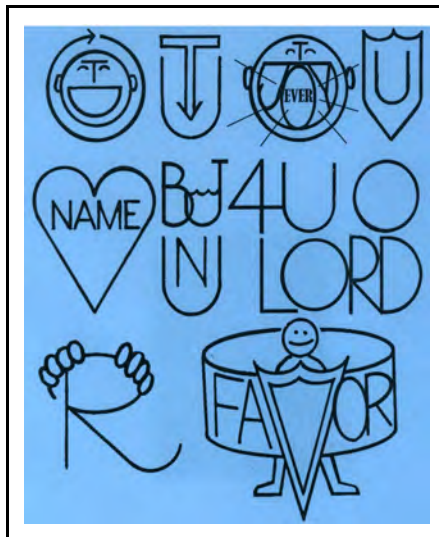


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EVERYWHERE

❹ He will **bless** the righteous. When you think of “blessing” remember the 5 loaves and the 2 fish. A little boy watched as Jesus blessed his lunch. He also watched as Jesus’ disciples distribute his lunch- to over 5,000 people. And he watched as the disciples gathered the left-overs. (I believe Jesus gave the little boy back his lunch with enough to feed his family for several days). You may be asking, “Me. Righteous?” Reread His names in #3 above.

❺ We are **surrounded with favor**, like a shield. Maybe it’s time to define “favor”. Looking at Malachi 3:10 the other day, I mentioned to God, “I have tithed faithfully all my Christian life. When are You going to



open the ‘windows of heaven’ for me?” His response was short: “I have.” Paul counseled us, “If there is **ANYTHING** worthy of praise- think about (meditate) on that” (Phil. 4:8 paraphrased). Ponder that statement for a moment. You may or may not see it, but you **are** surrounded with favor.

←The drawing on the left is to help you memorize Psalm 5:11,12. See if you can track with the symbols as you look at each verse. Substitute symbols that communicate more quickly for you, but make a practice of memorizing God’s word. And remember, once you have memorized the verse, toss the drawing. Focus on what God is saying to you. Meditate. Plant this truth deep in your heart (read: James. 1:21)

THE FACES OF HONDURAS

As mentioned in our last newsletter, David Martinez, a former butcher in Oxnard, and his wife were called by God to Honduras 20 years ago. They now have a well-equipped



orphanage, situated on 1,000 acres, 500 children (babies to teenagers), plus 30 staff members. They receive the children no one else wants-abused, crippled, the outcasts. David wants us to train his teachers with The Picture-Smart Bible.

I am scheduled to leave for Honduras with Mitch and Lynn Mays missionary friends, on December 3rd. Since accepting that invitation from David, my mind has been focused not so much on training teachers (I



have done that many times), but on the children. And the more I "see" (look at those faces) the more excited I become. Plus, I believe God is giving me a way to teach the (His) children by "resurrecting" some of the drawing methods of my past.

Fred, my brother, now an accomplished water-colorist who lives on the East coast, gave me the original direction for my career in art. As a child, I copied everything he did. When he worked for Walt Disney and ventured home on vacations, he taught me how to draw the Disney characters. (One of his recent cartoons to me is pictured on the right). What does this drawing have to do with Honduras?

A key to drawing farm animals, **and** Pluto is knowing how to use a circle. When I meet with the children of the Emmanuel Orphanage, my plan is to teach them cartooning... which will lead to teaching about God, their Father, and godly character traits; lessons straight from "Learning the Word for Life" books.

Illustrated above, in addition to the horse and Pluto, is the LWL drawing from Numbers 6:24-26- the Aaronic blessing (all starting with a circle). The Scripture? "*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The*

Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." THAT is a powerful encouragement to pass on to children in the orphanage! But this is only the beginning- I have many more cartoon characters and character traits from Scriptures illustrated in the 3 LWL books. My time with the children will be limited, of course and that is why I need your prayers. I want to teach **what He wants** in the week I am there.

As a matter of fact, **I would like to take you with me to Honduras.** You say, "Not this time", "not my calling", or some other very good reason. But Paul makes it clear, "how shall they hear without a preacher (or teacher)? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15).

The go-er and the send-er are one and the same. I need your prayers and financial help for this trip. All gifts to Picture This are tax deductible. I fully believe what I teach- including the Scripture from the cover: I am surrounded by His favor like a shield.

PRAYER SPECIFICS

Summer and Fall is a time for planning at PictureThis! In addition to planning for Honduras (12/3-10/11) and India (11/12), 30+ conventions for next year, we still have one more convention this year in Nashville- the National Spelling Bee (11/10-13). This one includes a 45 minute workshop.

The cartoon below came with a gift from my brother (an excellent watercolorist), now retired from the Boston Globe as a staff cartoonist. We include the drawing



because some of you who receive this newsletter may feel your gift is a "drop in the bucket" to our total need. No problem. Enough drops will fill our bucket and we will walk through the doors God has opened. All of your gifts are deeply appreciated. For a gift of any size, we would like to send you "Learning the Word for Life" Book 1- our way of saying "Thanks" (and encouraging you to implant God's word). *Dan & Juanene*