



The Touch That Changes Everything

Rene Spitz has compiled some amazing evidence pertaining to the absence of touch. In a South American orphanage, Spitz observed and recorded what happened to 97 children who were deprived of emotional and physical contact with others. Because of a lack of funds, there was not enough staff to adequately care for these children, ages three months to three years old. Nurses changed diapers and fed and bathed the children. But there was little time to hold, touch, and talk to them as a parent would. After three months, many of them showed signs of abnormality. Besides a loss of appetite and being unable to sleep well, many of the children lay with a vacant expression in their eyes. After five months, serious deterioration set in. They lay whimpering, with troubled and twisted faces. Often, when a doctor or nurse would pick up an infant, it would scream in terror. Twenty-seven, almost one-third, of the children died the first year, but not from lack of food or health care. They died of a lack of touch and emotional nurture. Because of this, seven more died the second year. Only 21 of the 97 survived, most suffering from serious psychological damage (*Charles Sell, Unfinished Business, Multnomah, 1989*).

As hard as that scenario is for us to imagine, what if we had to live without the touch and love of Jesus Christ in our lives? What if we had to live without his presence because he remained in the tomb? On Easter Jesus invites us to be touched in a new way by his promises, his presence, and his peace.

*Jesus said,
"Touch me
and see!"*

On that first Easter, Jesus wanted to make his disciples know that he was alive. **"Touch me and see!"** he said. **"Do you have anything to eat?"** he asked. Yes, Jesus was very much alive. This changed everything for the first disciples.

The touching news of Jesus' resurrection changes everything for us as well. It changes the way we live and the way we die. It changes the way we worship and the way we work. It changes the way we act and even the way we think.

On Easter we are personally touched by the grace and knowledge of our living Savior, Jesus Christ. He touches us with his resurrection and the promise of ours. He touches us with the power of his word and sacraments.

Jesus says, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"** (*John 11:25,26*). Indeed, the resurrection of Jesus changes lives...forever!

It is this saving message of the risen Jesus that we proclaim to the children and families we serve at Calvary Academy. Our purpose is to bring the loving touch of Jesus to these hurting families. Your continued support and your prayers assist us in this vital ministry.

Thank you for joining us in this important work. Your partnership helps strengthen families and change lives through the power of Jesus Christ.

Roger W. Schultz



When I first came to Calvary, I thought I was in boot camp. For about a month I convinced myself I was high and just having a crazy dream. Then Easter came, and my family made me realize why I am at Calvary.

My family put me here because they love me. Now I realize how much I truly love my family and God. For awhile I didn't care and my faith is still kind of weak, but God and Calvary are strengthening my faith.

God has proved to me why I am here, and it's because I didn't care. I was "goth" and I didn't want anything to do with God. Now I've done a 180 and turned my life around. Before I was on my highway to hell, but now I'm on the freeway to heaven. I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for my God and Calvary.

I have no more thoughts of committing suicide or hurting others, now I want others to be saved instead.

A 9th Grade Student



But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

(Luke 18:16 NIV)

WHAT'S A GOLF MARATHON?

It's an incredibly fun event to raise some serious bucks for Calvary Academy. It's a way for golfers, both duffer and low handicapper alike, to rally their support while doing something they really enjoy – playing golf.

Using a 2-man scramble format, golfers play 50 holes. We supply the golf balls, coffee and doughnuts, continuous refreshments, a great cookout and prizes. You dedicate the day to playing golf and having fun, sponsor yourself for \$100 or more and solicit sponsorships from business associates, golfing buddies, relatives and friends with a goal of raising \$1000. You can do this on your own or by supplying our office with 15 names and addresses so we can send letters on your behalf.

Time & Place: June 15, 2009
South Hills Country Club, Franksville, WI

To participate, simply call Roger Schultz (414-571-1522 or 262-617-3383) or email him (roger.schultz@gmail.com) or send your \$100 check payable to **Calvary Academy Ministries Golf Marathon**, and we'll send you your golfer's packet with all the info.

The Courtyard of Hope Becomes a Reality



First the Courtyard had to be formed.

Then came the pouring of the cement.

Next was finding the perfect spot for the multitude of bricks.



**Come and visit
our Courtyard of Hope.**

Thank you Winter Volunteers for your hard work, and thank you to all who “created bricks” to share in this beautiful symbol of hope. If you wished you had...or would like to have another brick included in the Courtyard of Hope, please know that the Courtyard builders have left room for your brick(s). Watch for our new brochure and Pastor's letter--coming in your mail soon. Or call 414-571-1522 to ask for a brick form now.

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OF GOD'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

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You Will Receive

- A higher interest rate than most bank CDs
- Monthly interest checks
- Personal satisfaction

Current Interest Rates: 5.0% 3-year loan
 5.5% 5-year loan
 6.0% 10-year loan

For more information, call Bob Wasser
 President, Calvary Academy Foundation
 414-571-1522 or 262-745-8876 or bob@calvaryacademy.net

Cookie Sale Update...You did it again!

When all matching funds were in, the Cookie Sale of 2008 matched the record breaking sale of 2007. That means once again your efforts have put more than \$20,000 to work for the Lord's Ministry at Calvary Academy. What a blessing! And what a multitude of prayers! We thank each and every one of you for your part.

Just a Thought:

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE DIDN'T SEND A COMMITTEE!

To learn more about Calvary Academy Ministries, please visit our website at www.calvaryacademy.net.

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