

Shepherds of Love Ministries

Shares a Story from

The Tender Heart of a 10 year old Child



Dear Friend,

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About 27 years ago a young woman going through a difficult time came into her life. Her world was turned upside down. She needed help making multiple drastic changes in order to be at peace and regain hope for her future. A strong Christ follower, she believed God was truly opening new doors for her to walk through if she would only rely on Him. God graciously allowed me to walk beside her. Looking back, I am amazed how God put us together. When we met on her front porch, she was crying. She needed someone to hold her and give her hope. Suddenly my purpose for being there was obvious.

We tackled the big decisions and began taking baby steps of faith that God had a better life for her. His plan was not clear, but we knew to pray and move forward quickly. It is a joy to tell you that she married her Prince Charming. Their Christ centered love for each other was sweet to witness. They now have two beautiful children who have hearts of gold.

Every year I anticipate their photo card and letter which makes me smile to reflect on how far they have come since that first date. One year the Christmas letter was extra special because her 10 year old daughter expressed a concern for the poor and she wanted to do something about it. And she did. Here is a portion of her story written by her mother, Gina.

*Dear Teresa,*

*We just celebrated our 14th Anniversary! Our 10 year old daughter Lydia was saying how she wanted someone to have an opportunity to have a great Christmas. My husband told the kids about how they could feed families in Africa with the money we spend on them for Christmas. She did not think this was fair because why should she have it so good when someone else in the world does not, and they are no different than she. They are both humans.*

*So we told her that rather than going out or buying gifts for our Anniversary she could pick a charity to donate to. I gave her a few options and she chose Shepherds of Love. So this generous love donation is from the heart of our tender 10 year old, Lydia.*

*Lots of Love & Blessings, Gina, Russell, Luke & Lydia from Doylestown, PA*



In closing consider the "seeds of hope" you will plant into some one's life in 2019. This ministry practices *planting hope* in the hearts of hopeless families by demonstrating God's command.

And we urge you, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. I Thessalonians 5:14

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