

From Steve and Camelia Johnson-"Their Neighbor Mr. John": On Sunday, March 29, we came home from church and were preparing lunch. There was a knock at our door. Normally, it's Mr. Joe. He's about 60 and is one of 3 older gentlemen on the opposite



Mama Lou & John Simmons

side of our street we try to stay in touch with. He's the only one who is really healthy enough to make regular trips over to see us. But this time it wasn't him. It was Mr. Simmons, who's 82, and is not in good health. While the other two live alone, Mr. Simmons has a grandson who's always lived with him. When we let him in, he asked if he could borrow \$40, and said he was hungry and out of money. He ate lunch with us, and we got him some groceries. We've talked with him periodically, but admittedly, not near enough, and they all tend to kindly turn our conversations to other matters. But on Thursday, April 2, Camelia went to help at Lifelines (first time, I think) and took Mr. Simmons with her. When he arrived, he was registered and ended up in conversation with Mama Lou who shared with him and Mr. Simmons became an 82 yr old 'child' of God. Camelia brought him home, and Mr. Joe, came walking down. He saw all that Lifelines (food/clothes) had given Mr. Simmons. And Mr. Simmons told him he had been saved today. Perhaps Mr. Joe (and the other gentleman, also named Joe and in his 80's) will be next. *Camelia has begun "Share Jesus Without Fear" with Shahe this past week.*

Story from Bob and Tammy Klapwyk-"A Desire to Give": A couple of months ago, we re-introduced a new "allowance" program for our kids. We had done this with them before, but they were younger, and somehow the drive they initially had to earn a little extra money, lost its importance. Now that they are older (11, 8, 6), the passion to make some cash is back. We all have certain tasks around the house that just come with being part of the family, like keeping our rooms clean, putting away our toys, etc. But now, jobs that mostly Mom & Dad used to do alone, like the laundry, the dishes, and taking out the trash, have 3 more pairs of hands to help carry the load.

And if you don't work, you don't get paid. Putting it all on paper and posting their progress on the refrigerator helps keep it all into perspective. 5 cents here, 10 cents there, it all adds up. And at the end of each month comes "Pay Day"! When first asked what they were going to do with their earned money, our daughter spoke up first and said she wanted to give some of hers to Lifelines. Her little brothers quickly followed her lead. To most it's really not much. But the impact to them is huge. A strong work ethic, and most importantly, the gift of giving.

They've always been willing to part with some of their unused toys and clothes, **Hailey (11), Logan (8), & Landon (6) Klapwyk** and even help bag up some food items, but now they are experiencing what it's like to use the abilities GOD has given them to help someone else. This week they are enjoying Spring Break and no school. And at the top of their agenda...going to Lifelines with Mom on Thursday. We're praying that GOD will show them first-hand what He can do through them, and create a stronger desire in their hearts and minds to keep giving.



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