

## An amazing wee story showing God's plans for all of us.....

Hi there, I heard a little story many years ago from some friends of ours who worked in China for many years. They told us about a bar where many of the local taxi drivers have a drink and one night one guy was at the "toilet" in the bar and he heard a tiny cry coming from the "latrine"...maybe more like a sewer. He searched in amongst the stinking excrement and found a tiny baby, maybe a few days old. He got others from the bar and tried to get the baby out from the mess. Eventually they succeeded and the baby was rescued and they wrapped it in a towel or something. They wondered what they could do with this wee baby. One of the taxi drivers said that he had driven some western missionaries to an orphanage a few days ago and maybe they could help or know how to help this young life. They delivered the baby to the orphanage where it was taken in. They cleaned and washed the baby over and over for many days and fed it gently. It took so many washes to get the smell gone. They hugged and cuddled the child and showed it love and affection. Soon the baby began to recover and respond to their affection and to feed well and over the next short while it was fit and healthy. They named her *Grace*, which means love. A short time later the little child was adopted by a lovely American family and began her new life in the USA. I don't know the rest of the story.

This wee story reminded me of a few things. Even though we don't know the whole story of the baby's birth and the mother's circumstances, this was an amazing rescue. God had a plan even when there seemed no hope and all seemed lost.

It also reminded me that God loves everyone of us so much, even when we don't know Him or have never heard of him. What all the missionaries did for the wee girl was love it and care for it...no payment expected, just receive their help and love.

The cleaning and washing of the baby took a long time and it's the same with us. It takes a while to get us cleaned up, but Jesus said just come to me as you are...I will clean you up as we go. When we become believers we aren't perfect by any stretch of the imagination, it takes a long time. None of us ever gets to being anywhere near perfect until we get to heaven. He shows us how much he loves us and asks for nothing back, but like all parents he loves and adored his kids and wants them to love Him back...no other agenda. He loves and adores all of us individually...wow.

Everything we have God has given it to us...our families, home, health, breath and he made all the amazing and wonderful things we see in creation. He even sees and notices when a tiny bird falls to the ground. If he cares so much about a wee bird falling to the ground He must really love us a lot eh!

We were in Kosova last week and Gavin my son in law shared a little illustration using a can of Coke. He told us how good it is and how delicious it tastes, it quenches your thirst on a hot day. It's sweet to taste and nearly everyone loves it. He told of all its

qualities and could rave about it for hours. He then opens the can and takes a long cool drink, burps and says ah delicious....can you know what it tastes like? No you have to try one yourself. The Bible says..."Taste and see that the Lord is good". Millions around the world are able to confirm this in their lives and in their family's lives. No strings attached. Just like that wee baby in China, God has a plan and a purpose for your life no matter how young, old, rich poor, good bad or indifferent you are. Will you taste and see that The Lord is Good?

End of story.

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