

A Word From the Publisher

First of all, many thanks to all of you that have dropped off donations for Ron Macknet and his grandson Johnathon. We are so thankful to have so many people who read the article and responded to the need. What an awesome place we live! Thank you again!

Kindness is something that is so easy to give. You don't have to ask if you can be kind, you just do it. Some people appreciate it most don't really know how to act if it happens to them. A couple of weeks ago, I witnessed a wonderful act of kindness. Actually, all acts of kindness are great, whether big or small. This happened during those hot days when the humidity just took your breath away. One of our neighbors was out mowing his grass with a push mower. The next thing I knew, the neighbor from across the street pulled his push mower over and starting helping the other one mow his yard. The two smiled at each other and continued mowing until the front yard was finished. He was never asked to help out...he just did. What a kind thing to do for your neighbor. I'm thankful to live in a neighborhood where we all look out for each other. We waive, speak and sometimes just talk in the middle of the road.

In the world we live in, everyone is in such a hurry. Many times we don't take the time to look next door much less walk outside. While my job keeps me inside hooked to a computer most of the time, the last thing I want to do at night is sit by the computer. I enjoy going outside and being outside ten times more than being inside. Our office is located off of SR 200 (A1A) across from the Callahan

Dollar General. It amazes me every time one of those semis tries to get into the store parking lot to deliver. I don't know about you but those trucks are pretty big! What shocks me is the people that don't notice that. They are in such a hurry that they will squeeze in around the trucks, squeeze beside them, pull up right behind them, etc. What an amazing job those drivers do in maneuvering those big rigs into that little area with crazy drivers all around them. Be patient people. The store isn't going to close and you are still going to be able to buy your stuff. That poor driver is just doing his job and trying to be safe about it. There's where a simple act of kindness would be great. Be patient.

I think nine times out of ten we all live our lives that way...in the fast lane! I've tried to share with my two youngest granddaughters, ages 4 and 5, how to breathe! They get so wound up, running around crazy, talking fast, etc. I ask them both...just breathe! They both stop, breathe really fast, and keep going. It is kind of funny that taking a deep breath can really calm things down, but it works. Try it some time.

Why should we show kindness to people? Because we, as followers of Christ, can show the tender mercy, grace and kindness that God has shown to us. I have been blessed much more than I deserve and yet my God continues to love me. We will never know what one act of kindness will do. It's never too soon to be kind to someone. Try it!

Have a blessed week!

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