

# The Heartbeat



## *Monthly Newsletter of Life Saver Ministries/ June 2019*

### **A Father to the Fatherless, An Eternal Legacy**

**Apparently** God wanted me to read about George Mueller. It's funny how He knows how to send each of us messages, isn't it? The strong suggestion came through the unsuspecting words of people in my life who—after about the third person in a 7 day period—mentioned reading about the life of this man of incredible faith, I finally got the hint. “Read about George Mueller, Abbey.” Message received. So I first downloaded an audiobook and then was handed George Mueller's book of prayer as I was walking into church one morning. God was adamant in showing me a message through this man's life story. My life is forever altered on a few different levels as the faith that this man and his wife exemplified is nothing short of astonishing. What was really amazing about his life was that it started out with him as a dishonest, arrogant, lazy punk (for lack of a better term). Really, this guy grew up with a silver spoon in his mouth and wasted some of his best years before God got a hold of Him and when He did---what a transformation. George Mueller went from being a self –admitted self-absorbed, trouble maker to one amazing champion of the children, stormer of the gates of hell, life saving and life changing hero of the Christian faith. This man made it clear to Mary before he even proposed marriage that she would be in for a radical existence if she chose to be his bride. Mary was all in and was truly a shelter in the storm and a fire in the bellows of this man's faith. What drew me into their work was the fact that so many people dissuaded them from trying to save the orphans that took over London as street children. Diseases had taken the lives of countless men and women leaving scores of children at a time living as orphaned waifs, scavenging for food, and vulnerable to horrific abuses and conditions. As the Muellers took step of faith after another always sacrificing material and creature comforts before stepping into the unknown, God answered with more and more children in need of care. Starvation in Ireland brought an influx of children to them and what began as a “Breakfast Club” of feeding a few children at their kitchen table grew into a ministry that cared for over 17,000 children. 17,000 lives forever changed. 17,000 mothers and father who were completely different parents to their children than they would have been if raised by the cruel streets. An exponential number of lives impacted for eternity.

**As this month of June brings us both Flag Day and Father's Day,** I can think of no greater message and no greater challenge than for each and every one of us to be so invested in eternity that the things of this earth grow strangely dim. Imagine if each of us as Christians lived in such a way as the Muellers did? Completely unconcerned with amassing material wealth, completely devoted to the care of the vulnerable, completely devoted to caring for those who have been abandoned. We have such opportunities friends, as I watch from our ministry here in Gloversville, there is a spiritual plague that is moving swiftly through our communities and there are mass casualties along the way. We have entire families who are literally being swallowed up by addictions, abuse, neglect, and all other forms of evil. To say it is overwhelming is an understatement. The prayer of my heart is that as God brings us opportunity to minister to lives in crisis, He will give us opportunities to intervene in young lives **BEFORE** evil grabs hold, **BEFORE** horrible choices are made, **BEFORE** the reality of agonizing consequences sinks in. I believe that God is calling us deeper and deeper into this work as He opens doors into lives that we are only be introduced to because we have a presence here in a very dark community that is sadly not unlike hundreds of other communities across our state, thousands across our nation. From coast to coast in this nation formed on the faith of our fathers, there's a plague of evil that is sweeping through every layer of society bringing with it dysfunction and death. I am so grateful for the hope of Heaven because without it? I can't even imagine. We see laws that promote evil, we see unrestrained violence toward innocence, we see multitudes of children lost in this undercurrent of evil and we must take action. Correction: We must **CONTINUE** to take action! And perhaps in ways like never before.

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*We are saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend and former Life Saver Ministries Board Member, Martha Curtin; upon retiring a few years ago, Martha relocated to North Carolina and undoubtedly shared her humor, her honesty and her heart with everyone she met. Martha had a deep love for the Lord and was passionately pro-life as she saw the intrinsic value of each and every human being. Her career in healthcare allowed her to be part of many aspects of patient care for many of the more vulnerable segments of the population. Martha had the ability to bring humor and clarity to all situations and her presence here will be greatly missed by all who loved her. Until we see you at Home, Martha, rest well and may a batch of you Meringue Pecans be waiting for us! We love you!*



**Do you think you might be pregnant?**

View resources >>

**Are you pregnant and don't know what to do?**

Get support >>

**Are you struggling after having an abortion?**

Get counseling >>

**Is it hard to care for your little one?**

Get advice >>

## WE WANT TO HELP

Confused? Think no one cares? We care, and we want to help. Life can be hard. Sometimes things happen that we don't expect, and sometimes we just make bad choices. We've all been there. If you're struggling for any reason right now, we want to help. We've been there, and we care.

Call Our Help Line:

**1 (800) 648-4357**

*(Continued...) May it be said of us something similar to what is said of George Mueller---that we robbed the streets of countless criminals, that we let thousands of prison cots remain empty and led thousands of lives to the Heavenly Father so their children and their children's children may know His love. I can't think of a better investment than the Kingdom of God in the heart of a child and I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve Him together through this beautiful ministry. As we celebrate fathers this month, may we celebrate our Heavenly Father & the boundlessness of His grace, the limitlessness of His love.*

*To Him be glory in our hearts and lives both now and for evermore. Abbey Ballard, Ministry Director*



The funeral of George Mueller, who passed into glory at age 92, with a procession of orphans and a throng of adults he raised as orphans.

**In Loving Memory of  
Martha Jane Curtin**

**Born March 18, 1951  
Entered into glory on  
May 2, 2019**

**"When evil wants you  
to cry, laugh instead."**



One of the many aspects of our ministry that Martha was absolutely passionate about promoting and supporting was our pregnancy helpline and website. In recent weeks, we have seen an influx in calls from women facing unplanned pregnancies and it has been an honor to be able to offer compassionate help at a time that is often filled with fear & uncertainty. Please pray that in the days ahead we will be able to offer this same kind and compassionate help to all the women and families that God is calling us to serve.

[www.helpimpregnant.com](http://www.helpimpregnant.com)

## Bottles for change Mother's Day- Father's Day



It's about that time for our "Bottles for Change" fundraiser that runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day! We are seeking churches and civic groups who would be willing to promote this important fundraiser by allowing us to provide you with fundraiser baby bottles that are then filled with spare change, cash or check and returned to the ministry after the Father's Day collection date. This has grown to be a vital part of our fundraising efforts for the year and we can't do this without you! Please email us at [lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com](mailto:lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com) or call us at (518) 725-5777 if you would like us to get you started with a fundraising kit!

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