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DEAF LUTHERAN DEVOTION



Rev. Mark Anderson,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

Believe it or not, writing this ILDA Devotional article is my 12th article since I was first elected as the ILDA Pastoral Advisor. I've just said to myself: Oh my gosh, how time flies! I am sure that you all have this same feeling as we could have sworn to ourselves that as the older we get, the faster time comes and goes. Yet, at the same time, we fully realize that we are getting much closer to the Kingdom of God than ever. More clearly, the time for Christ Jesus the Lord to return to the earth for the second time, not as the Lamb but as the Judge, is much closer than ever. That is, as each day in our life passes away, we move to that great glorious event one day closer than the day before (yesterday).

No wonder God says very plainly that we are just like flowers that bloom out and then fade away in almost no time. Yet, at the same time, God reminds us that He is to return anytime now in the fullest glory for His Children, namely you and me.

I have met many people, mostly deaf, on whether or not they have thought about what would happen to them when it was time for them to leave the world. As can be expected, their first answer is almost always like this: "Oh gee, I do not know. I am afraid. I hope everything will be okay for me." I would then ask them this second question: How will you feel if Jesus comes all of a sudden (right now)? Guess what answer they usually give me? The answer is: "I hope not!"

As a child of God in Christ Jesus, you do not need to give an answer like that. Rather, you will say: "Great! Oh, boy! That would be wonderful!"

Do you know why those people of the world usually give negative answers with fear while the children of God give positive answers with joy?

The people of the world are afraid simply because somehow they know that they are not good before the Maker as they did so many bad things in their life and that they need to clean up and try to become better persons. If they succeed, they then hope that somehow and maybe, just maybe the Maker will stop being angry and accept them as good persons.

But they can never, I repeat, never be sure about that. They will always wonder about that. As long as they wonder and wonder, they can never have total peace with no joy.

The children of God in Christ Jesus are not afraid, but rather rejoice at the promises of the Heavenly Father that even though we are sinners and deserve to be punished completely, God forgives us all our sins in a most complete sense and, what is more, does not remember our sins anymore! Yes, God fully forgives and fully forgets because of His Son Jesus. God gave us the saving faith through Word and Sacrament (Baptism and Lord's Supper) that Jesus lived a perfect life for us, suffered and died a terrible death with all our sins on Him, and finally arose from the dead in complete victory over sin, death and Satan. As a result, God freely gives us the blessings: full forgiveness, full salvation from hell and eternal life in heaven. The Holy Spirit keeps us in true Christian faith so that we can be sure that we have total peace with great joy. Glory be to God!

So, no matter how fast time comes and goes, how eager and excited we are as we all prayerfully look forward to seeing Jesus anytime now!



**THE
TRUE LIGHT,
WHICH
ENLIGHTENS
EVERYONE,
WAS COMING
INTO
THE WORLD.
— JOHN 1:9**



ILDA Pastoral Advisor

The President's Report...



James Swalley, ILDA
2001-2003 President

Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

To the members of the International Lutheran Deaf Association and the readers of the Deaf Lutheran. I am very delighted to announce that we finally got this person and a member of the ILDA, Diane Francisco of Spokane, Washington to be responsible for the Necrology Dept. I am asking your help. Please send the list, names and dates of their death beginning after the convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in late June, 2001, to July 3, 2003. This of names should be from all seven regions in the United States and Canada. Everyone would like to share this information. Diane's address is: 10004 East Mission Ave., Spokane, WA 99206. Her husband, Elmer Francisco was a past president of ILDA. (And former Business Manager of D/L).

Another announcement is Lester Ahls of Cedar Falls, Iowa, as chairman of the Right Hand Award. He will present the award to the next recipient at the next ILDA convention to be held in Minneapolis, MN, July 3-6, 2003. The

presentation will be at the Saturday evening banquet. Most of you know that Lester received the Right Hand Award in Perrysburgh, Ohio in 1991.

May I remind you again that I really encourage your church congregation to host the 2007 ILDA convention and all of us, the ILDA, will help you start the ball rolling. Potential hosts still must have a letter written on official congregational stationery proving that their congregation has officially voted to invite the convention to their city.

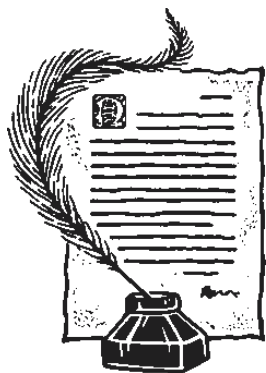
With my understanding, the 2001-2003 Mission Project is growing very slowly. I beg all of you, with your church congregations, to help raise funds to meet the goal of \$47,500.00.

The ILDA shall communicate and convey to the deaf members, the programs and plans of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It shall support lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans to all areas of faith and life.

May the Lord be with you all in the happiness and good health.

James Swalley, 2001-2003 ILDA President

Editorial...



Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the time you have received this issue of the Deaf Lutheran newsletter, you will be on your summer vacation/travel plans. I have already made my plans for the summer! I will be spending more time at my campsite and plan to travel to two ILDA regional conferences, plus attending DeafWay II in Washington, DC in July.

Last March, most members of your ILDA Executive Board, ILDA Video Project, and myself for the first time, have communicated between each others in the "chat room" on the Internet (an AOL's feature). It was new experience for most of us and it sure is a wonderful technology to have. We had issues and plans concerning the coming DeafWay II show, so instead of meeting somewhere together in person, we did our business in a private chat room. Two pastors also have joined us in this chat room. I know I was in the chat room for almost two hours! I had to leave as I was on "Eastern Time Zone" and it was late. Others stayed on to continue their businesses.

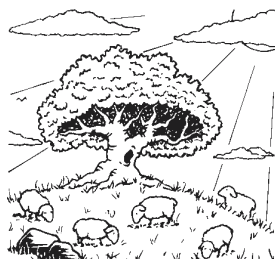
LCMS has funded a 10x10' exhibit booth for the Video committee, ILDA, and D/L to use at DeafWay II, which will be held at Gallaudett Kellogg Conference Center in Washington, DC on July 9-11, 2002. This will be an excited event for us, to promote *The Good News* to other deaf who do not know Jesus. Also to help us promote ILDA and to help ILDA grow.

You may have noticed that the back (address) page layout has changed. We have moved the

"Deaf Lutheran blurb" inside to this page. The reason for this, in March someone has taken "TheDeafLutheran" e-mail address and pasted it in bogus and porno e-mails and spread to all the people listed on someone's address book. I thank several of you readers for alerting me about this and I have taken action. The Deaf Lutheran e-mail address has been discontinued and replaced with a new address, edited to be more conservative. I will use this new address for our Deaf Lutheran and ILDA businesses only. I will only read those e-mails sent to me that has been clearly defined in the "subject" box and has clearly defined body text of who you are & what type of attachments you are sending.

Peace!

David G. Brown, Editor



The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want...

-Psalm 23:1

Coming in the Fall Issue...

**ILDA 2003 Convention forms
Results from DeafWay II
Central Region ILDA Conference**

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ILDA 2002-04 Membership Drive...

Now is a great time to help ILDA grow by joining ILDA!

Your membership with ILDA helps bring the Good News to deaf who do not know Jesus.

In aspiring to create the highest possible levels of faith and Christian service in its churches and congregations and to promote the Gospel of Christ among the deaf everywhere, the revised Constitution states the International Lutheran Deaf Association shall "enrich the lives of deaf people through spiritual growth and develop Christian leadership among all with whom we associate."

ILDA 2002-2004 Membership Due

Membership thru September 30, 2004.

Please select: Renewal New
Please select: Active Member Associate Member Sustaining Member

Membership Due @ \$20 per person. Qty. ___ x \$20 = \$____.00
Open to any communicant members in a congregation or field of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or The Lutheran Church-Canada.

God's 1,000 Club @ \$20 per person. Qty. ___ x \$20 = \$____.00
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Total enclosed \$_____00

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Thank you for your support.



ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects Goal... \$47,500

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| 1. DIT / Zacharus | \$11,000 |
| 2. ILDA PR Video Project | \$5,000 |
| 3. Sao Paul Lutheran Church
of Brazil | \$2,500 |
| 4. Republic of Madagascar Schools
for the Deaf | \$2,500 |
| 5. Summer Camps (California,
Nebraska & Texas \$3,000 each) | \$9,000 |
| 6. Ghana | \$2,000 |
| 7. Macau (missionary) | \$2,000 |
| 8. New York West Camp | \$2,000 |
| 9. Concordia School for Special
Education (Macau) | \$1,500 |
| 10. India Parsonage Improvement | \$3,000 |
| 11. Nyandarua School of the Deaf | \$3,000 |
| 12. Pax Natrua Ranch (Canada) | \$1,000 |
| 13. Starfish Learning Center | \$3,000 |

ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects...

As of this writing, our 2001-2003 Mission Projects goal has reached around **\$3,000.00**.

We now have only one year left to reach our goal of \$47,500. During the ILDA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio back in 1999, the 1997-99 goal was \$50,000. And you know what? Donations to the mission projects went over the goal with a total of \$54,550.76! So for 2001-03, why not we all try to go over our present goal of \$47,500 and even break the \$54,551 record! Your supports are really greatly appreciated!

Please send donations and money to the ILDA Treasurer and mark it for 2001-2003 Mission Projects.

2001-2003 Mission Projects

Inclosed, please find our donation of \$_____ for ILDA's 2001-1003 Mission Projects Goal.

Please make your check or money-order payable to: **ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Project** and mail to: **Jim Sipchen, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.**

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Thank you for your support.

News from around the Regions...



News about our People



Remember!

7-1-1 for Telephone relay.
9-1-1 for Emergencies.

Remember to send to the D/L editor your church's newsletters!

Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton... Congrat to **Gary Andersen, Rita Fleming, Bob Lang, Alex Rear,** and **Shirley Talbott** for completion of D.I.T. Lesson I, Level I, "The Christian Caregiver." Church's **40th Anniversary** celebration coming this fall. New church officers are: **John Kobzey, P;** **Marvin Youngs, VP;** **Shirley Talbott, S;** and **Rita Fleminn, T.**

Faith, Spokane... **Terry Ray Thompson** has passed away on February 4th.

Pacific Region...

Pilgrim, Los Angeles... Former pastor, **Rev. Arnold Jonas,** has gone to Heaven on April 2nd. He was 90 years old.

Midwest Region...

Silent LC, Madison... has held their final worship service on Easter Sunday. They has taken a giant leap of faith to become **Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church** at the new facility that God is preparing for them. Hopefully by July 1st.

Calvary, Des Moines... Jesus has called home **Donald Miksell, Sr.** and **Ed Hans.**

Word of God, Cedar Rapids... **Jim Batchelor** has recently been accepted into the seminary by Fort Wayne to study to become a pastor for the deaf.

Central Region...

Peace, Indianapolis... **Alan Rork** has been commissioned a Deacon in the LC-Indiana District on March 10th by Rev. David Dubbelde of LC-ID. Special out of town guests were Rev. and Mrs. Dennis (Susan) Konkel.

Rockford, IL... The Lord God called **Richard Nelson** to his eternal home on February 19th. The Lord has also called **John Neal** to his eternal home in March. **Rockford LC for the Deaf** has celebrated their 10 years charter in April at Country Buffet. Even through there were few people attending, they enjoyed telling stories of the past.

Great Lakes Region...

Alpha, Rochester... A surprised party was given to **Cliff & Ruth Leach** on January 27th. It was their 27th wedding anniversary and Cliff's 99th birthday!

Trinity, Pittsburgh... **James Bush, Joseph Koprinsky,** and **David Raschelli** has entered God's Kingdom.

Holy Cross, Columbus... **Rev. Ed & Nancy Bergstresser** were the chefs for Columbus Colony Housing (Retirement Center for the Deaf) on February 13th. They made Chicken Vegetable Soup! 70 people ate the soup.

Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Spring... **Lydia Marie Waters** has joined Jesus in Heaven on February 9th. Please read her daughter's article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mrs. Lydia "Marie" (Seebach) Waters...

The following text was sent to D/L from Mrs. Waters' daughter, Nancy Abbott:

"When she (Marie) was at the hospital, she was unable to communicate with me (Nancy) as her hands were tied down and her mouth had tubes in them. I quickly told her to communicate by squeezing my hand with her left hand. During our conversation, she began to raise her hands towards the ceiling and her eyes opened wide (they were previously half closed). She never took her eyes off whatever she was seeing so I realized she was onto something important.

I asked her if she was seeing angels, to which she responded with a squeeze. I asked her how many were there, then she spelled '1', '2', which she squeezed again to indicate there were two angels.

I asked her if she saw her parents, another squeeze. I then made a personal remark that only my grandmother and I would understand to which my mother squeezed again hard. I then asked her if her other children (my siblings who she miscarried after I was born) were there. She squeezed again. I then asked her how many, with '1', '2' and '3', which she squeezed.

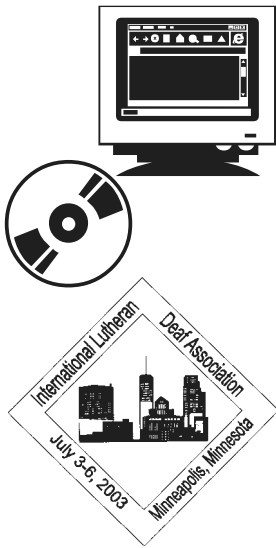
She became frustrated as she tried to sign 'God', then lifted her other hand, finger spelling 'L' to which I asked if she was seeing the Lord. She squeezed my hand again. I then asked her if what she was seeing beautiful, another squeeze.

Shortly before she died, I asked her if she could now hear (she had been born deaf). She squeezed again. I asked her if it was beautiful hearing all the sounds. She squeezed again with shinning eyes.

She passed on shortly after this, but her body which had been in so much pain, was suddenly peaceful. As I embraced her and then lifted my head, I saw a faint mist leaving her body in a fast-evolving whirlpool. I then realized I was seeing her spirit leaving her body. As I backed away, I felt the gentle breeze of the angels leaving the room.

All this was also witnessed by a friend of mine who was there with them so I know I did not imagine it at all.

The following week she sent me a message when I turned on my car and a song by my favorite signer, Barbara Streisand came on, signing 'Happy Days Are Here Again'. I was blue prior to getting into the car, but realized she was telling me she was happy and I should be happy also. Last week, I remembered that my mother once told me that she was nicknamed 'Happy' in the MN School for the Deaf so this firmed what she was trying to tell me."



2003 ILDA CD-Rom Available...

Any churches or individuals wishing to preview the slide show of the next ILDA convention scheduled for July 3-6, 2003 can purchase a copy of the CD-Rom by sending your name and address and a check, made payable to "Prince of Peace" for \$3.00 to cover postage and handling. Mail your request to: Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 1101 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.



Nominations...

A reminder for all Regional Conference leaders this year... each Region please make nominations and send nomination list to Richard Norton, ILDA's Past President. Richard is Chairperson for 2003-2005 ILDA Officers nominations (names for new President elect, Secretary, and Treasurer).

Please send nomination names to:

Richard Norton, ILDA 2003 Nomination, 5801 W. Fitzhugh Road, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Any questions, please contact Richard by TTY: (512) 894-0378 or e-mail: RENTX@hotmail.com

For other who want to volunteer as an officer, you may submit your name along with a summary of who you are and your church's name. Please refer to ILDA Handbook at: <http://lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Handbook/Handbook.html>.

Thank you, Deaf Lutheran Editor



Regional Conferences Dates...

Please inform your Deaf Lutheran Editor of dates before August 1, 2002 for the next issue.

Midwest Region...

June 7-9, 2002 at Good Samaritan Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Kathy Gelling, (605) 332-7475 tty only, has more information.

Dixie Region...

October 11-13, 2002, at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center, Tomball, TX. Contact Holy Three-in-One (713) 468-1815 for more details.

Eastern Region...

June 14-16, 2002, at Bishop Claggett Retreat Center in Buckystown, MD. Christ LC-Deaf of Silver Springs is host. Contact Diane Munoz, e-mail: Dmunoz@gpo.gov for more details. Visitors welcomed!

Why go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone to church every Sunday for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "letters to the editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If I hadn't eaten those meals I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing... GOD IS UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible.

Thank GOD for physical and spiritual nourishment!

anonymous, via e-mail

Bloopers In Church Bulletins...

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

Pacific Region...

June 20-24, 2002, in Fremont, CA. Hosted by Memorial Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

Central Region...

June 13-16, 2002, at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Contact James Swalley, e-mail: SWABJJ@aol.com for more details.

Great Lakes Region...

October 10-13, 2002, Cleveland, OH – 50th year of GLRC Celebration. Contact Larry Ginter, e-mail: LarryDGinter@aol.com for more details.

Northwest Region...

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AAL/LB Projects...

\$20,000 grant to Seneca (Ohio) Habitat for Humanity; \$20,000 grant to Canton (Ohio) for Habitat for Humanity; \$20,000 grant to Tri-County Area (Malvern, OH) Habitat for Humanity; \$100 grants to the first 350 Lutheran schools/classrooms to establish Web sites on Lutherans Online (www.lutheransonline.com/lo/youthgrant).

CCPD News...

American Sign Language videos are now available in public libraries. Fourteen public libraries (in 10 states and DC) have recently acquired the ASL Access Video Collection. The videos are being placed in libraries as funding is received through gifts and grants to ASL Access (www.aslaccess.org).

World Deaf Mission Conference will be held in Kyeongbuk, Korea on August 5-9, 2002. For more information, e-mail deafwm@hanmail.net or visit web www.deafwm.com. Theme is "By the Power of the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:8.



CITI...

The Mission of the **Church Interpreter Training Institute** is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by building an international network of Church interpreters to bring Christ to deaf and hearing-impaired people. For more information, visit web site www.ctsfw.edu or e-mail CITI@mail.ctsfw.edu.

Raised from the Dead

A video tape from Full Flame Ministry was shown to Christ Deaf Lutheran Church congregation on Easter Sunday. This VHS tape titled ***Raised from the Dead*** preached about a person who was killed, but he came alive again after being dead for three days. A very moving video tape! Visit www.fullflameonline.com for more information.



Bloopers continued...

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

A songfest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

News from LBT...

Lutheran Bible translators (LBT) invites you to two mission events: *Crossroads Aurora*, June 20-22, 2002, and *Crossroads Guatemala*, August 12-19, 2002.

Designed for those interested in career mission service, LBT's Crossroads events present information about LBT, training requirements, and service opportunities. An overview of translation, literacy, and Scripture use principles offers insights into the necessity for Bible translation and the methods used by missionaries to best address the needs of the people they serve, so that all people can have access to God's Word in their own language.

Crossroads Aurora will be held in Aurora, IL and *Crossroads Guatemala* will be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

For more information, contact Ms. Vega 1-800-532-4253 or vegas@lbt.org. Or register on-line at www.lbt.org.

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The Deaf Lutheran Newsletter...

The Deaf Lutheran newsletter is published four times a year: Spring, Summer, Fall and Christmas. The newsletter is non-profit and self-supporting. The newsletter receives its funds from subscription fees and from donations.

The Deaf Lutheran newsletter covers news and events of deaf Lutherans and their churches in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. With a circulation of over a thousand readers, the paper serves to convey information from the synod as well as general news for its regions. There are seven regions in the USA and Canada.

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Donations Needed...

Our Deaf Lutheran Travel fund is deliberately in need of donations! Our travel expenses are not part of the budget from your subscription fees.

Our Editor and Business Manager are owed \$208.08 for our travels in 2001. I am sure that many of you readers have enjoyed all my photos taken from events that we have attended in 2001! In addition, we need help for our planned travels for 2002.

Please make checks payable to: **The Deaf Lutheran** and mark it as "For Travel Fund." Mail to: **Larry D. Ginter, Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, 4134 Sarasota Drive, Parma, OH 44134.**

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Thank you in advance for your donations, Editor

Advertising Rates...



The following rates has been established for advertising in *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter. Ads must be in good taste, related to Christianity, and of interest to deaf Lutheran readers. Typewritten or e-mail text are preferred. Photos and camera ready arts can be submitted by mail or sent by e-mail in "jpeg" file format. Contact Deaf Lutheran's Editor at DL1997ILDA@aol.com for more information on how to submit ads.

The rates are as: \$400 for full page; \$200 for half page, \$100 for quarter page; and \$50 for one-eighth page size advertisement.

Advertisings will help provide some income to *The Deaf Lutheran* staff for travels to different regions.



Past Donors to D/L Travel Fund...

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- LCMS Deaf Missions, 2001... \$499
- Donor(s) from Toledo, OH, 2002... \$25

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His frog-friends gathered around him amazed. "We told you to give up and stop trying. You did not listen to us. Why not listen?" "Oh, I am a deaf frog. Yes, I saw you shouting, and I thought you meant I could do it. I did it. I jumped out of the hole." What does the story mean to you? Can it touch your life in some way? Can it teach you how to talk with your friends? The frog story appeared in *The Lamplighter*, newsletter of Prince of Peace Deaf LC and several other newsletters. The frog story teaches two lessons: First, Words have the power of life and death. Smile and talk with hurt people feeling depressed and low, and our words will lift them up and help them to live through their day. Or Second, Words can hurt people, too. If someone is feeling down and hurt, the words we use can make them feel worse. Let's be careful how we talk to people. Speak life to people who touch our lives.

A group of frogs traveled through the woods. Sometimes even the most careful frog will forget to watch where he is going. And sure enough, two of them fell into a deep hole in the ground. All the other frogs gathered around the hole. They shook their heads when they saw how deep the hole was. "You two down there cannot get out. Just lay down and die." The two frogs in the hole did not listen to their friends. They tried to jump out of the hole. Their frog-friends continued telling them, "You are not strong enough. You are too old now. We cannot help you. Just lay down and die." Finally, one of the two frogs in the hole listened to what his frog-friends said. He gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again his frog-friends yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. The frog jumped even harder and finally jumped right out of the hole. When the frog finally jumped out of the hole, he just laid down and rested.

