



Against All Odds Fay Nelson

I love this tree! It took root in rocks at an elevation over 6,300' and grew to maturity despite a great many adverse conditions.

Wind! Very little moisture either in rain or snow. Minimal soil. Exposure. Despite all of these negative factors, it has survived and thrived and stands like a sentinel as you enter the Glen Eyrie Conference Center. For me, it's always an encouragement and reminder that difficult times can make us stronger...if we let them.

In an age (two years CAN feel like an age!) when negative news, both real and propagandized, is almost entirely omnipresent, we need many reminders of the **real** news, the **good** news of God's love, His redemption, His faithfulness to us even when we allow concerns and fears to cause us to doubt. There really **is** Good News.

God loves **us**. He **IS** truth. He is **faithful**. He will give us the strength we need to stand firm in Him. Then we can really live!

... for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3:18 NASB

A Fresh View!

CliffAnn Perry

After several summers of working primarily on **We Love Lucy** for **YouTube** and traveling on mission trips, we decided this year should be different. We prayed over and employed 3 new staff members and began to train them. What a joy to revisit puppetry, drama, songs and stories through their fresh eyes and teach the basics of ministry as well as skills. They worked with passion, laughter and prayer as they prepared for the opportunity to share Jesus with several groups of children. And God, who is always faithful, used our team to lead many to Jesus and to deepen their walk with Him. We look forward to investing more time in training for this team as the year passes



Olivia, Joseph and Jaida



It was such a joy to hear the team say things like, "Can't we work on Saturday too?" Or the several times they showed up an hour early in their eagerness to be on time. It was also a blessing to

hear them make statements that in essence said, "We trained for this ministry, we are not too young, we are ready."



This fall Fay and I did children's ministry for the Kenny Davis Retreat. It was a small group of children which means there was more time for conversation. These children know about Lucy on

YouTube and were delighted to meet her in person. Afterwards, one boy asked, "Was that the real Lucy?" Fay said, "Yes, that was the real Lucy, I work with her." He asked (with envy in his voice), "You get to see her every day? Wow!"

It is a joy to remember that God still uses bits of cloth and foam and story and song to draw children to Himself. He still uses people like us of all ages to tell His Good News. And He still uses you, as you, in whatever place He has called you to do the same.



My FitBit's Finest Hour

Fay Nelson

Several years ago I entered a new phase of life when I bought a new watch which tracks my steps and makes a zillion other bits of information available to me if I take the trouble to check. But the time and the daily number of steps have been my main interests and management challenge.

I am alternately elated and irritated at the end of the day when I track my activity. I live in a home and office building with 18 steps between floors but am never credited with the number of times I go up and down—and they are many! Occasionally I get a party celebration (for 10,000 steps in a day) but most days the report shows moderate activity.

Last week, however, one hourly report was the best ever. Forty-two steps! While that may seem like a pathetic report for activity, it was the activity itself that made those steps golden!

After our yearly staff retreat at the Anselm Society Conference in Colorado Springs, we attend Holy Trinity Anglican Church. That service has been precious each year as the rich content of the conference begins to settle in our hearts and spirits. My hour's 42 steps were to and from the altar to receive communion.

Christ's body was broken for us. His blood was shed for us that we might become a part of His family, receive newness of life and healing. In these of all times, there's no better news—or a better hour's effort to celebrate that news!

Thank you!

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness! During this season of restricted travel and so much change, your giving has sustained us and given us the freedom to adapt to expanded ways of ministry and outreach.

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Creative Ministries Around the World

Even in this time of no overseas travel, we are still working on behalf of missionaries. We continue to meet with several on Zoom, by email and prayer.

Because of your generosity, we've been able to partner with our church to send resources to our friends in Cuba. Thankfully, we have just been given puppets that we can pick up to send overseas. These may end up in Guatemala, Cuba or Thailand. Please pray with us that we can continue to be an encouragement and help to those serving overseas.



Rejoicing with Linda and Patty

Since our last newsletter, two of our close friends have gone to be with the Lord. While we miss them very much, we are so blessed to have experienced years of life and fellowship with them.

Linda Jones of **N.O.A.H. Ministries** spent almost half of her life in Zambia, loving God and His people, ministering alongside her husband Mike, and being "mother" to countless orphans.

Patty Cooke loved God and spent her life serving Him with her family, in her community and steadfastly encouraging those of us in ministry.

Well done, Ladies!

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