

The Good Doctor

Little 7-year-old True needed heart surgery. The surgery was set at Children's Nebraska Hospital in Omaha. True was under the care of Child Services at the time. On the day of the surgery, he was dropped off at the hospital.

Yes, dropped off. He didn't have his Mom, his Dad, or any adult with him. He was left alone at the hospital.

The surgery proceeded as planned. The anesthesiologist that cared for True during the 7-hour surgery was Dr. Amy Beethe. During the surgery she kept thinking about the little boy and the care that he needed. When the surgery was complete, she called her husband. "We need to have a talk when we get home," she said to him, "and I need you to have an open mind."

Her husband, Ryan, was a little hesitant at first at the idea of adopting True – perhaps because they already had six children. "But it didn't take long to hear what was needed. And it just felt right," he told Steve Hartman.

So, about a year and a half later, the good doctor and her husband adopted True into their family. Isn't that *truly* wonderful?

But that's not all...

True had 5 other siblings. The Beethes couldn't adopt all of them, but they urged their family and friends to consider adopting the children. Amy's sister and her husband agreed to adopt Tailin. Then Amy's sister-in-law and her husband took Tyra. Amy's co-worker and her husband took in Malia and Takari to be a part of their family. There was one more...

"I went back to my husband..." Amy said. And that's how Laney came into their family. *

You and I were "orphaned" because of our sin. But God sent His Son – the Great Physician – to heal our sinful condition. The remedy for our sin was the precious blood of Jesus that He shed on the cross as payment for our redemption from sin.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

When we accept His offer of salvation and life, God also adds us to His family, the church (Acts 2:41, 47).

God will save from sin and add to His family those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The Bible calls this “the new birth” (see John 3:3,5). We are “born again” into God’s family (Galatians 3:26-27); the Bible also calls this “adoption” (Romans 8:14-17). Then, as we continue to walk in the light of God’s Word, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7-9) and prepares us for an eternal home in heaven.

So, accept the Great Physician’s offer of salvation and eternal life. When you do, He will say, “Welcome to the family,” and you will be well cared for, forever.

-- David A. Sargent

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