

COMING NEXT MONTH



THE NIGHT THE FIRE FELL IN DALLAS

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THE THREE THINGS I PRAY FOR EVERYDAY



WHAT AN HONOR TO SERVE THESE GREAT MINISTRIES
 TOP: Donnie with the Hamel family.
 BOTTOM LEFT: The newest member of the Glass Slipper. BOTTOM RIGHT: With Jackie - the Director of the Glass Slipper.

1. Favor – I pray for favor with God and favor with man. You don't need everybody to like you; you just need the right person to like you.

2. Wisdom – My dad told me wisdom is the ability to use knowledge effectively; it's the ability to apply knowledge. Wisdom comes three ways.

- Pain – *“For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.” (Ecclesiastes 1:18)* We always try to learn from our mistakes. We learn through difficult trials. Pain can be a good teacher. Success is for our pleasure; failure is for our learning.

- People – *“Walk with the wise and become wise.” (Proverbs 13:20)* There are people who speak into our lives who are so valuable. Mentors are people who've been where we are going. Their longevity qualifies them to speak into our life. If someone hasn't been where we are going all they have is an opinion about what we need to do to get there.

- Prayer – *“If any of you lacks wisdom you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” (James 1:5)* We need to pray for Godly wisdom in any situation we encounter.

3. That, every day, I can do something for somebody who can never repay me – In the Book of Acts, when the apostles were serving the widows and orphans miracles began to break out. They were serving people who could never repay them nor promote them. This is why I'm always attracted to those who give with no agenda, never expecting anything back.

We had the privilege this last December to partner with two such organizations:

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The Hamels Foundation

Founded by Texas Rangers pitcher, Cole Hamels and his wife, Heidi, the Hamels Foundation has a dual purpose to provide support for quality education in the United States and to establish a fully functioning school in Malawi, Africa. They are dedicated to enriching the lives of children through the power of education by giving them the tools they need to achieve their goals.

I was invited to speak at their Baseball Clinic after Cole heard me share at Spring Training, "I knew I had to have Donnie speak at our clinic." I addressed athletes ages 8-12 and 12-18 as well as their parents. It was a stretch for me as I challenged the parents to be a "mom and dad" first to these young ball players, and to make that a priority in working with them in their sports as well.

I was absolutely blown away by the generosity of Cole and Heidi Hamels and what they are doing to enrich the lives of children. You can learn more about their work at www.thehamelsfoundation.org.



LEFT: Donnie address both parents and athletes.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Heidi and Cole Hamels sharing.



The Glass Slipper

Since our dear friend, Kelly Harlow, asked me to speak at the Glass Slipper Christmas Banquet two years ago we have had the honor of our hearts and lives joining together with these precious girls. This includes volunteering at the Glass Slipper, scholar-shiping girls to Summer Camp, mentoring, attending events and encouraging them in any way we can. This year, once again, I had the privilege of sharing at their banquet. Our daughter Brooke was there, as well as our dear friend, Jeanne LaCelle, who blessed the girls with many gifts and her incredible story of herself being homeless and in the foster care system. Her story captured the girls' hearts, as well as her words of motivation and love. You can learn more about The Glass Slipper at www.theglassslipper.org



TOP LEFT: Jeanne LaCelle encouraging the girls!
BOTTOM LEFT: Donnie sharing with the girls.
CENTER: Donnie and Acquaya - a Glass Slipper Alum.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Brooke helping to pass out the generous amount of gifts for the girls.



Christmas is often a difficult season for children without families, especially in these days of social media where it seems everyone is posting about the most wonderful time of the year and all the gifts and trips they're taking with family. Adolescence can be a difficult time in itself, but this demographic, particularly those in foster-care group homes are often overlooked. Younger children are easier to shop for so even gift drives don't include teens. Additionally, since group homes aren't traditional foster-family residences, instead facilities where kids live without a family structure, sadly, the holidays are often a reminder of how different their lives are from those of their class mates.

The Glass Slipper has the honor of reminding these girls that they are not forgotten, and they have intrinsic value. Precious memories are created during what would otherwise be dark seasons as girls are inspired to grasp hold of their future. All the girls look forward to the annual Christmas party where they enjoy a great dinner, are lavished with Christmas gifts made possible by multiple community members including Donnie Moore. Beyond the gifts, everyone's favorite part of the night is when Donnie speaks to the girls from the heart of a father. They have come to know Donnie over the last few years and have great respect and admiration for him. The gift of a father affirming a young woman is huge, and we are so honored to have Donnie bless our ministry in this way. These are girls who do not have fathers in their lives – he stands in the gap. We know Donnie's prayers serve as a covering for them and his words spoken into the lives of these beautiful 38 girls over Christmas dinner will have a lasting and profound impact.

For The Girls - D. Jacqueline Guzman
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