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LIFE IS FULL OF CHOICES

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The Choice Of A Lifetime

In life there are choices that don't seem to be very important. What color socks should I wear? Should I turn left here or go to the next street? Would I like another glass of water?

Some choices are life changing. Which career would be best for me? Is this the honorable thing to do? Is this the right person for me to marry?

Kiko was seven when he came to the Center with his brother and two sisters. He was a difficult child from the beginning and his little brother Tony (four) was almost as bad.

They would go out of their way to be disruptive whether we were having a snack, doing Bible Club or playing recreational games. They had a huge need for affection, and they discovered early in life that they couldn't get it by being good, so they chose to act badly.

Most, if not all, of those early choices to behave badly were not life changing choices in and of themselves - but those small choices did set a pattern for their lives.

Kiko and Tony are now both in prison. What they did to end up there is not important. The important part is that while they were making the small choices early in life they were choosing their destiny.

In contrast, Tony has two sisters who made different choices. Both graduated college, have gotten masters degrees in education and are doing quite well in life.

I talked with Angie recently and she said, "I hated it every time you said *life is full of choices*. Now that I am a parent I understand the value in that phrase and I am using it with my kids."

Solomon said:

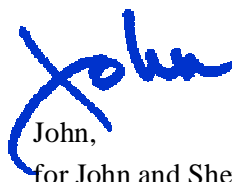
"If you correct someone who chooses to make fun of wisdom, you will get hurt. Do not correct those who make fun of wisdom, but correct the wise, and they will love you. Teach the wise, and they will become even wiser; teach good people, and they will learn even more.

Proverbs 9: 7-9

Our desire has always been to reach kids with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After all, choosing Jesus is the most important choice there is. Some people choose to listen, others do not.

Thank you for choosing to support us. Your prayer and financial support help us reach those who choose to listen.

In His grip,



John,
for John and Sheryl

Answered Prayer

We have traveled through the Northwest for the past two months.

Except for an initial problem with the motor of our pickup we have not had a problem.

Praise God.

We have talked to you about Maria, the Chinese-American Missionary with whom we have been working this past year.

She has recently been approved to return to China this November.

We are thrilled to see how God will use Life Is Full Of Choices in this cultural setting.

Prayer Request

Our calendar for the fall could be very full,; A Women's Retreat, a S.A.Y. Yes! Training and a Parenting Seminar have been talked about.

Pray for our energy, our scheduling and the people we will train.