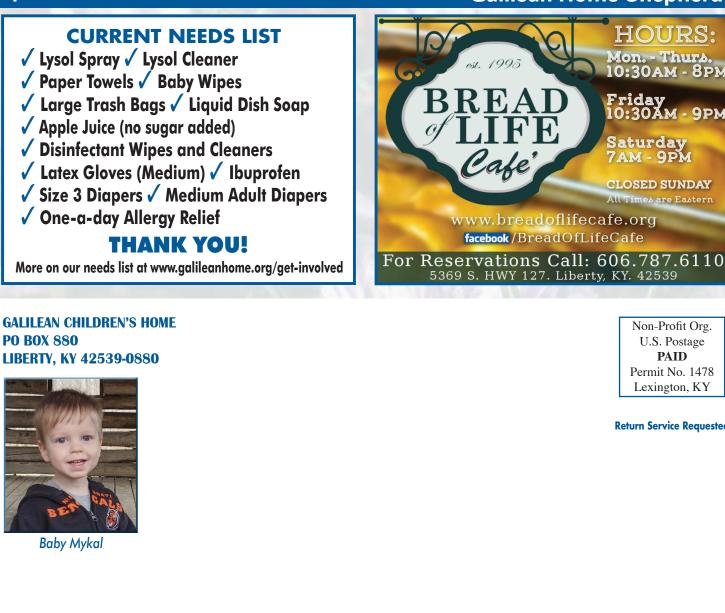
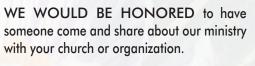
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as the students call him, currently serves as the Assistant young man parked his Mazda lowrider truck with music still blasting from the sound system and Principal at GCA, the Bible Instructor, and as the Sestaggered into a café in downtown Liberty after partying nior Lead Pastor of The Hill Church in Liberty, KY. God all night as a rebellious high school student. A very has an awesome way of bringing everything to fruition stern but compassionate older lady approached him in His time, doesn't He? Absolutely! His story, like so and said, "Don't waste your life! God has big plans for many others, is a testimony to the life changing, soul

you!" The young man just wanting a cup of coffee to help take the edge off his headache, replied with liquor on his breath, "I sure hope so, ma'am!" The lady came closer, putting her hand on his back while saving intently, "Don't settle for anything less than God's Will!" The young man didn't even know what that meant at the time and wasn't certain that he even believed in a god at all. That young man's name is Reggie



nity to converse in Heav-Tipton and Sis. Sandy Tucker was God's messenger on en without being hindered by time. That day, in that very that day at such a crucial time in his life at The Bread of moment, she just focused on me. There were other customers in the café, but you could tell she was fixated Life Café. About few months later he started dating a local on me with a laser-like precision. Honestly, at the time, pastor's daughter, who made a firm deal with him that it kinda threw me for a loop and caught me off guard. he would have to attend every weekly church service I just dismissed it until I realized I forgot to pay for my coffee! I was really nervous at that point, thinking she in order to continue seeing his daughter. He reluctantly might have suspected me of trying to steal it. God is so agreed. After clearly hearing the good news of the Gospel, over a six month period in those church services, he good in who He uses and how He works! Looking back trusted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and surrendered his on that moment, it's totally amazing that I now serve in life to the ministry. Since then, God has used him greatly a leadership role in a ministry that her and Bro. Jerry in both pastoral and in church planting ministries here started so many years ago. On that particular day, I had and in South America. Fast forward more than twentyprobably never heard of Galilean Home Ministries or the five years and you will find that same young man, with Galilean Christian Academy. Now, I couldn't imagine not less hair, more purpose, and a minivan instead of a cool being there to serve in some capacity. I am a GCA Ealowrider proclaiming that same message to the students gle! So, how did all this transpire? God began the work at the Galilean Christian Academy everyday. Bro. Reg, with that brief, rather one sided conversation, years ago

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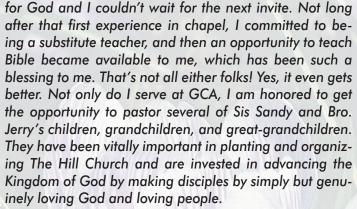
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stirring power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the providential hand of almighty God to direct an individual into His purpose. Here's what Reggie had to say about that encounter with Sandy at the café that morning:

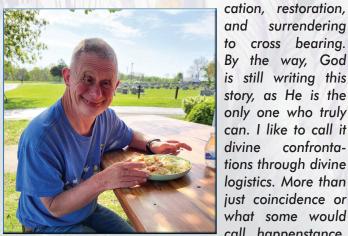
"I had never met Sis. Sandy before, and unfortunately, never had another conversation with her before she passed. I know we will have plenty of opportu-

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and continued to work by opening the door for me to be a quest speaker in a chapel service not long after we relocated back to the U.S. from Brazil. It was in the chapel that I actually connected the dots and came to the realization, while I was looking at pictures on the wall, that Sis. Sandy was the lady who spoke with me concerning the Will of God years ago. The Holy Spirit recalled to my memory every detail and it was almost as if I was watching the conversation take place in real time in my mind. During that chapel service the students and teachers deeply captivated my heart as I witnessed their hunger



So, why do I want to share this story? This encounter from years gone by could have been the first divine penstroke in writing the beginning to an awesome story, which pointed me in the direction of God's plan and purpose for my life. It's a story of forgiveness, reconciliation, justifi-



James enjoying a picnic

and surrendering to cross bearing. By the way, God is still writing this story, as He is the only one who truly can. I like to call it divine confrontations through divine logistics. More than just coincidence or what some would call happenstance, it was definitely an



Lunch outside

ordained divine confrontation, just like Jesus had with Zacchaeus, while he was in a sycamore tree. You can read about this in more detail in Luke Chapter 19. I wasn't a crooked tax collector or a thief, unless you are still judging me over the cup of coffee. I promise I paid for it. However, Jesus loved me in my mess and spoke to me indirectly through Sis. Sandy when I wasn't up a tree, but was up a creek, so to speak, drowning in my sinfulness. Please never forget that you are so important to God that He will make it a point to come to your precise location through a servant like Sis. Sandy, a sermon from His Word, or through the still-small voice of His

Spirit, as you navigate a trial or obstacle, to patiently and lovingly confront you to surrender to Him. He has perfect timing and is much better at logistics than the postal service. I am confident that He works things out for our good and His alory. Right now, you might be in the same condition I was in when I walked in that café for a cup of coffee or you might be in a position to be that vessel God uses to make people think about the Lord. Only God knows! One thing is for certain – it's not too late to look up and reach out right now. Some would say Sandy isn't of any real significance in my story, because she didn't directly lead me to a relationship with Jesus, but who are we to make such a claim. You might be thinking, C'mon, Bro Reg, she barely spoke 10 words to you. How could that possibly have an impact? Remember, God doesn't waste time or opportunities. She was just as significant as all the others who pointed me to Christ. There are not any

insignificant, unimportant people or experiences pointing us to Christ. Please, don't allow Satan to make you entertain your lack of importance to God's Kingdom by generating results you are not responsible for to begin with. Remember. some plant, some water, but God



Jimmy eating outside

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brings forth the harvest and gives the spiritual increase. I am eternally grateful for the marvelous grace of Jesus to allow me to look up and for all of those willing servants He used along the way to lovingly seek me when I wasn't seeking him. When I wasn't interested in Him, He was passionate about me. When I wasn't looking for Him, He was pursuing me. He saved me! Oh, the blessed thought of truly being a Child of God! What a difference King Jesus has made in my life, death, and eternity. I want to invest my life in the lives of these students at GCA and be faithful to the ministry God has called me to. I know I only have one life to live and one life to give. I want to make it count for my Lord!"

By the way, Ashley, the pastor's daughter who Reggie was interested in dating so much that he was even willing to endure "boring church services" has been his wife of almost twenty years. Reggie and Ashley have five beautiful children who all attend Galilean Christian Academy and Ashley is also a Kindergarten aide at GCA. She enjoys serving the Lord with Reggie and their children by loving on the kiddos in her class. The Tipton Family would want to encourage each of you to "Please never settle for anything less than God's Will, because God has big plans for each of you." Kinda sounds familiar, huh?

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ur volunteer program is a good way to dive Jin and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our ministry. Ladies 18 & older, if you feel you have the love and patience along with a good amount of flexibility to care for our family, we encourage you to apply. Volunteers are very important part of what we do. You get to care for our severely handicapped residents in the Blessing House, and other members of our family, as well as caring for our babies at the Angel House. We also need teacher's aides for our academy, so there are plenty of areas in which to serve. We provide housing and basic needs, but do require at least a three-month commitment.

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