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I am back from journey to El Salvador. My daughter Melanie graduated from high school in May and she also was along for the trip. It was wonderful to be with Mica and Casey and see first hand where and how they live. The people of El Salvador are so accommodating, friendly and warm. Most of them live very simply but are so happy to share what they have. I learned how to take a “bucket bath” with water warmed up on the stove, enjoy my first papoosa (a hand made corn tortilla filled with beans and cheese), and fall asleep each night listening to the sounds of the countryside, (cows, parrots, dogs, and roosters). Night time is extremely noisy!

One thing I noticed in particular is how families take care of each other there. It is not uncommon to find grandparents, children, and grandchildren all living within walking distance of one another. The continuation of family tradition is passed from one generation to the next, providing security, respect, and closeness between its members.

I wish all of you a happy Father’s day this month and if you are blest to be with family, enjoy the company!

In His Service, Chris

CRACKED POT

*An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

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> One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

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> At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

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> For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

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> Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments.

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> But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

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> After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

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> "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

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> The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"





- > "That's because I have always known about your
flaw, so I planted
flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk
back, you water them."
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- > "For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to
decorate the table."
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- > Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this
beauty to grace the house."
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- > Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we
each have that make our lives together so very interesting and
rewarding.
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- > You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for
the good in them.
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- > SO, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to
smell the flowers on your side of the path!

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings on your special day!
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Agnes Gibson

June 29



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TODAY'S CLEAN LAUGH

Hamster Care

After buying her kids a pet hamster, after they PROMISED they would take care of it, Mom, as usual, ended up with the responsibility.

One evening, exasperated, she asked them, "How many times do you think that hamster would have died if I hadn't looked after it?"

After a moment, her youngest son replied quizzically, "Once?"

*Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke!
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