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But one story stands out. Recently while visiting the Beaverton, Oregon, Seventh-day Adventist Church, I saw my friend Deana and her daughter Sara. Just a little over a year ago, Deana's daughter Heather was killed in an automobile accident. Deana's husband Frank was in the passenger's seat. Heather was driving. She pulled out in front of a huge truck and was killed instantly when the truck hit the driver's side of the car. Frank suffered a severe head injury from which he has never recovered. Last year we visited the family shortly after the accident while Frank was still in rehab. Shortly after that, we sent them a copy of our CD.

Prior to the accident, Frank and Deana, both nurses, cared for people with head injuries. Now Deana is caring for her husband, who is unconscious of anything happening around him. Sara, 16, helps her mother care for him, as well as three other brain-injured patients. They pray daily for Frank to "wake up." God is good to sustain this family through this unbelievable trial they are going through. Deana told me that our family's CD has been a real comfort to her. She plays it for Frank and listens to it herself all the time. Other people have told us that the music is peaceful and soothing. For that we praise God.

Listen to their recording, Draw Me Nearer

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After observing that not one speck of soil lay around, nor any baskets smashed as it would be for vandalism, and no sign of the baskets anywhere around our complex, my husband and I, and the apartment security and management, decided that the flowers were stolen for resale. It seems that other residents reported bicycles and fishing gear stolen from their patios as well.

These are tough economic times and many people are hurting, some become desperate. I forgave the thieves and reconciled that life or limb had not been stolen—just flowers.

However, blessings come from sad experiences, too, and this theft resulted in such.

First of all, the night after the theft, I awoke with a start and felt impressed to read 1 Thessalonians 5 about Jesus coming as a thief in the night. As I read, I decided to study it out. It is obvious that He will only come as a thief to those who aren’t adequately prepared. Thus, I seriously questioned myself, “Am I ready?”

As I studied, I questioned myself further, “Have I been attending more to my flowers than I have to my own spiritual life?” I always deadhead and weed them, careful that they are the prettiest they can be. They are watered and fed—and, yes, I talk to my flowers.

I decided that even though memorization, especially as I grow older is difficult for me, I am going to put more effort into doing just that, memorizing more scripture. This will enhance my spiritual life, just as I nurture my flowers. After all, spiritual health is important to my salvation. This process provided the first blessing from the theft.

In the interim, my husband went to the neighbors to ask if they heard any commotion the night of the theft. Various neighbors, especially the upstairs ones, told us repeatedly how much they appreciate the loveliness we provide them with our flowers.

The second blessing came a couple of days later when the immediate upstairs neighbor came bearing a planter with a potted petunia for me. She said, “I feel so sorry for your loss.” She understood how much my flowers meant to me—and I do plant them for my neighbors enjoyment too. My husband and I always have considered the appearance of the outside of our dwellings for our neighbors as well as ourselves. We don’t have a yard anymore but we do have beautiful flower baskets.

However, the best part was that though we tried to be friendly previously nothing worked out beyond “hellos” until my husband started hanging gifts of fruit on her doorknob. No notes. But she figured out who it came from. I invited her in to visit and we enjoyed a pleasant time together, even discussing spiritual values. Hugs blessed us both, as she left.

Then blessing three: a call from friends Barbie and Carl, who were moving back north from Florida to Wisconsin for the summer. They told us that they were stopping off, to bring us their flowers. Isn’t God good? He replaced all our loss, with bonuses.

I am not sure the blessings that followed once upon a theft are finished but I do know this, the theft was worth it!
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