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Betty Cooney

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David Smith

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Have you ever imagined how hard it might be for families who are currently unemployed to do their laundry? The Bend Adventist Church (Bend, Oregon) provides laundry assistance to people in their community who are hurting. This creative ministry provides members with the opportunity to help others in a practical way.

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Sometimes flying is a good antidote for pride. From up there the smallness of what consumes much of our energy and focus becomes apparent. The automobiles, houses and other places we inhabit quickly shrink and become small bits of steal and clutter. If this is what we see from 40,000 feet, think what God sees from heaven. Yet, even though we are just specks of dust God traded His best to reclaim our hearts.

Flying over central California- Photo by Rich DuBose
The Flat-Screen Enemy

By David B. Smith

An enemy hath done this. And its name might be the Cartoon Network. Or NBC and Fox.

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Despite my continuing affection for the glowing screen, as a Christian man and father, I have to admit that Hollywood is an industry intent on planting weeds in the pristine garden of our families. TV relentlessly promotes selfishness. It treats sex as a joke. It informs children that lying is the best way to evade the painful results of their bad choices. It generally mocks the faith I spent two expensive decades trying to instill in the hearts of my daughters. Most episodes of Law and Order begin with someone stumbling over a murdered corpse and predictably uttering the exact same three words: "Oh my God."

I’m not on a kick to tell families to get rid of their TV’s; I really can’t say that with credibility when I still have one myself. And after spending a decade working in Christian television, I have a glowing appreciation for the great boon media is to the kingdom of heaven. I’m simply saying this. If we don’t pay attention, television will deliberately try to poison our wells. It will turn our values into punch lines. It will put a laugh track under the jests of men and women who care nothing about God, who don’t appreciate His values, and who have no plans to dwell in a home prepared for him.

It is a pleasant reality, though, that if parents offer their kids a creative alternative to a television program or violent video game, most kids will seize it! Trips to Dodger Stadium, parlor games, even a walk to a park with swings and a merry-go-round can whip the pants off Nickelodeon. But it’s got to be your call, your suggestion.

The old Latin phrase tabula rasa suggests that our children come into this world as blank slates. Someone will instill values in them. Either you, or a ten-dollar remote control device. Someone will shape your child for one of two destinations. If you’re too lazy, Hollywood has volunteered to do the job for you.

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Laundry Love Project

October 22, 2010

Well it is finally going to happen!!!!

LAUNDRY LOVE PROJECT!!!

What: A regular opportunity for people who are struggling financially to have assistance with their laundry.

Where: Central Oregon Dry cleaners and Coin-Op Laundromat, Wagner Square Mall, N. HWY 97 & Odem Medo Rd. #R, Redmond

When: The 10th of each month, beginning November 10th.

For those of you not familiar with the project or have not talked to Angie or I in awhile, LLP is a non-profit service project for the people in our community that are struggling financially. We will be at the Laundry mat the 10th of each month with quarters, laundry soap and donated clothing. People are welcome to come and bring their laundry, we will supply the rest!! We are hoping to collect clothing that they can look through and take what they need for themselves or their children.

Angie will bring a basket to the Connections group at the SDA church to collect donations. We will accept soap (dry, it is less messy), $$ (quarters or any form:) , dryer sheets, clothing, sleeping bags..(clean and usable please). You may contact Angie or I if
drop off at the church is less convenient than meeting up with one of us in person.

We are so excited to finally begin this project!! Call Angie or I if you have any questions, volunteer opportunities, or inquire about starting a LLP in Bend!!!

Thanks so Much
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If you enjoyed this post, be sure to read the rest from this author. Marc is a local writer, musician, and physician. He is a regular contributor to ConneXions and has written reviews for Spectrum: Adventist Forum. He loves words and music, windsurfing, and going on adventures with Janine and the kids (Read more from this author)

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I feel guilty about skipping my devotional. And of course, You know that I sometimes skip it even when my life is more in control and I do have the time. Please forgive me. I honestly do love You and want to have a deeper friendship, but all these other people and deadlines feel more real and urgent.

So with red face I have to say: thank You for the wonderful reality that You are there even when I rush right past you and headlong into another crazy day. Thank You for revealing Your accepting grace during my shortsighted moments, and for bathing me with love when I do trudge back to my quiet space where Your still small voice welcomes me.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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