

micki's meanderings

Welcome once again to *Her Voice*, I believe our writers have out done themselves again with this issue and I know you'll love reading the stories they have written for your enjoyment. As you can also see in this issue we are bringing Holly Hoffman, the South Dakota native who was on Survivor, back to speak at our Celebrate Women event. She has a new message that I know will touch your heart so I invite you to attend this awesome event. As I'm writing this we already have our major sponsors committed to being there, a variety of other businesses plus we currently have over 14 home-based businesses registered and this number is growing. You won't want to miss the 2013 Celebrate Women event.

I received this email and thought with Easter coming it was a good time to share it. It really made me think and I hope you enjoy it too.

When We Ask Why...

This is one of the best explanations of why God allows pain and suffering that I have seen. It's an explanation I think helps us all understand better.

A lady went to a beauty shop to have her hair cut and her nails painted and trimmed. As the lady began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the beautician said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked Sheryl who has MS. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

Then Sheryl thought for a moment, but didn't respond because she didn't want to start an argument. The beautician finished her job and the customer left the shop. Just after she left the beautiful shop, she saw a woman in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and not groomed at all. She looked dirty and unkempt. Then Sheryl turned back and entered the beauty shop again and she said to the beautician: "You know what? Beauticians do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised beautician. "I am here, and I am a beautician. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" Sheryl exclaimed. "Beauticians don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair who are also very unkempt, like that woman outside." "Ah, but beauticians DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" – affirmed Sheryl. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

I leave you all with this: Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps, if you are not willing to move your feet.

Take care and God bless,

Micki