

## *News From The Homefront*

### Owls –

Last week, we heard about a bird sanctuary and decided to go see it. To backtrack, when Frank was a boy he was raised on a farm and there was a great horned owl that became his “friend.” He and his mom could make a hooting sound and it would come down to a table where there was food, and it wasn’t scared of him or his family. On walking through this bird sanctuary, we came across an owl cage of barn owls. Frank did his best hoot owl call. The owl was about two feet from our faces, and after Frank’s hooting call, blinked its eyes as though it was rolling its eyes at Frank. Frank said, “Oh, so you’ve heard that before.” The owl blinked again as if to confirm this. We got tickled how at the right second the owl responded. Birds are smart and we always enjoy observing them and learning from nature.

There were 83 species and I think one of things I noticed most is all the different colors that the birds have. I thought to myself that if anyone is going to decorate their home or make a quilt, they need to look up the colors that God put together. Some of the parrots and lorikeets had colors that appeared in the sunlight to be florescent. Such wonderful beauty.

When we were leaving, there was a large cockatoo in a cage that said, “See ya later, mate.” It was cute and funny. It made me want to volunteer at a bird sanctuary.

### Providence not coincidence –

Frank has been busy passing out tracts and at one house, the tract blew away. He stopped his scooter and went to get it. As he did so, a lady walked out and greeted him. He explained how he was inviting people to worship services and handing out Gospel tracts/bulletins as well. She looked at it and said, “This looks familiar.” She asked if we had ever lived in or near Mandurah, Western Australia. He said we had, and she told him that she had received one there and had read it then. That would have been about six years ago. They talked for a while and she said she would ask her daughter about attending services. It showed us that we never know who is reading what Frank has had printed in the newspapers or passed out, and that it can be a seed planted for the future.

### Computers –

This past month, Frank’s computer broke. He took it apart to see if something (such as wires) had come loose but saw that a circuit board had melted and there was no way to fix it. We are old-fashioned where we get used to our computers and don’t want to change. It’s not an exciting thing to us, but a dread. It was as if the world caved in when Frank found out he would have to upgrade from Windows 8.1 to Windows 10. It arrived a few days ago, and I did the wifely task of making a to-do list of all the software he needed to download. Now I nonchalantly ask him every day if he has gotten all the software downloaded. He tells me that he worked on it for a while and then got tired of it and it can wait until later. At first, he offered to use my laptop and get me a new one and I said no way. I’ve had mine for two years and I’m just now getting used to it. 😊

A friend in Christ,  
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