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Are you a vessel in the Masters Hand ?

The Master was searching for a vessel to use; On the shelf there were many - which one would He choose? "Take me", cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright, I'm of great value and I do things just right. My beauty and luster will outshine the rest And for someone like You, Master, gold would be the best!"



The Master passed on with no word at all; He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall; "I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine, My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true, And my silver will always compliment You."

Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass, It was wide mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass. "Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do, Place me on Your table for all men to view."

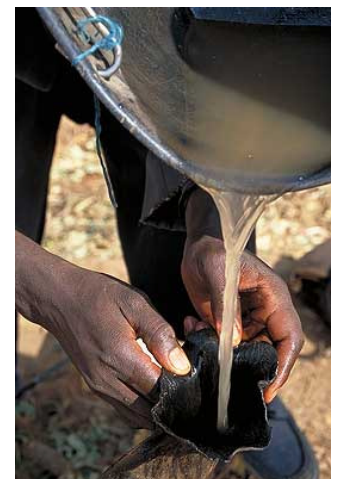
"Look at me", called the goblet of crystal so clear, "My transparency shows my contents so dear, Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride, And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide."

The Master came next to a vessel of wood, Polished and carved, it solidly stood. "You may use me, dear Master", the wooden bowl said, "But I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for Bread!" Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay. Empty and broken it helplessly lay. No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose, To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.



"Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find, I will mend and use it and make it all Mine." "I need not the vessel with pride of its self; Nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf; Nor the one who is big mouthed and shallow and loud; Nor one who displays his contents so proud; Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right; But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might."

Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay. Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day. Spoke to it kindly. "There's work you must do, Just pour out to others as I pour into you." Gary Smith



Serving Project Report

Greetings to the wonderful helpers of the Family Funomenon!

Paul Foss offered to pass this along to you ...I wanted to take another opportunity to let you know how grateful we are for all of your help during our charity event. This is a huge undertaking that would not have been possible without your help. Those of us who plan and prepare for this day know that it would not happen at all without the generosity and efforts of you, the volunteers. Your willingness to jump right in and help out, in spite of the long hours and brutal heat, was truly heartwarming. As a result of everyone's efforts \$25,000 was raised to help the children.

This money benefited Ashlyne Marie Wills, a little girl with a large mass behind her heart, and Casey Bly, who has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and, in the past 6 years, his mother, sister, and brother have died from this disease. Through chemotherapy the doctors were able to shrink Ashlyne's tumor. Last Monday they performed a successful surgery to remove this mass, and hopefully resulting in a cancer-free life for Ashlyne. Praise GOD!!!



Casey is still not out of the woods...I have copied an excerpt from his website for your information:

"Hello everyone, it just so turns out that a lot of stuff has happened since the last time that I blogged. For example I graduated and walked across the stage first to receive my diploma which was very nice. But then the very next day I had an appointment in Georgetown clinic where they did just a normal routine bone marrow biopsy checkup type thing and they found that my leukemia has made a reoccurrence so I got admitted immediately the day after I graduated. I'm not back into remission yet but the doctors here at Georgetown University are trying their absolute hardest to knock me back into remission as fast as they did the first time. And it does turn out that I will need another bone marrow transplant. So the Blys will be returning to North Carolina as soon as I am in remission long enough and strong enough to go through another one of those.....But I am still in the hospital because I have very low platelets and my counts are 0. and I had to get my chest tubes taken out because they got an infection and then I got a double instead of a triple on the left side of my chest this time. But my new one got an infection also but the doctors think they can clear it out with antibiotics, and I hope so because I really don't want to get another one when im going to have to get another one in when we go to duke since I need a triple lumen for the transplant."

Please keep Casey in your prayers. If you would like to keep up with his progress and the efforts of the Patty Pollatos Fund, you can read all about both at www.ppfinc.org

I am sorry that I didn't get the opportunity to meet all of you, serve you cold water bottles! :-), and thank you personally for coming to help. Our next Family Funomenon will be during the 1st weekend of October in 2008. If you feel lead to, please mark your calendars. We would love to have your help again!

Thank you so much for caring!!!!!!!

Upcoming Events

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| August 21 | Fasting for Jobs and Marriages |
| September 15 | 3rd Week Service Saturday |
| October 6 | 10th Anniversary Stand in the Gap |
| October 12, 13 | 1st Annual Men's Retreat |
| October 26 | 100 Man Choir-Maranatha Church in Frederick |