

We were here only a short time when we met the little girl who lived in the house in front of ours with her grandmother who was caring for her. During the summer, they would walk to our property, which was behind theirs (about a quarter of a mile), to visit in the cool of the shade trees which are growing on our property. Her name was Amanda; she was a pretty little girl of eleven. Taken from her mother at the age of five after living out of a car for most of her life, her grandmother had taught her everything that she knew... but she was not taught too much about hygiene and other social refinements. I saw that her grandmother was very hard on her, so Amanda would often walk back to our place on her own to chat with me. With her grandmother's permission, Lee and I started taking her to church. They were the first times that Amanda had ever attended!

One morning after Lee and I finished our prayers, we looked at each other and spoke at once; "I think that GOD Wants us to ask Amanda if she wants to live with us". Wow, GOD Put those words in both our hearts at the same time! So, the next day we went to the grandmother and asked her what she thought. We felt comfortable speaking to her about it, for she seemed quite a bit older than we were, and we had the feeling that she was tired from the rigors of raising the little girl. Besides, The Lord Himself Had Suggested it! When the grandmother agreed, she gave the girl the choice. Amanda was thrilled, and so were we! We fixed up a room for her, and she lived with us for a year, but then her father wanted to take her. She had her twelfth birthday with us, and a slumber party, too, but the most wonderful part of her stay was when she asked JESUS into her heart! So, she left our home, and the years passed. Now, she lives not too far from us with a nice husband and two precious sons! We have such fond memories of that year! I particularly remember how Amanda seemed to want to crawl inside me, and become a little me! She told me afterwards how we had impacted her life for Christ more than anyone else she knows. It was our privilege Amanda, and we pray for many Blessings for you and your family!

In the weekly prayer group that I went to, there was a wonderful lady named Mary who was once a cloistered nun and had left the Convent after twenty years to get married to an ex-priest. It seemed that at about the time that I met her, she was getting divorced from him. He had left her for her best friend, and she was devastated and needed a place to live for a time. We had already moved Nonie into the house from her sweet little mobile home, so

we asked her if she wanted to stay in it until she found something else. She accepted our offer with humble thanks. While she was living in the trailer, she stayed mostly to herself and walked the property in prayer daily. Sometimes, she would stay with Nonie while I went shopping. She helped in any way that she could, and became a part of our family. About six months later, she found a place to live in a senior home not far from the ranch.

When she left, we told her that she was welcome to stay with us again if she ever needed to. Then, long after Nonie had gone to be With The Lord, she stayed in our house, as she had surgery for cancer and needed a week of care. She felt very comfortable in our home, and she Was Blessed and healed quickly. We remain Sisters In The Lord to this day, even though The Lord Took her Home a few years ago. It is always a wonder how GOD Brings people into our Lives. I am the kind of person that, once a friend, is always a friend. I Love to Love and I would lay my life down for a friend. As time passes, we lose some of them, but our Love for them never leaves our heart.