

Nightwatch News

February, 2018

Tooth pain

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Last year was my year for tooth pain. I had two root canals, a crown, and in utter defeat, an extraction. I love my dentist, but enough is enough!

Then last week, I met a homeless friend who declined an offer of pepperoni pizza because of tooth pain. It isn't the first time I've encountered a homeless friend dealing with dental issues. Access to routine care costs money. Because my friend has started working, the low-cost clinics are going to charge full rate. And what do you do about getting to a dentist during the week, when you are working an hourly job, and it is "go-go-go" all day long? Such is the case for my friend.

It's cold. It's wet. And their teeth hurt. It's heart-breaking.

Seems weird to say, but going to the dentist is a luxury. No more complaining!

Sometimes the problems we see at Nightwatch are easily solvable. We gave an Orca card to a new worker. We sent people out-of-town to where they won't be homeless anymore. We bought blankets for a chilly shelter. These problems have easy fixes. It just takes money. But saving a molar? It can be tricky.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Lord, look with compassion on us all, as we help our homeless friends and neighbors. ●

Home sweet home

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

It was a chance meeting. One brisk fall afternoon a few years ago, a young man showed up at Nightwatch. He'd been told by someone on the street that we could help him.



Here was Rudy. Living out of his car, struggling financially and having familial problems. I liked him immediately. You could tell he had a good heart. After hearing some of his story, we made plans to meet up again so I could hear more about his situation and to see how we could help him.

That one lunch turned into nearly two years of walking alongside Rudy through the ups and downs of life. He moved into a transitional housing program and back to his car; in a tent for a while and then into another transitional housing program. He went through four different jobs, battled with alcohol to cope, and had legal trouble.

The whole time I was there. Listening as he told me his frustrations of living without a home, and encouraging him to keep going; things would get better. Finally, they did.

He reconnected with some family in another state. One of his relatives had a large house that was mostly vacant. He could have one of the rooms. They would even buy his bus ticket to get there. Hallelujah! Rudy was moving on to greener pastures.

Wouldn't you know it? A few weeks ago, I got a call from Rudy. I hadn't spoken with him for over a year. He wanted to thank me for all of my help, and share some good news with me. Rudy had bought his own house. He had gone all that way from having no home here in Seattle, and now he actually had his own home. After we hung up, he texted me a few pictures of his house. It was beautiful. **Your gifts make stuff like this happen. ●**



**Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ**

Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shave cream
- Dental floss
- Lip balm
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix

For more information about these items please contact:
liz@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
volunteer job!

**Thursday, Feb 1, 2018
7:30—8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Find out more:
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

David Aasen
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle
Alice Woldt
Arthur Abe
Mike Abe
Rose Alfred
James Evans & Martha Lloyd
Ted Ayliing Sr.
Linda Gerner
Chuck Booth
Laurine Booth
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Betsy & John Darrah
Matthew Byk
John Byk
Carol Callahan
Madge Schumacher
Anna Coon
Carol Crouter
Alice Cork
Karen & Don Gwilym
Joe Curtis
Breier-Scheetz Properties
Candy & Bob O'Malley
Marie Davidson
The Davidson Family
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Keith & Kay Forbes
Bud & Trudy Forbes
Linda Martin
Kim & Mary Forman
Bill & Jody Lemke

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Cheryl Gudger
David Gustitus
John Byk
Leong Hom
Doug Hom
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Betty Isaac
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Paul Kammarmeyer
Jason & Coleen Marta
Hattie Kimble
Chuck & Marge Beavers
Rose Marie Koffkey
Jack & Merle Patterson
Dick Lamb
Gayle Engel-Sparks
Nita Hoines
Mark Larson
Alfreda Munnich
Al & Maxine Lobb
Bud & Trudy Forbes
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Betty Maser
Janet & Andrew Shetley
Mom and Dad
Judy Richardson
Gene & Barbara Peck
David & Marilyn Peck
Ron Reese
Steve & Liz Cedergreen
Norm & Bonnie Riggins
Dave & Robin Roe
Edith Root
Leonard Root

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Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Louise Solemslie
Pete Olson
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Ina Lou Spady
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Robert Petersen
Greg Speltz
Bud Staple
Dan & Susan Staple
Phyllis Stevens
Art & Ruby Meyer
Jack Sullivan
Marion Sullivan
George Teshera
Linda Martin
Gene Todd
Kathleen Todd
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch
Andy & Ramona McBeth
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Gilbert Weiss
John Weiss
& Corry Venema-Weiss
Leo Werlech
Raymond Marsh
Leonard Woodgate
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone

Tributes

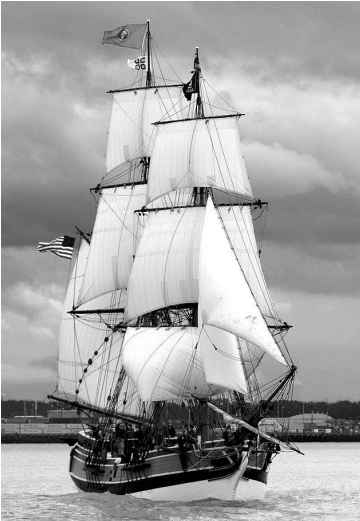
All who serve at Nightwatch
Dean Kimble
Rod & Kathy Brown
Peggy Roulet
The Chesley Family
Kinne Hawes
Alan Christensen
Byron & Bonnie Gilbert
Becky & Mike Fann and Family
George Lundin
The Gaston Family
Kinne Hawes
The Hawes Family
Kinne Hawes
Judy Hurley
Martin Hurley
Jason, Jen, Jon, James & Louise
Jeanie Bustard
Katlin
Harold Laurence
Sheila Keating
Pam & Clay Herbst
Ats Kiuchi's 88th birthday
Scott & Erica Doi
Sho & Kiyo Doi
Ann Sakaguchi
Sono Sakaguchi
Devin & Tiffany Williams
Marshall Langohr
Sally & John Glancy
William LeMire
Sally & John Glancy
Norm & Melinda Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Tom & Nelda Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Terry Marcell
Shawn Marcell
Joe & Helen Mehelich
David & Marilyn Peck
Lynda Olson
Caitlyn Olson
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Brian & Tara Simpson and Family
Howard Brown
Ken & Carol Williams
Tom & Denee Foti
The Young Family
Kinne Hawes
Klaus & Marcia Zech
Michele & Fred Paulsell
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman
David Zucker
Robert and Roberta Brown

Under and behind

By Ann Sakaguchi

Right now, while it's cold and rainy here, my friend is sailing a boat down in the Gulf of Mexico. I'm not a sailor, but that really sounds good to me.

I don't know what makes sailboats go. One time, I got to ride on a tall ship; it was a big boat, with beautiful sails and lots of ropes and stately masts. From a distance, we watch these gorgeous ships glide along in silence. We marvel at their grace and how they harness the power of the wind. But close up, under the surface and behind the scenes, it's a whole different thing for the crew onboard.



On my short sail, I was fascinated by the intricate movements of the crew, the agility needed to scramble up and down the rope ladders (I'm sure this is NOT the correct terminology), the strength and speed required to pull on the ropes at the right times, and of course, running back and forth, from side to side on the deck, from the front to the back. It takes a lot of effort to make a tall ship go; a lot goes on under the surface, behind the scenes.

This is true for people and groups too. We can only see the surface. At a place like Nightwatch, to help people every night, a lot happens behind the scenes. And we don't know what's going on with the people we meet. There's usually a lot going on, under the surface.

Regardless of what is going on behind the scenes for our homeless friends, our job is to love them, to shelter and care for them, to seek the best for them. This love can only happen, thanks to your support, and the work of hundreds of volunteers each month. You are like the crew that makes this ship sail, with the divine wind to move us along.

Lord, help us to appreciate what goes on behind the scenes, things that You know about, but we can't see. ●


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