



Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

~Ephesians 6:19-20



Dear heavenly Father,

I can easily speak of Your name and share my faith when it's comfortable in my circle of Christian friends and LWML sisters.

Why do I sometimes get an uncomfortable feeling in the pit of my stomach when I share my faith with coworkers, strangers, and even family? Why do I always have the thought deep down that it won't matter what I say?

Please forgive these times of weakness and grant me strength and courage, for it is not my words but Yours that I share.

Love,
Your Daughter



Profession: Stay-at-home mother and jeweler

Tell us about your St. Baldrick's work: Last year, I was asked to participate in an event called St. Baldrick's. This event raises money for children with cancer and for cancer research. I was to raise money and, in return, shave my head bald! I was nervous but, after prayerful consideration, I decided to do it. After all, my hair will grow back. Many of these kids deal with sickness every day of their little lives! It seemed like such a small token but well worth my hair and time.

Favorite Scripture: Exodus 14:14: *The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.* It reminds me to rely on God alone, not my own works. I am powerless, but He is all-powerful!

Pittsburgh Convention High: Witnessing the affirmations from our mite recipients. It's amazing what we can do when we come together with our coins!

Favorite Mission Grant: Christian Educational Support for Children, India

Text Messages *from God*

As a new year approaches, I begin to think about new starts. There are days I want to start over — to try things I do in a new way. Often God's Word has the answer I am seeking. And when I find it, the Lord often takes me down a new road with great results!

Lord God, direct me as I look for a new direction in my life. Guide me down the new road You have planned for me. Whatever the path on which You lead me, help me to grow stronger in my faith and closer to You. Amen.

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us strength to go on. They cheer us up and give us hope.

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

