



DARE TO DREAM CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION — 2012
A Note from Jan Tennyson

Dear Friends:

It is in the spirit of Thanksgiving that I send this letter wishing you God's best. I am delighted to announce that this year Dare to Dream is celebrating 25 years of inspiring wounded youth in group homes, shelter, detention centers and orphanages. My heart is filled with gratitude for the faithful prayers, volunteers, and supporters who have helped us reach this significant milestone.



I am thrilled that we are having dozens of youth receive Christ in their hearts during our sessions at the detention centers. As I speak in our high schools, group homes, and to terrified parents with out-of-control teens, and to the homeless, I witness the sadness and hopelessness in their eyes. With encouragement showing the love of Christ, attitudes change and hope is restored.

Recently, a lady from Persia came into my office for no particular reason. After some caring conversation, she invited Christ into her heart. Another day I had the opportunity of leading a seventy-four-year-old man to the Lord who had not been in a church for fifty years.

After ministering to him by telephone a number of months, I had the privilege of attending his baptism — an experience I will long remember.

One day at lunch my friend introduced me to the owner of the restaurant. Once I found out that he had cancer, I asked him if I could pray. He agreed, and we held hands that day as he invited Christ to live in his heart. A few months later, he died. My friend and I were comforted knowing that he is spending eternity in heaven. Find someone that you can tell about the love of Jesus today.

My heart was heavy last month as I was told in one high school — “Jan you know you can't mention anything about “religion — and, we can't put a flag in the classroom as you requested.”

A Bible verse that has given me the perseverance and strength to press on during the good times and the tough times is Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)

We are living in very unpredictable times. Nevertheless, I believe that God is able to supply our every need according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus.

As you know, Dare to Dream does not mail out many requests. So, my question is — will you continue to send your hard-earned financial support to help us reach and restore those who have nearly given up hope?

This year many lives have been touched through reading my autobiography, *She Dares to Dream*. A student in a High School shared her heart in tears and received an autographed copy to lift her spirits.



One person sponsored books that were sent in packages to our troops in Afghanistan. Another sponsored books to be placed in the hands of youth from troubled homes. Dare to Dream has provided copies to the homeless, the helpless, and to individuals who wanted to read a story about God's faithfulness.



Our Dare to Dream volunteer teams at the Juvenile Detention Center and Texas Youth Commission facility are teaching our youth about God and Country, having good morals, and self-respect. Most of our youth are fatherless and have been verbally and physically abused.

I recently received some good news in the mail. It was a letter from one of our teens. He was at the juvenile detention center when I challenged the students telling them that I would give an autographed copy of my book once they got out of detention, graduated from high school, and wrote me a letter. His note thanked me for spending time and praying with him. A copy of his high school diploma with my Dare to Dream card embedded on it was enclosed. He also put a picture of himself wearing his cap and gown in the envelope. He is in a church, and I pray that his future is one that makes the world a better place.



Prayer is our weapon in the good times and the hard times. The Thanksgiving prayer that the apostle Paul prayed is in the book of Ephesians 2:17-19 in the Bible:

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Do consider giving *She Dares to Dream* as a gift for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Graduations, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Bon-voyage trips, or a gift to say, "I care." It may be ordered on our website under Autobiography.

Please pray and ask the Lord if Dare to Dream is where you could sow a seed and become a sustaining supporter this Thanksgiving as we approach the Christmas Season. Donate in honor or in memory of someone who is dear to you. Financial gifts may be made through PayPal on our website — www.daretodream-dallas.org Please let me know if you want to cancel receiving mail from Dare to Dream.

I pray that you and your family have a Very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

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