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Newsletter of Anne Graham Lotz

Fall 2011

“...Do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in Heaven.” -- Matthew 18:10

Jesus loves little children! He underscored their value in Heaven when He revealed that the angels who are assigned to them occupy a position of privilege and power in God's inner circle. He singled children out for attention and affection, seated them on His lap, wrapped His arms around them, and rebuked misguided adults who sought to keep children away from Him.

As an AnGeL who seeks to stay focused on the Father, I have wondered if I also might merit Jesus' gentle rebuke. Could I be hindering little children from coming to Jesus simply because I do not intentionally invite them to draw near to Him? Because with my adult words and adult ways I make it hard for them to come to Him? Is the next generation being lost simply because people like me are neglecting our responsibility to make coming to Jesus easy and desirable for little children?



My initial inspiration for Heaven: God's Promise for Me was my three granddaughters. So it was a thrill to share my very first copy with my youngest, Anne Riggan. She now has her own copy and loves it! How I pray God will use this book to gather little children into His loving embrace. Forever!

At the time of this writing, news accounts are filled with the images of young people rioting, burning, and looting in London and other major cities of the United Kingdom. We have seen rioting by young people in northern Africa, Syria, Iran, and multiple places around the globe. They express a longing for freedom, for an opportunity to have a job and the self-respect that goes with it, for a sense of real purpose. There is a desperation on the part of many young people which seems to be driven by hopelessness and meaninglessness. In some cases, this sense of desperation is used by wicked people for their own evil agendas. And I'm left to wonder...what if someone, when these young people were little children, had told them that God loved them? That He has a specific plan and purpose for their lives? That there is hope for tomorrow, as well as peace and joy for today? What difference would it have made on the streets of London today, if yesterday in the nurseries and Sunday school classrooms someone had shared the Gospel with them?

These nagging thoughts have also been stimulated by questions I am repeatedly asked about how my parents were able to pass on to me their faith in Jesus. Although there are several answers to that question, one underlying fact is that my parents were intentional about it. They did not leave the instruction of Biblical truth to the pastor or Sunday school teacher or visiting evangelist to carry out. They did not assume that just because I was their child I would somehow "catch faith" like a contagious disease. They themselves, along with my maternal grandparents, accepted the privilege and the responsibility of teaching me God's Word in a way that was personal, relevant, and easy to understand. Then I had to choose to respond and make their faith my own, which I did as a young girl, when I confessed my sin, told God I was sorry and asked Him to forgive me, then claimed Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord.



As part of Rooted in MORE of Jesus/Kampala, one of our three ministry initiatives is a children's day. When God gave me the burden initially, and I explored the possibility with Pastor Michael, he exclaimed that God had burdened him in the same way. We are thrilled to facilitate little children coming to Jesus, helping to insure that the next generation is rooted in God's Word.

But while I have placed my own faith in Jesus, and then invited my children and grandchildren to come to Him, have I been neglecting the privilege and responsibility of inviting yours also? The conclusion of these personal reflections was to ask myself how I could intentionally impart God's Word to little children outside of my immediate family, so that they would come to Jesus too.

One answer that I believe God placed on my heart has been to write my first children's book. The subject is Heaven. The source is the Bible. With whimsical poetry I describe what Heaven is like, and how a young child can know for sure that it is his or her home. I have two target audiences for this book. One audience that I wrote for is the reader—the parent or Sunday school teacher or grandparent or friend—who perhaps needs a simple but effective tool to use in presenting the Hope of the Gospel to children.

But the other more obvious audience is that of little children, ages four through eight. I want them to know that Jesus is preparing a place for them that is the Home of their dreams. It is a happy place, a place that will be fun to explore, a place where Jesus will live forever with His Father and those who are members of His family.

Originally I wrote *Heaven: God's Promise for Me*, for my own three young granddaughters. They have already gone through the loss of my beloved mother and their great-grandmother, Ruth Bell Graham. In addition, when my oldest granddaughter was six years old, she was confronted with the death of a young friend due to cancer, the death of the mother of another little classmate, the death of her father's co-worker, and the death of her next-door

neighbor. These deaths have prompted many questions, some of which have no answers. But her mother (my daughter, Rachel-Ruth) and I found that helping her to focus beyond the grave seemed to ease her pain, comfort her fears, enlarge her faith, and gave us opportunity to talk to her about Heaven, and how she can know for sure it will one day be her Home.

God used this personal interaction with my own grandchildren to prompt me to want to reach out to yours...and to you. Death is a difficult subject for anyone at any age. It can be especially difficult to explain to little children, which is one reason sometimes well-meaning adults make up fanciful stories to ease the pain. But without realizing it, these adults may find that they are like the ones Jesus rebuked, because their fanciful stories actually hinder little children from coming to the Truth... from coming to Jesus.

My prayer is that this little book will help you not only handle the difficult subject of death, but more than that, I pray it will help you be intentional about passing genuine faith in Jesus to the children to whom you read it. And that as a result, the children's population in our heavenly Home will be dramatically increased! Rather than hinder little children from coming to Jesus, this AnGeL deeply desires to take them by the hand, and lead them to the One Who longs to gather them into His loving embrace now...and forever.

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Tim Turner is our Director for Rooted in MORE of Jesus/Kampala, Uganda. He has deeply bonded with those on the core team who have caught the vision, had the heart, and made the time to organize three ministry initiatives in November. Please visit annegrahmlotz.com after November 10th for more detail in our Ugandan Ministry Praise Report. Pictured above l-r: Pastor Michael Okwakol, Rev. Jack Semoka, Christopher Yiiki, Abby Makubuya, Zipporah Osiru, Dennis Tsunimi and Tim Turner.

Bible Study: God Loves Little Children

Christmas is a celebration of God's gift of Jesus to you and me. The living Word became flesh! The Creator left His throne in Heaven, and came to earth as the Baby of Bethlehem! What a heavenly crescendo it was to the angels' song on that starry night so long ago... *Glory to God in the highest...* as the glory of God was made visible in the lowest of the low, a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. The Miracle of the Ages revealed in a Baby, leaving no doubt whatsoever that God loves little children!

Read 1 Samuel 1 & 3 with Mark 10:13-16

I. CHILDREN ARE CONSECRATED TO GOD

- **In your own words, write a brief biographical sketch of Hannah from 1 Samuel 1:1-8.
- **Describe other women who were also barren for most of their lives, yet bore remarkable sons: Genesis 16:1 with 21:1-7; Genesis 25:19-26; Genesis 30:1, 22-24; Judges 13:1-3, 24-25; Luke 1:5-17, 57-60.
- **What difference do you think it would make if parents prayed for their children as Hannah did for hers?
- **From Mark 10:13, who do you think could have been the "people" bringing the children to Jesus?
- **What was their purpose?
- **How can you bring children to Jesus today?
- **Where was Jesus when this incident took place? Mark 10:10
- **Who hindered the children from coming? Why do you think they did so?
- **Describe where this same scene is repeated today, and how it is repeated for the same reasons.
- **What children in your home, neighborhood, school, or church would come to Jesus if you brought them?

II. CHILDREN ARE CALLED BY GOD

- **Where was Samuel when he heard God's call? 1 Samuel 3:1-4
- **Describe the atmosphere of the temple where Samuel lived. 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22
- **How is the atmosphere in which our children are growing up similar to the atmosphere around Samuel when he heard God's call?
- **What means did God use to call Samuel?
- **As weak and ineffective as Eli was as a parent, what did he do right?
- **Describe how Samuel was taught to understand God's Word. 1 Samuel 3:5, 6, 8-9
- **What will you do to help children understand God's Word?
- **What else has God said about teaching children His Word? Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:7, 31:12-13; Psalm 78:4-7; Joel 1:3
- **From the following verses, describe other children God called and used: 1 Samuel 3:1-21; 1 Samuel 17:1-51; 2 Kings 22:1-2; Isaiah 11:6; Jeremiah 1:6-9; John 6:1-13; 1 Timothy 4:12 with 2 Timothy 1:5.
- **If you consecrated your child to God, could he or she be one God would call into service?
- **Is it possible that God is calling your child to serve Him, but your child doesn't know how to "listen to God's voice?" What will you do to teach your child how to listen, like old Eli taught Samuel?

III. CHILDREN ARE CARED FOR BY GOD

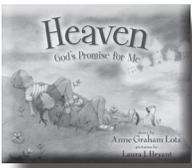
- **In Mark 10:14, how did Jesus react to those who kept children from Him? What was His command? What was His warning?
- **Why do you think Jesus reacted as He did?
- **What had He just made clear about His care for children? Mark 9:36-37; Matthew 18:14
- **What clear warning to adults did Jesus give regarding children in Matthew 18:6?
- **What indication did Jesus give that He places a high value on children? Psalm 127:3; Matthew 18:10, 14
- **What promises did He give to those who care for children? Matthew 10:42, 18:5
- **List at least three things you can do for children to let them know that God loves and cares for them. Would you do those things? Remember, He said if you do this for them, you are doing it for Him.

This Christmas, would you give the King a birthday gift He would love to receive? Would you bring a child to Him?



Four hours before the Simulcast, Joel, Selah, and myself shared in a 20-minute video presentation. It was designed to thank and encourage the church technicians who worked behind the scenes in almost 400 churches, in 42 states, plus Canada and Puerto Rico, whom we considered to be part of our "team." Praise God that we made this effort! In the process, a major glitch was revealed in our live link which, if not corrected, would have prevented us from broadcasting that night! Please visit annegrahamlotz.com for more details and pictures of our Simulcast.

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HEAVEN: God's Promise for Me

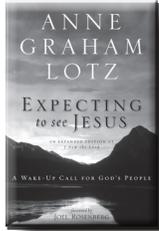
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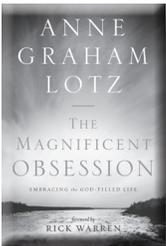
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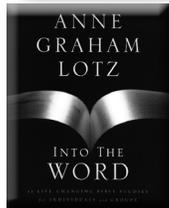
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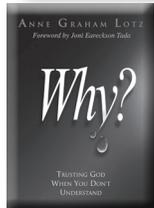


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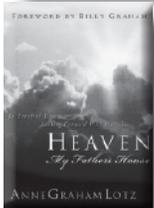
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Heaven: God's Promise for Me

Bring a Child to Jesus this Christmas

*The light is always on
Because Jesus is waiting for you.
The very best part of Heaven
Is that He's going to be there too.*

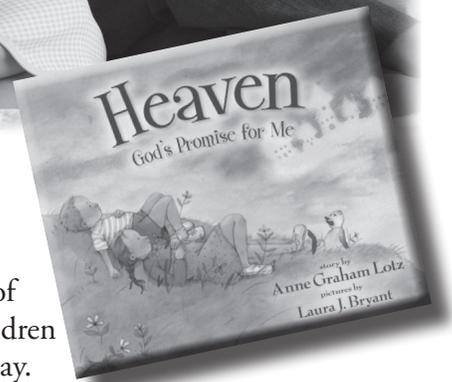
Heaven is a real place. It's where Jesus lives and waits to welcome His children home. It's a place of joy and love and hope - a place where all of God's children, young and old, will live and be happy forever.

Engaging questions and Scripture references in the back of this book will help the reader reinforce the message that Heaven is a place of love that we can all look forward to seeing one day.

There's even a special keepsake invitation for children to RSVP to Jesus!

The inspirational words of Anne Graham Lotz tell of the joys and comforts of Heaven. The beautiful rhyming text and intriguing, familiar images help children understand that Heaven is real and Jesus is waiting for them to come some day.

Bring a child to Him this Christmas with *Heaven: God's Promise for Me!* \$15



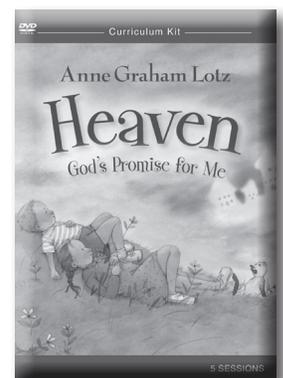
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Lead a Child into His Word this New Year

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God has blessed AnGeL Ministries exceedingly above and beyond what we could have asked for as He has unified and expanded our incredibly gifted staff. Back row (l-r): Ross Rhudy, Anna Little, Jennifer Gillikin, Tim Turner. Front row (l-r): Jean Cipra, Jamie Wood, Bonnie Moore, Sarah Erwin, Ava Zettel, Carol Cooper, Jenny Stokes, Mary Fuller Sessoms, Mary Sisco and Ginger Kirby.

Itinerary

JANUARY

- 15 FLORIDA, Lakeland - First Baptist Church at the Mall; 863-682-0163
- 24 GEORGIA, Augusta - Kickoff for *Just Give Me Jesus*; JGMJesusAugusta@gmail.com
- 28 CANADA, Edmonton - Break Forth Canada Conference
info@breakforthministries.com
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FEBRUARY

- 9 FLORIDA, Vero Beach - Prayer Breakfast
www.verobeachprayerbreakfast.com
Jennifer Featherstone; 772-971-1205
- 16 COLORADO, Denver - Christian Writers Guild Conference; 866-495-5177
- 18 CALIFORNIA, Fresno - NEWIM Conference; www.newim.org
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MARCH

- 23-24 CALIFORNIA, Riverside - Harvest Christian Fellowship Women's Conference

APRIL

- 27 GEORGIA, Callaway Gardens - Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Retreat

Praise and Prayer

PRAISE

**For the exceptional new staff members God has brought to our ministry: Tim Turner as our Special Ministries Coordinator, Sarah Erwin as our Digital Manager, Jenny Stokes as our Revival Director, and Ross Rhudy as our Operations Manager.

**For the release of our two new books, *Expecting to See Jesus* and *Heaven: God's Promise for Me*, along with the accompanying Bible study curriculum for each.

**For *A Wake-Up Call for God's People* which was simulcast to 397 host sites in the U.S., carried live on 580 radio and television stations, and broadcast in 200 countries of the world by GOD TV, challenging those listening and watching to live their lives in the expectancy of seeing Jesus at any moment.

**For *Rooted in MORE of Jesus/Kampala* ministry initiatives. Visit annegrahamlotz.com after November 10th for more detail in our Praise Report.

**For the joy of receiving and accepting an invitation to hold *Just Give Me Jesus* in Indianapolis, Indiana April 5-6, 2013.

PRAYER

**For time to write, Anne's discipline to do it, and the Wind of the Spirit to blow fresh thoughts into her mind and onto the page, so that she can finish a book that has been on hold for months.

**For financial resources to meet the considerable challenge of our Simulcast and Ugandan initiatives.

**For both the *Just Give Me Jesus* Pastors' Meeting and Kick-off in Augusta, Georgia on January 24th to be well attended, igniting a vision and heart for revival in the greater Augusta area that launches an army of volunteers.



Two days after the Simulcast, I traveled to Dallas, then to New York City, to promote *Expecting to See Jesus*. The opportunities, which enabled me to issue the wake-up call again and again, included Huckabee, where I was graciously given two segments. For links to some of these interviews, go to annegrahamlotz.com