



Newsletter – November 2023

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

~John Wesley

About 18-years ago, an 8-year-old little girl by the name of Bri was at school, sitting at her desk surrounded by about twenty other students in the classroom. This is when she heard about a massive hurricane that had hit Louisiana. Her teacher stood in front of the class informing them of what had taken place; and she began showing them clips from the news on the television (there in the classroom) of all the lives that had been impacted by this hurricane. And that is when Bri, the little 8-year-old girl was moved to compassion. Her tooth had fallen out on the school bus that morning, while on the way to school. So, as she sat there at her desk, in that elementary school classroom, she used a red crayon to write a letter to the Red Cross. The letter read a little something like this:

*Dear Red Cross:*

*My name is Bri. I live in Brandon, South Dakota. My teacher told our class today about the hurricane that has caused so many people to be hurt in Louisiana. This made me sad. I recently lost a tooth. And I just want you to know that tonight I am going to put my tooth under my pillow; and, when the tooth fairy delivers the money to me tonight...I am going to mail it in so that you can help the children in Louisiana.*

*Sincerely, Bri.*

With the help of her teacher, Bri mailed this letter to the Red Cross. And, when people in the surrounding area found out that this little girl was willing to donate her tooth fairy money to this cause, the Red Cross began receiving all kinds of anonymous donations to help the victims of the hurricane that hit Louisiana.

\*Generosity! It is one of the things that we learn early on in life. We learn about the power of generosity, the power of sharing, and the power of giving. It is my hope and my prayer that you would always have a heart full of generosity.