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It Just Clicked

"It just clicked this time," Carmela said happily. "I've heard about Jesus before and considered myself religious, but it really hit home tonight that I need God to forgive my sins and come into my life."

Carmela is one of a few women in our neighborhood who gathered the Monday after Easter to watch and *discuss the new version of the Jesus Film: Magdalena - Released from Shame.*"The women in the movie had the same doubts and questions which I've always had, yet the *message came through clear this time.*" As she saw the gospel explained, Carmela indicated that she made a significant decision resulting in *an eternal change* for her life.

Shannon and a couple other believers who attended encouraged Carmela that God would continue to change her life as she walks by faith. For the last few months, Carmela and other neighborhood women have been meeting together to study the Bible.

It was so amazing to see the Easter story come alive right here in our neighborhood. Often Shannon and I hear great reports about how the Lord is using the Jesus Film overseas. What a testimony that He is the same God right here at home - eager to bring hope and new life.



Want to use the Magdalena DVD as an outreach? Get a copy and give it to a friend for Mother's Day or on any occasion. Visit

www.HandsHeadlines.com/?s=magdalena to find out how.

Broken Arm for a Hand

A purple cast hasn't slowed her down too much!

Addison, who is now six, **broke her arm** while playing at the playground. Shannon was there when it happened but did not see her fall. Addison reportedly was sliding down a handrail and fell backwards - landing on her hand. It cleanly broke one of the bones in her right

forearm just below the wrist, confirmed a few hours later at the doctors office by an x-ray.

Getting the bone reset was no fun but Addison has handled it like a trooper. Thankfully she is left handed so her schoolwork and other activities were minimally impacted.

Her cast is off now and she has full use of her arm. We're grateful she's experienced little pain since the first couple of days after the break.

Pray for her follow up appointment with the orthopedic pediatric doctor the first week in May. There is still a hairline fracture in the bone adjacent to the one she broke cleanly. Pray that this small "crack" will heal properly since it is very close to a growth plate at the base of her wrist. The doctor said it can sometimes cause problems for growing children if the bone does not repair quickly enough. Please ask the Good Physician to do what He is good at - mending and restoring broken things.



Update on Shannon's Mom

Jerry Lee is Shannon's Mom. Here she is with Toby at Christmas.

Back in October we spent several weeks in Virginia with Shannon's family. Her mom spent 27 days in the hospital undergoing two major surgeries and other procedures to repair a failing lung. We *can't thank you enough* for *all your prayers* – a real lifeline – during that time.

Her recovery has been slow but thankfully she is steadily regaining more respiratory capacity! Shannon's parents were even able to come spend a week with us in February.

During Jerry Lee's hospital stay, Shannon's **grandmother** was also temporarily hospitalized with congestive heart failure. She was able to return home living with Shannon's mom and dad. Last week she celebrated her 80th birthday. Please continue to lift up Shannon's mom and grandmother. Thank you!

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