

Hand of **HELP**



Dear Brethren,

It's hard to pinpoint where one storm ended, and another began. It seems as though up until now this year has been one constant storm, and as soon as you caught your breath from the first wave that crashed upon you, a second was on its way, eager to prove itself and its ability to wreak havoc.

We've always known the storms were inevitable, but even for those who knew they would eventually make landfall, how they manifested was a surprise. Throughout the Word, there are warnings as to what these last days would look like, but what they never detailed is how we would get there. What steps would precipitate such suspicion and anger that father would turn against son and brother would turn against brother?

If anything, these past few months have shown us just how easy it is to make people turn against each other, to be suspicious of each other, and to turn each other into the authorities solely because their kids were playing in the driveway. There was no built-in incentive other than one's civic duty, yet the phone lines lit up with folks eager to turn their neighbors in. This, among other things we've borne witness to, are foreshadowing what is to come.

It's easy to take in all that's been happening and grow discouraged. It's easy to look at what's been happening and feel small and overwhelmed, uncertain of what the future holds. One of the enemy's most often used tricks

is to get you to focus so much on the storm that you fail to see who is standing in the storm with you, and countless souls have fallen into this snare of late.

We are all human, and as such, the range of emotion we feel is similar, varying in intensity, if anything. As such, believe me when I say I know what you're going through because I've been there too, and there is one thing that always helps to refocus my resolve.

Whenever the storm threatens to overwhelm, I take a step back and remind myself that it's still day! As long as it's still day, I have a job to do and a duty to fulfill. There were no caveats or qualifiers to the command to work while it was yet day. Jesus never said to work as long as it wasn't challenging, difficult, or daunting. All Jesus said was that we must work while it was still day because the night was sure to come, and when the night comes, no man can work.

It is still day, and we must be about the work of the Kingdom. It is still day, so there is still time to preach, to pray, to intercede, to comfort, to encourage, to mend, and to heal. There have always been storms, and God has always been there, seeing His children through safely. Let not your heart be troubled. God is still on the throne, answering the pleas of those who call on Him.

With love in Christ

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Child of the Month

George C. has been a victim of abandonment since infancy. His father, a foreigner, has never been a part of his life, while his mother moved abroad in search of work and left him in the care of his grandparents at an early age.

The grandparents were living in extremely poor conditions. George, now abandoned for the second time in his short life, had to get used to living deprived of the most basic of care.

When we first met him, he was heart-wrenched, shy and barely had any confidence in himself. It was in 2015, at the age of 10, that he found a family, Hand of Help, to protect him and never leave him again.

We have seen tremendous growth in George. As soon as he understood he would not be

He enjoys reading geography books, watering our plants, helping with cleaning and riding his bike.



George passed his high school admission exams in June, 2020 and he will be majoring in Mechanics. He would like to get specialized in this field and be able to find employment upon graduation. He often visits his grandmother (especially during summer breaks) and is also now in contact with his mother via phone calls.

After being able to interact with a group of young believers who volunteered their time at our center, George started making changes in his life. His desire is to find better friends to spend his time with and attend church services. We are praying that the Holy

forsaken once again, he started building relationships with the other children at the orphanage. We have also seen progress in his studies and in his involvement around our center. He was even elected the leader of his apartment, thus becoming the right hand of the social worker that cares for their small "family".

Spirit pierce his heart with the Gospel and that George will become a faithful follower of Christ.

Please join us in praying for George! May he understand that there will never be another moment of abandonment while in the arms of our Father. He is His child! May he rest securely on His promises while striving to be pleasing to His Father.

