

IN TOUCH

(Sorry for those of you who don't like dogs but in honor of Paris, our family pet for 15 yrs. who recently died, I am reprinting this article from 2012. If you don't like dogs, skip to the last paragraph)

The Hound of Heaven

Dear Friend:

It's been a long and especially loud day for me. I have taken a home-work vacation day. You know what one of those are, right? A day of nothing but projects that need done around the house. I've spent 5 hours inside the house, now (and thankfully) I have to get started on the outside projects. Only 6 hours of daylight left and I have to mow and trim 1.5 acres AND build a picnic table.

Working inside has been no picnic thanks to Paris. Paris is our 50 lb non-stop barking Border Collie. If you've ever owned a collie you understand. Paris is the most nervous, barkingest breed of dog alive! If I don't get out of the house I'm not sure she is going to stay alive. Today she has barked at and attacked the vacuum cleaner and the Swiffer mop. She barked the entire time the test tornado sirens went off at noon. Although they didn't stop at our house she barked at the UPS man and the Fed Ex man as they drove by. She also barked at the postwoman. Barking also included the propane gas man and every telephone ring. She barks if I move too quickly. My nerves, blood pressure, and heart rate are all off the charts. I am writing in the back downstairs bedroom to get away from her. Her "hounding" is worse than a hound dog!

I can't mistake the fact that she is in the house, she's knocking on the bedroom door with her head even as I write this. She just snorted because she's mad and can't get in the room with me. Years ago I read a quote about God being "The Hound of Heaven". Maybe it was C.S. Lewis, maybe it was Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Whoever it was made a point that when a soul is lost God stays on their trail as long as the person has breath. For the Christian God is The Hound of Heaven always letting you know he is "there". I don't know about you but too often I ignore "The Hound of Heaven". I can't ignore Paris but shamefully sometimes I ignore God. Pray that you (and I) listen to The Hound of Heaven. Sorry, gotta go...Paris is barking at the carpet cleaner guy pulling up in the driveway. Lord...get me outside soon please.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Please Pray For: Cindy Wagman, recovering from nose surgery

Pachecos, Thailand Missionaries, in securing their visas to return to USA on February 28th

Events: Thursday, February 20, 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal