

A Message to God

In *Conspiracy of Kindness*, Steve Sjogren (pronounced Show-gren) tells the true story of Joe Delaney and his 8-year-old son, Jared, who were playing catch in their backyard. Jared asked, “Dad, is there a God?”

Joe replied that he went to church only a few times when he was a kid; he really had no idea. Jared ran into the house. “I’ll be right back!” he yelled.



Moments later, he returned with a helium balloon from the circus, a pen, and an index card. “I’m going to send God an airmail message,” Jared announced. “Dear God,” wrote Jared, “if you are real, and you are there, send people who know you to Dad and me.”

“God, I hope you’re watching,” Joe thought, as they saw the balloon and message sail away.

Two days later, Joe and Jared pulled into a car wash sponsored by Sjogren’s church. When Joe asked, “How much?” Sjogren answered, “It’s free. No strings attached. We just want to show God’s love in a practical way.”

“Are you guys Christians, the kind of Christians who believe in God?” Joe asked.

Sjogren said, “Yes, we’re that kind of Christians.”

From that encounter, Sjogren led Joe to faith in Christ.

Many people may be only one act of kindness from meeting a true Christian.

– Beecher Hunter