

# Brother in the Trench

On the east side of London, pipes for a large drain were being laid in a trench.

Suddenly, the dirt walls collapsed, and several workmen were buried. Amid the great excitement and confusion, a crowd gathered. Many bystanders watched as several people tried to rescue the victims.

A woman came over to one onlooker, and said, "Bill, did you know your brother is down there?"

The color drained from his cheeks, and then he sprang into action. Throwing aside his coat and leaping into the trench, he grabbed a shovel and worked frantically until the trapped men were finally set free.

What a lesson for all of us!

For those of us who work in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, each resident we serve is someone's brother, someone's sister, someone's father or mother, uncle or aunt. In the great family of man, each person we meet is a brother or sister.

And in the spiritual sense, the Bible tells us that those who believe in Jesus are brothers and sisters in Christ.

I have observed that in our nursing centers, those who take joy in their professional family – working alongside brothers and sisters in the shared mission – have the best results for their patients.

In the fourth chapter of Genesis, God asks Cain where his brother Abel (whom Cain has slain) is. Cain responds: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

God will never accept that attitude.

Love – spoken and demonstrated – is God's answer to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

– Beecher Hunter