

## *Diary of Anne Frank*

In 1933, Anne Frank's family moved from Germany to the Netherlands to escape the Nazi persecution of the Jews. In July 1942, her family, along with four other Jewish people, went into hiding in rooms in her father's office building in Amsterdam. Two years later, a neighbor betrayed the family to the Nazis, who arrested the group and sent them to concentration camps.

Anne, 15 years old, died of typhus nine months later at the Bergen-Belsen camp. She had kept a record of her experiences during the 25 months spent in hiding. Her father published the diary in 1947 as *The Diary of a Young Girl*. Anne's diary has now been translated into 67 languages and is still one of the world's most popular books.

In Isaiah 4:2-6, God describes a future time of restoration for Israel. He assures His people that God's presence will be a shelter from heat and "a hiding place from storms and rains."

We all need a place to hide sometimes. We may not be looking for a way to escape persecution, as did Anne Frank and her family, but we may seek a refuge from the adversities of life. Not only has each of us been buffeted by storms and rain across the years, but in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we serve men and women who have faced one battle after another in their journey of life.

David praised God for being his hiding place in times of trouble (Psalm 32:7). We don't visibly see God now, but His glory covers our lives like a canopy. Regardless of the trials, stress or pressures that are bearing down on us, we can draw close to God through worship, prayer and the Word. He is the safest hiding place in the world.

*You are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. Psalm 32:7*

--Beecher Hunter