

Favor for Hannah

There is good news from Sandpoint, Idaho, today. Associates attending the annual meeting of directors of nursing this week were disturbed to learn Wednesday that Marjorie Eddy, the DON at Life Care Center of Sandpoint, had received an emergency call involving her family the night before. Her husband and three-year-old daughter, Hannah, were working on a camper he had bought when a propane tank exploded, badly burning Hannah.

When Eddy shared the news Tuesday night, Chairman Forrest Preston arranged a flight on Southwest Airlines to Spokane, Washington, where her car was parked. Lee Stanfill in Life Care's maintenance department picked up Eddy and her luggage at the Baymont Inn and took her to Chattanooga, where Jon Veazey, another Life Care associate, was having dinner with his wife and friends. Veazey took the van from Stanfill and continued the journey to Nashville, where Eddy spent the night at a hotel near the airport, boarded the Southwest flight early the next morning and headed for home.

When Hannah was hospitalized on Tuesday, she was suffering from second-degree burns on her shoulders and arms, and it was feared that her eyes, especially the right one, may have been damaged.

Thursday, Eddy reported that Hannah is doing very well. Doctors said that there should be no scarring in the burn areas, and her eyes will be just fine. As in most burn cases, there was also concern about injury to the lungs, but Hannah is all right in that area, too. She is expected to have 100 percent recovery overall.

"I am so grateful for the concern, and please let everybody know how much I appreciate their prayers," Eddy said.

We rejoice, indeed, for the touch of God on Hannah. Her name means favor and grace, and God bestowed both upon her because of the prayers of His saints. And when there is a room full of nurses, there is abundant power in their petitions.

--Beecher Hunter