

# The Dog in the Road

This story was passed on to me a while back, and it is one that should speak to us all.

A small dog was struck by a car and was lying by the side of the road. A doctor, driving by, noticed that the dog was still alive, stopped his car, picked up the dog, and took him home with him.

There, he discovered that the dog had been stunned, had suffered a few minor cuts and abrasions, but was otherwise all right. He revived the dog, cleaned up the wounds, and was carrying the animal from the house to the garage when suddenly it jumped from his arms and scampered off.

“What an ungrateful little dog,” the doctor said to himself.

He thought no more about the incident until the next evening when he heard a scratch at the door. When he opened it, there was the little dog he had treated, accompanied by another hurt dog.

This principle of helping others – because others have aided us – is one that should be part of the human makeup. Fortunately, it is evident in the responses of many people. In others, not so much.

It is, however, practiced every day in the centers of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home. Our associates have committed their lives to the care of those entrusted to us.

There is also a spiritual application, too. Jesus Christ left the throne room of heaven to come to earth, live a sinless life, endure humiliation, torture and crucifixion, and then to conquer the grave and hell, all because He loves us.

What He did for us, healing the wounds of sin, ought to propel us to bring others to Christ.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).*

– Beecher Hunter