



# God is Good!

by Eddy Simon

As you can see, my article has a new title. It will no longer be called, "Praise the Lord", but instead I will entitle it, "GOD IS GOOD." I hope you like it. In recent editions we have been blessed to see new articles submitted by Brother Tom entitled, "Praise the Lord." I must admit that it is hard to hear "Praise the Lord and *not* think of Brother Tom. I mean, he's famous for it! So, for the sake of clarity and in the interest of avoiding redundancy I quite willingly concede

the title to him. Now without further delay let me begin my new article.

"Unless you become like a little child you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." (Mathew 18). At the Great Corn Roast this year toward the end something truly wonderful happened that I believe went relatively unnoticed. A grandma and grandpa were walking back to their car with their grandson. As they walked, the Voices of Mercy began to sing "Shine Jesus Shine." The young boy burst out singing with a full voice, "Shine Jesus Shine." He was going home with the joy of the Lord that night. This was an especially wonderful thing because of how differently things could have turned out if it wasn't for the Lord.

You see this boy was born to parents whose relationship wasn't going too well. His father decided it wasn't going to work out and wanted to leave the whole mess behind. Well, before too long, he met another woman, believed he found true love and got married. Now I'm not trying to make any judgments about the father, but where does this leave the little boy? I know that this happens many times and in many places in the world, but this fact doesn't make it any less tragic.

The boy's grandparents were very troubled by the situation and could not just dismiss their love for their new grandson. They knew about St. Luke's Mission so they came here to ask for prayers and moral support. As they continued to pursue their relationship with the boy they were met with no small measure of resistance. They suffered much strife and division in their family over the whole situation. They even had to endure a long, arduous and expensive court battle just to continue to have the boy in their life. But they persevered.

They had found something special about St. Luke's Mission when they first started coming. They found something that continued to draw them back time and time again over the years. They knew what it was. It was the love of Jesus! It was His love that was making the difference. It was His love that gave them strength to endure all the trials. It was only His love that could give them real peace and joy. It was His love that they wanted their grandson to know, the treasure they wanted to give him. So they brought him to St. Luke's whenever they could. Like most young boys, his heart was open, not yet hardened with age. He began to see the love of Jesus shining. So, on an otherwise quiet walk back to the car after a fun day at the Great Corn Roast his heart burst out with song... "Shine Jesus Shine." God is good.



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St. Luke's is feeding more men, women and children than ever before. As many as six hundred people fill their "hungry bellies" in our kitchen every day. The numbers have gone up at an unprecedented rate. Our kitchen is staffed by missionaries, associates, and volunteers who lovingly prepare and serve brunch and dinner Monday through Friday, and brunch on Saturday and Sunday.

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