

Title: “Yet *another* beautiful, powerful Urbana story”

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First of all, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

What better way to celebrate Christmas than to send out another story of a student connecting with the tangible, living, interactive, loving, life-giving, wonderful, personal, friendship presence of Jesus. And this story fits well with the words of the advent song, “Long is our winter, dark is our night, oh come set us free thou saving light,” finishing with Jesus at the end of the story:

“A student entered our session agitated and overwhelmed. She revealed that she had suffered severe childhood abuse by her mother and was sexually molested by her father for eight years, starting at age five. She was hospitalized twice with mental/emotional breakdowns. She disclosed having Bipolar Disorder, PTSD and Complex PTSD. She passed the suicide screening and indicated she had proper support.

She was able to quiet and calm, and entered a positive memory of experiencing what she described as the Archangels Gabriel, Rafael and Michael visiting her. And she noted that they were more neutral in gender (which was relevant due to the nature of her childhood abuse by a man, her father).

She focused on Gabriel, speaking about the color of his hair and eyes. She smiled, enjoying the memory of her vision and taking comfort in it. And then she invited Jesus to reveal where He was, but she struggled to find Him.

Then, suddenly she saw a little boy peek around the corner at her, playfully, and then quickly go back behind the wall. She giggled, and then she exclaimed with joy and amazement that the little boy was Jesus!

She realized then that Jesus knew she would be able to receive Him as a non-threatening little boy, and she smiled as she soaked in how much He loved her and how He chose to meet her in a way that she could receive. She was grateful and was in peace, with joy – smiling – as we wrapped up the session.”

Also, as we have been preparing for the ministry and training trip to a current intense trauma region, I, and members of the team that will actually be making the trip, are experiencing unusual difficulties of various kinds. We have especially been having technical difficulties with the zoom calls for preparing the team. Please pray as you feel lead.

Thanks and blessings,

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P.S. Just tested positive for COVID. Feel horrible. Prayers for rapid and complete recovery would be appreciated, since I need to be leading the IA team in Orlando in a week.

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