

Please... "Ho!"

Isaiah 55:1, "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters..."

Yesterday, July 4th, was dry - but was not supposed to be. The Sovereign Lord chose to stay the "storm warnings with a possibility of hail at 4pm" and give waters at 6pm of a different kind for Medina. That was grand but there was more refreshment for my soul than the weather. It was a picture of a Please... "Ho!"

As things turned out, God gave good weather for a parade. We walked through the hot and humid parade line, bottles of water from The Fountain were yelled for, clapped for, "Thank you"ed for, even some demanded for. It was a great way to say to a community, "We want to refresh you in name of Jesus Christ" (which was our label on the bottles). 3000 times the community was reminded of Christ and His "Come". That was immeasurable in itself. There was something more for me by God's hand.

At one small moment as I walked (really ran to keep up with the trailer driven by a speedster with blue eyes and wonderful heart) toward the crowd that was sitting, seeing, and sweating, I locked eyes with a small 3 year old girl with her tiny palm stretched out saying, "Please, please can I have some waad'r". I bent down to her level, which was only a few inches for me, and put a cold bottle into her hands. She smiled sweetly, as only small children can, and said a parent-prodded, "Thank you". Her eyes twinkled as she offered unprompted shyness for her quick unguarded request for refreshment.

Immediately I was stirred to enjoy the joy of giving water to a hot, thirsty little person who had a simple but bold need. She had impulsively asked, without even thinking, for the abundant offer of simple refreshment. Simple needs, simple solutions. But the quick lesson, Providentially God had provided the weather, time, and day to produce the want.

People come to Christ when they have a need. I cannot produce the need but I can provide the offer. God does the rest. We are the "water-offerers", that's all. We are the "Ho!". God orchestrates the thirst and the waters. So the obvious question is, are we "Ho"ing? Are we placing ourselves in the position and preparation to "Ho!"?

Little and big hearts wait with "Please", maybe unknown to them. So "HO!" Quickie - Interestingly, some said "No" to the offer, as they were not hot or needy. Some people think they don't "need" Christ right now but we must give them the offer so when the hot and humid life comes, they remember.