



## THE KNIFE



"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves." Colossians 1:13

It was a cold, dark, winter night in a Gypsy village in Southern Romania where I was reminded again of God's protection and transforming grace. This story begins in a standing-room-only, crowded, little church building filled with Gypsies. They were eager to experience the three-hour worship service of heartfelt music and testimonies given by each American team member. Through an interpreter, the Word of God was powerfully presented. An invitation was given by the Romanian Pastor. Many people responded by slowly moving forward through the packed crowd. Prayer was offered for the respondents. Little did I know (until returning to America) the man standing next to me in the service, had a concealed twelve inch knife up his shirt sleeve. He had brought it into the sanctuary to murder another man in attendance. God opened this man's heart to His amazing grace and saved him. Later that year he was baptized in the Danube River and he continues to follow his Savior Jesus Christ.

The story does not end there. In May 2004 I returned to Romania with another team. Some of the members were building a swing set and others were completing some grounds-keeping chores for the "House of Joy," a home for orphan children. A tool was needed to trim the grass along a fence. The Romanian Pastor had the perfect tool. As he walked outside he announced "this is THE KNIFE!" We all rejoiced as we reflected on the interrupted intended use of this knife four years ago by a gracious Heavenly Father. How amazing! How astonishing! My eyes were filled with tears as I remembered a murderer's heart, by God's grace, was changed and now that knife is being used to beautify the grounds of an orphanage some 300 kilometers north of that Gypsy village. From hatred to love. From horror to beauty. From darkness to light. From bondage to freedom. That is what God's transforming and redeeming grace is all about.

This story is about THE KNIFE. But, the bigger story is about our God who is sovereignly setting apart a people for His glory. "... to the praise of the glory of His grace ..." Ephesians 1:6a

**Sovereign Lord, my Redeemer,  
help me to boast in your grace alone.**

**Thank you for Your transforming power  
that delivers sinners  
from the domain of darkness  
and brings them into the kingdom of light,**

**For Your glory. Amen**



**JR HI Rockville Servants**



**JR HI Rockville Faith**



**JR HI Rockville Miracles**



**JR HI Rockville Prophets**

### MACSA Quizzing 2011

This year for the MACSA (Mid- Atlantic Christian School Association) Program we memorized Acts 13 -20. Though it is hard and challenging to cram 302 verses into your head word for word, there is also a great reward once you begin to compete against the other teams that want to have fun while quoting God's Word.

Rockville had 28 quizzers divided into 7 teams, 4 JR HI and 3 SR HI, with Jess Stoltzfus and Hadasah Stoltzfus quizzing on other teams. We had a wonderful year getting together every week to practice and watching friends from other teams quiz.

We participated in 3 All Day Quiz Events and will finish the season with a Quiz Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Center March 9-11.

In Jr HI getting the 4-across bonus points (4 quizzers on your team answer a question) and in SR HI finishing with a position win for an extra point (having the top 3 chairs captured) are the best ways to finish your quiz!

This being my senior and final year, I am so glad to have had the opportunity to be able to quiz.

A BIG THANK-YOU! goes to all the coaches for the time and effort they put into making it another good year of quizzing and to Dad (Paul Ranck) for making it all possible again this year.

THANK - YOU!

submitted by Martha Ranck



**SR HI Rockville Ordained**



**SR HI Rockville Promise**



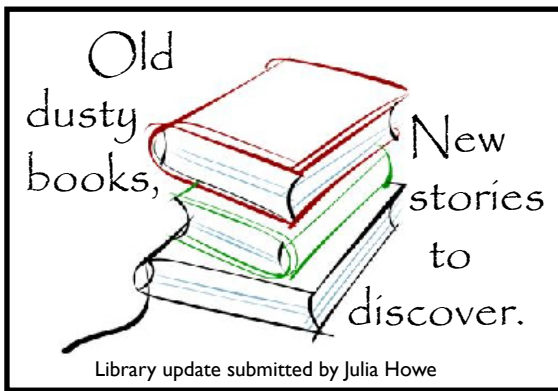
**SR HI Chestnut Street Visions**



**SR HI Honey Brook Passions**



**SR HI Rockville Earthquake**



The book for this month is "Doctor in the Jungle". First checked out in July of 1966, by Barbara Beiler (now married to Oliver Mast), it was checked out four more times in the next year and then the book sat on the shelf another 18 years until Tim Stoltzfus checked it out in February of 1985. Since then I am the only person recorded as having read "Doctor in the Jungle" and I just recently checked it out in December of 2010, 25 years later. I think this book is a hidden treasure, it is an exciting read and shows how God can use a man whose heart is committed to Him.

Doctor in the Jungle - A missionary novel by Alan Livingstone Wilson "... He said, it is not the healthy who have need of a physician, but the sick." Matthew 9:12

"Africa!" "Young Rex Lockwood, M.D. gazed down, thrilled, from the plane as it circled the air-field before landing. The marvel of flying was never better demonstrated than in this arrival. Just a few hours before, the bustle of New York - the din of the traffic, the hoarse shouts of newsboys telling about the latest satellite exploits or atom scares; towering sky-scrappers; crowds of people. Now- the emptiness and mystery of the African Jungle." (excerpt from "Doctor in the Jungle")

Read an exciting story about how a young doctor, who felt the call from God to go into the jungle of Africa, was the hands and feet of Jesus to the sick and hurting. He reaches out to the physically and spiritually wounded people, offering the hope and freedom that comes through Jesus Christ the Redeemer of all mankind.



# God's Garden

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The principle of 'Waiting to grow' is as true in our lives as it is in nature. Just as surely as spring comes to our land, so 'spring' will burst forth in our lives in His time. Let this spring season remind us that we have seeds planted in our hearts that are 'waiting to grow'. May our lives bring forth a good harvest.

## W A I T I N G T O G R O W

Little white snowdrop just waking up,  
Violet, daisy, and sweet buttercup;  
Think of the flowers that are under the snow  
Waiting to grow!

And think what a number of queer little seeds,  
Of flowers and mosses, of ferns and of weeds,  
Are under the leaves and under the snow,  
Waiting to grow!

Think of the roots getting ready to sprout,  
Reaching their slender brown fingers about,  
Under the ice and the leaves and the snow,  
Waiting to grow!

No seed is so small, or hidden so well,  
That God cannot find it, and soon He will tell  
His sun where to shine, and His rain where to go,  
Waiting to grow!

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