

Everything Happens for a Reason



It is said that "Everything happens for a reason." So often in my life, the reason has been revealed to me, and it was again this past Sunday, before Thanksgiving, while I was delivering SVDP food baskets. When I arrived at one of the homes, I was greeted by a grandmother who was so excited to receive her basket. She told me that she had woken up that morning and was reminded that Thanksgiving was only 4 days away. She still didn't have a turkey nor the fixings and didn't know how she was going to provide a decent meal for her grandchildren that she is raising. She had forgotten that she had been put on the SVDP list for recipients for a donated basket. "Oh this is such a relief," she said. She continues, "Thank you so much! Now I just have to get a gift for my granddaughter's birthday next week. She has never had a birthday party in her almost eight years, and I cannot do both. At least we'll have a holiday dinner this week." Her granddaughter was in another room reading. I asked the woman if the girl liked to read. "Oh yes, she is always reading and can never get enough books." At that moment a light went off in my head. I had bought an extra Christmas gift for my granddaughter. It was an impulse buy and she really didn't need it, plus it was not necessarily age appropriate; however, it was perfect for this little girl. A miniature American Girl Doll with four books about the American Indian Doll depicted. I ran home after finishing my deliveries, wrapped it and took it back to the grandmother's house. I was so happy to have the perfect gift for the perfect little girl (plus I didn't have to return it. - LOL) The grandmother was so thrilled because her granddaughter had asked for an American Girl Doll, but it was beyond her means to purchase it. At that moment, it all made sense to me. The doll would be given to her on her birthday, December 7th. That was my grandfather's birthday and he always loved children and little girls. So, Happy Birthday Grandpa! Thank you for guiding me to this "inspired impulsive" purchase.

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