

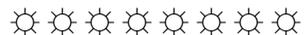
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Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual “To Do List”
(things God has shown me today)

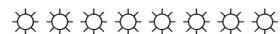
Enter to Worship. Depart to Serve.



Visiting an Operation Christmas Child shoe box distribution in Fiji last Christmas, Judy, a Samaritan’s Purse Australia volunteer, found herself in the middle of a church filled with hundreds of young children – all eagerly awaiting their own shoe boxes.

It was quite a scene as each child ripped open his/her box to discover the treasures inside. That is, each child except a little boy named Ajay, who sat at the end of one pew with his head down and his hands in his lap. Judy soon learned that Ajay was almost blind, and not only that, his mum had recently died. Ajay had a lot to be sad about.

When Judy sat down beside Ajay and helped him open his shoe box, tears filled her eyes. Right on the top was a perspex magnifying glass. Judy knew that God had guided the gift-giver when he/she packed the box months before. Judy took the magnifying glass out of the box and held it up for him in front of *The Greatest Gift* booklet that was under the shoe box.



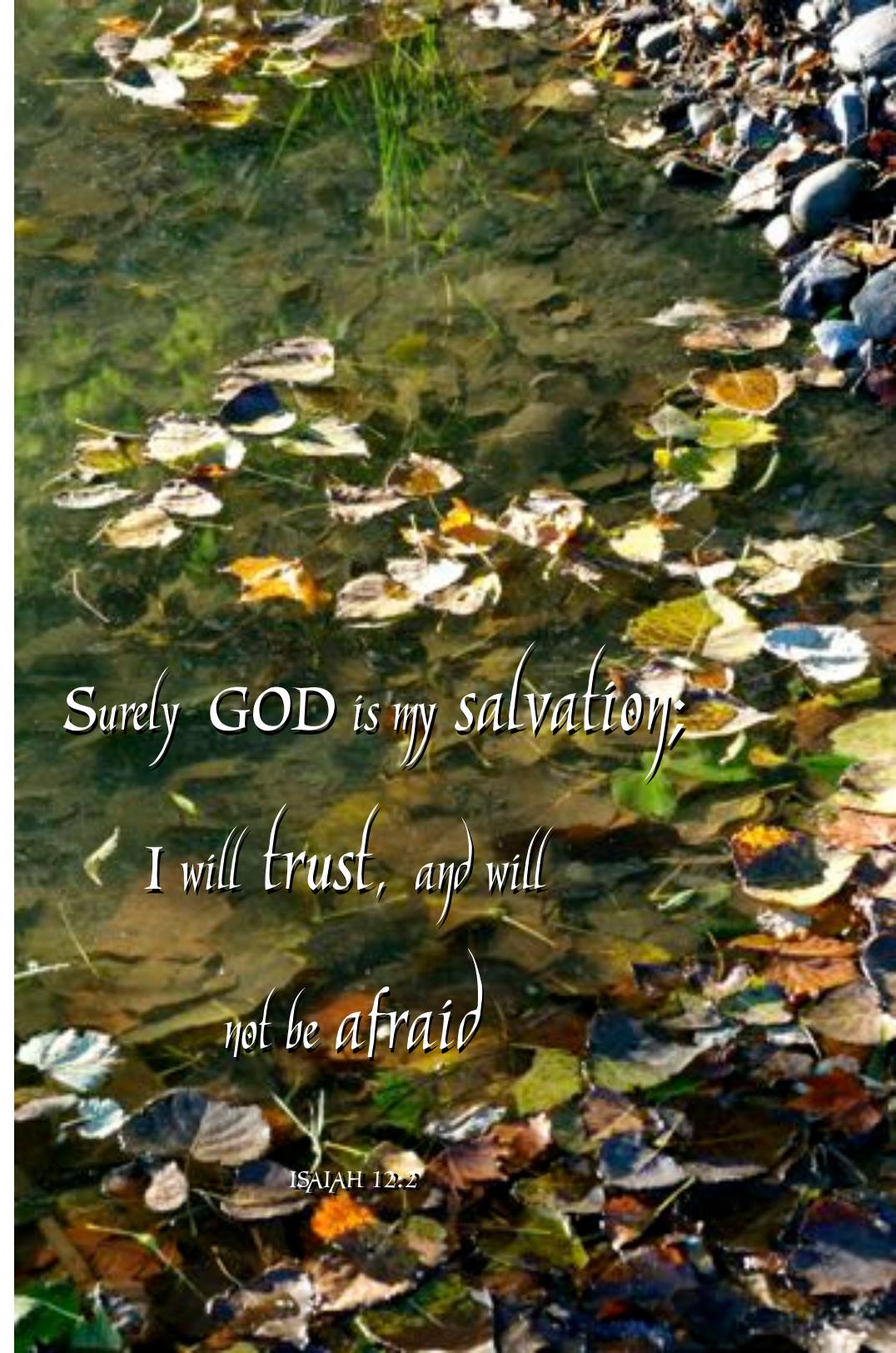
In a small village in Papua New Guinea, 44 children came to an Operation Christmas Child shoe box distribution with their parents.

A village elder was asked which child was in greatest need and he pointed out one boy, who was then asked if he had ever received anything new in his life as a gift and if he could, what would he ask for. The boy said he would love to have a hat.

In front of everyone the boy opened his shoe box and there on the top was a beanie. All the children were overjoyed that his dream had come true.

Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child. Each shoe box is a unique opportunity to transform the world of young children like these.
—Operation Christmas Child

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Surely GOD is my salvation;

I will trust, and will

not be afraid

ISAIAH 12:2

