

## I Believe in the Little Things

I believe that the little things I do matter, that by small and simple things are great things brought to pass; and small means in many instances doth confound the wise (Alma 37:6). Little things make up the great and marvelous works; the small intricate workings of the ecosystems make the world go round. The little things in life make life worth living. The little things in life are worth my time and as I give of my time and myself, it makes a difference!

My enjoyment and respect for the environment started many years ago. The fun times down Granny and Papa's enjoying the cool creek by turning over one rock at a time to find the crawdad, snake, tadpole, or salamander; knowing through these little creatures is the success of the creek ecosystem evident. I believe the little things needed by the many individuals on earth, with ever increasing increments, impacts the environment. The life within our creek was affected by the needs and wants of others. The bubbling creek down the quiet dirt road became an inlet to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Tims Ford Lake.

The need for electricity took what used to be Granny and Papa's heritage to become public owned lands and a lake. The tobacco fields, chiggers, ticks, weeds, flowerbeds, animals, roads, woods, home sites, and barns got overtaken by the water. The little things that mattered, the ecosystems, got lost by the encroaching need of electricity for the many.

I believe not just by faith, but by experience that the earth is reaching its assimilative capacity for processing human waste and meeting human needs. An example within our anthropogenic environment is in the crowding of our interstate systems. These arteries of our cities are showing extensive signs of blockage. The ecosystems in my world are taking a toll by the impacts of others.

I believe in the little things that many do not even see; the little things that at times only the heart can see because little things that are essential cannot even be seen by the human eye (The Little Prince). Little things at times must be felt by the Spirit or heard as a small whispering. I know my belief in the little things has made a difference in my life and who I am. The little things of making a choice for daily prayer to make a positive difference in what I believe, caring enough to smile and believing the smile that comes back in return matters, caring enough to recycle and put the can where it can be put back on the shelf with soda in a few weeks, caring for babies that turn into wonderful individuals who value knowledge and learning and reach out to make a difference to others. Knowing that in Peru, seeds are planted which will make a difference in eternity – I believe in the little things, I believe in you!



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