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“Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others. They placed them at his [Jesus] feet, and he cured them” (Mt: 15:30)

Ed and I were in New Orleans helping, along with five or six others (including a couple who were to be married a week later) from across the United States, to deconstruct a home that was water-damaged by the floods caused by Hurricane Katrina. We were busy removing wet drywall, removing waterlogged carpeting to the curb, and salvaging goods. The homeowner was helping half-heartedly. At one point, he and Ed were taking a rest and having a conversation. The man said to Ed, “I’m too old for this – I’m 68” Ed shrugged and said with a smile. “I’m 70.” As they returned to work, the man stood taller and had a spring in his step.

Earlier this week, I attended a meeting during which a woman spoke about having published a book. She said she never liked writing and really didn’t like school essay assignments. Following retirement, she and her husband adopted a rescue dog and fell in love. She started posting messages on FaceBook from the dog’s point of view. People liked many of the posts, and several encouraged her to put them in a printed book form. She resisted until she decided to honor their opinion by trying to write a book. She found a mentor, wrote the book, and is now a published author.

These are not dramatic miracles. Most of us will not cure the lame, the blind, the mute, as Jesus did. Or do we work little miracles by our words and demeanor? We probably will never know how our invitations and responses to others affect them. Did our smile directed to a person who seemed dejected raise his spirit in a real way? Did our “Of course you can do that if you try” instill confidence in one who is regularly plagued by self-doubt? Did our “Let me help you with that” literally ease the physical and / or mental burden of one who is stressed out by too much responsibility? Our seemingly small acts of kindness might well be miraculous to the receivers. We might never know, but THEY will.

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