

WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU LITTLE GRACIE, AND WE WILL SEE JUSTICE FOR YOU

UPDATE: It has been nearly five years since I wrote the article below. In that time other events have come about. It is important that people remember that although the legal system and especially the Child Protection Services fail the victim so very often, YHVH Yeshua watches over all Children and He has made it clear that harming a child is especially grievous to Him.

Recently we received a report from down south that Gracie's father has been arrested for crimes against his oldest daughter. We have also learned that Gracie's case has never been closed and will be examined more closely. Five long years ago I placed this in YHVH's hands and asked him to bring justice for Gracie and to jail forever those that killed her. It looks like maybe my prayers to YHVH have been heard and His Justice will be dispatched quickly. I continue to pray. Now, please read the original story.

I've always been the person who has stuck with the underdog; the one who fights for those who are not able to defend themselves, and those who for whatever reason tend to be the target of evil people and/or entities.

Last year we lost a beautiful little niece. She is not my niece by blood, but the daughter of my wife's nephew. The name of our niece was/is Gracie. I got to meet Gracie only once; during the wedding reception for Gracie's aunt which occurred last year (2013). When I was a pharmacy tech we were trained to know the signs of abuse in the very young and in the elderly, and as a matter of fact, my license to practice in California was issued on the premise that I had to report any reasonable suspicion of abuse in either population of society. Now that I'm living in Oregon, and I'm being schooled further in the medical field, my license now, more than ever is contingent on reporting abuse. Although I'm in flux between pharmacy and my new schooling in the nursing profession, I am still bound to do all that I can to bring abuse to the attention of the authorities. What they do with my reports are a different story, as I will illustrate below.

As I said, I saw Gracie at the end of last summer when her parents brought her to Eugene for the wedding of Gracie's aunt. I don't think that I ever saw Gracie's feet ever touch the ground during that visit. I did see her as her mother held her. Bear in mind, Gracie could walk

and had demonstrated walking in the past, but she was not allowed to walk and when relatives wanted to hold her, her parents would throw a fit. What I saw of Gracie made me want to cry. Gracie's legs were bowed, which any nursing student can tell you is a sign of malnutrition (rickets), and it appeared that patches of hair were missing from her head. When I asked a relative what was going on I didn't like what I heard. Apparently, Gracie's parents explained her condition as being the result of some disease that the doctors could not diagnose. That was suspicious right there because with all of the testing that can be done, especially on a genetic level, every disease that has a name can be diagnosed, and many diseases are being diagnosed every year that are given new names. I know for a fact that clinicians are tenacious, almost in an anal way of ordering more tests when they cannot come up with an answer and they will test someone until they come up with an answer. Yes, doctors and researchers are anal and they will test until they find an answer. So, to say that the doctors couldn't diagnose the problem is in itself a problematic lie.

I have an instructor, a wonderful lady who investigates cases like this. I'm just sad that I didn't know her back when this all happened. Last week, our teacher taught us about her research into something called "Munchhausen's By Proxy." First, let's learn what regular Munchhausen's disease is. To put it plainly, people who have Munchhausen's Disease will actually make themselves sick so that they can see the doctor, or they will claim diseases so that they can see a doctor. It is a psychiatric disorder that causes people to crave attention and be the focus of attention. People with this disorder will perform extreme acts to make themselves sick, and/or they will read up on diseases in order to know exactly the signs and symptoms to manifest to get the attention that they seek.

People with Munchhausen's By Proxy are more cowardly. They will make a family member (most often a child or elderly adult) sick so that they can have attention. They are skilled and crafty and they know just how sick they need to make their victim so that they can get them to the doctor. The parent or caregiver will then look like a hero, often recognized as the person who saved the victim's life by paying close attention to their condition. They often will not let others spend time with the victim for long and during doctor's appointments they will not leave the patient at all. They are so educated on what they are doing that when a doctor suggests that there is nothing wrong, the perpetrator will suggest other diseases or tests for the doctor to look for. Where the Munchhausen's patient will feign illness for self-attention, the Munchhausen's By Proxy will make a child or adult sick to gain attention. Remember what was said above, that the abusing parent will never leave the child alone with another person, hardly ever. That is because many times, when the child is left with another person, that other person puts things together and

the authorities are involved. Little Gracie was never allowed to be alone with many people, especially her husband's family. We always thought this to be odd, and attributed it to what seemed to be an unfounded hatred that Gracie's mother had/has toward them. If you knew Gracie's paternal grandparents and their family, they are the salt of the earth, caring, loving and faithful. \

Gracie's case had been turned over to the child protective body here in Oregon, whom had investigated claims several times. I called them after I noticed Gracie at the wedding event and was told that they would look into it. Later the social worker would call back to tell another relative that all of the calls were false reports and that there was no abuse where Gracie was concerned. This really concerned me, but my hands were tied, as were the hands of others. You see, we knew that Gracie was being abused. There were the signs that I saw, but the most revealing thing happened about a year or so before I had seen Gracie. Gracie's parents had to go away and they left Gracie with her maternal grandmother. Now remember, according to the parents, Gracie had a disease that the doctors could not diagnose. This caused her to become malnourished, according to them. However, when Gracie stayed with her maternal grandmother, she began to eat, looked healthier and started to put on some weight. Apparently, the diagnosis that the doctors couldn't find was child abuse. If Gracie has really been sick, then why would she start to eat, put on weight and start to look healthier when not in the presence of her parents? The answer is simple, the parents were the disease.

It was only a few months after I saw Gracie and made my report to the social worker that we got a call from Gracie's paternal grandmother. She was crying, saying that something had happened to Gracie, and that she was up in a children's hospital up north. Apparently, the father had found Gracie and she was very ill. He never called an ambulance, but drove her to the hospital. Later she was transferred to the hospital up north. Gracie's paternal grandparents, a couple of aunts and an uncle went up north to see Gracie, but Gracie's mother and father had given strict instructions that they not be allowed to see Gracie. This often happens in Munchhausen's by Proxy. Anyone who could see anything abnormal or report anything is kept away by the parent(s) doing the harm. On the other hand, Gracie's maternal family were all in the room. Gracie's father would come out from time to time, and he even picked fights with his mother during this time, accusing his mother of many things that, if you knew his mother, could never be true. In Munchhausen's by Proxy, the other parents is usually oblivious to the abuse committed by the other parent. The offenders are usually the mothers. The husbands, trying to be good husbands and protect their wives, often do so, not suspecting that their spouse is a child abuser and/or murderer.

There are many ways that those with Munchhausen's by Proxy do away with their victims. One of the methods they use is called "salting." They somehow overload the victim's system with salt, causing severe edema which also causes hydrocephalus. This is a swelling of the brain caused by excessive water content in the skull and spinal cord canal. The reports that we received about Gracie, reports from her own parents, were that Gracie's brain had swelled, so much so, that the doctors removed pieces of skull to allow the brain to swell. She became brain dead and was taken off of life support the following day.

When I heard this, I immediately called the Sheriff's department for the county where Medford is. I talked to a deputy and said that I was exasperated and thought that a crime had occurred. He listened to my story and said that he would contact his counterpart up in Portland to tell them my concerns. My thoughts were that the parents would want the body ASAP in order to cremate her and to be rid of all evidence. Another relative, who has a bit more power than I called some authorities up in Portland to alert them of his concern. He too thought that this sounded more like murder than something accidental or due to a disease. We were happy to hear that Gracie's body was held by authorities for a pending autopsy. Later we heard that the DA for Medford was investigating the case as a possible homicide. That is where it stands today. Pretty soon it will be a year since Gracie went to Heaven, and still nothing has come of this case.

You know, there are many injustices in this world. Some people commit murder and they are caught, many are never caught. One comfort that I have is that Gracie is in heaven now, and no longer are there horrible people abusing her. She is in the hands of a loving Savior; a loving savior that happens to hold little children in high esteem, and one that has pronounced a severe punishment for those who commit hurt children. Another comfort is that although people might "get away with murder" here on earth because they can hide things and hoodwink people; an all seeing and all-knowing El Elyon knows their deed, and nothing remains unseen before him. If they don't come clean and repent, Gracie's parents will spend eternity where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth and will suffer eternal separation from Yahweh. If either of you read this account, I hope that you come to faith in Yeshua and repent. If you don't, there is nothing I could say to prepare what awaits you. It's your choice.

Like I said at the beginning of this article, we will never forget you Gracie. Though I never got to hold you, and they wouldn't let me talk to you, I hold the hope that I will get to hold you and talk to you for an eternity. You're with Yeshua now Gracie, and you're happy, healthy and blessed; no longer abused, but held in everlasting hands of love and compassion. See you soon sweet little niece.