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Ask Annie...

Anna Goodman
Columnist

Dear Annie,

I feel so terrible for those who are suffering from in aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. Do you have any suggestions on how I can help the people of Haiti?

Sincerely,
Concerned in Kansas

A: Dear Concerned,

It is wonderful that you have such a heart for helping those in need. Every day, we are leaning more and more about the difficulties that are facing the people of Haiti in the wake of the earthquake that recently hit there. We know the need for medical supplies, water, food, safety, and housing is immense. There are children who have lost their parents and parents who have lost their children. The loss is great for all. There are several mainstream charity organizations involved in the relief effort. Many of these are currently asking for clothing, canned goods, and monetary donations to help support their efforts. Here are a few of the main organizations involved in the relief effort:

- **Samaritan's Purse:**
www.samaritanspurse.com
- **Heart to Heart International:**www.hearttoheart.org/index.php
- **Salvation Army:**
www.salvationarmy.org
- **American Red Cross:**
www.redcross.org

In addition to these organizations, there are others trying to help, too. To find them, you can search "Haiti earthquake relief donations" online.

BRIGHTLY LIT(erature)

Spotlighting Student Writers & Literary Critics

Hangman's Curse: The Veritas Project A Book Review

Timothy Meigs
Columnist



The football team members at Roger's High break from their huddle and trot to the line of scrimmage, positioning themselves for the called play. The quarterback takes the snap and runs back.

And freezes.

His eyes widen in horror and then he turns and runs in the opposite direction toward his own end zone! He makes it a good distance down the field before his own teammate tackles him to stop the loss of yardage.

"What's wrong with you?!?" someone screams at him from the sidelines.

After a moment, when he doesn't get up, a couple of his teammates motion frantically at the coach who hurries onto the field.

He sees his quarterback lying on the ground with a hand in front of his face, as if to protect himself. His eyes are distant, as if he can see something that none of the rest of them can, and his face bears a terrified expression.

"No! Abel Frye! Abel Frye!!" he screams.

His teammates glance fearfully from their quarterback to the coach to each other. He has succumbed to the curse of Abel Frye. He's not the first.

So begins a tale of a normal school. That is, if you consider ghost-haunted hallways, witches, and unexplainable curses normal.

Due to these unnatural circumstances and their spiritual relevance, the President sends in four Christian investigators, the Springfield family of the Veritas project. Investigating the unseen, viewing the results from a Christian perspective, Nate, Sarah, Elijah, and Elisha must hasten to find out the cause of this curse before anyone else becomes victim and, as a result, hospitalized as puzzled doctors frantically attempt to diagnose the problem.

In this spiritual thriller, Christian author Frank Peretti combines the known with the unknown, the seen with the unseen, the real with the surreal, and the tangible with the intangible. Nothing is known, nothing is assumed, everything is risked.

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If you feel like you want to do more than donate, you could organize a Haiti Relief Fundraiser for your church, scouting troop, or another group in which you are involved. Also, please remember to pray for the people of Haiti. Pray that those who are injured will receive needed treatment and that many will find the comfort of Christ during this time. Remember the nation's leaders as well as the others who are part of the relief efforts as they seek to work together to restore peace and order to Haiti. Also, ask the Lord for His peace and protection for all in Haiti as aftershocks continue to rock the nation. As the days and weeks go by, more needs will continue to surface, so watch the news and check the websites of organizations that are involved in the relief effort to find out the latest information.

*Sincerely,
Annie*

Would you like to see your question in an upcoming issue of the Brighton Star?? Submit your thoughts and questions to Ask Annie @ askannieatbrighton@gmail.com▲

TEACHER FEATURE

★ Christy Berry ★

*Lydia DeWolf
Reporter*

1. What is your full name?

Christy Leacock Berry (I changed my middle name from Marie to Leacock when I was married.)

2. Where did you grow up?

Lee's Summit, MO.

3. What is your favorite color?

Cobalt blue.

4. Do you have any hobbies?

Too many! Sewing, weaving, knitting, felting, reading, hiking, and gardening are the main ones.

5. What do you do in your free time?

Everything in the above list, but I also like to play board games and canasta with friends.

6. Do you have any children? If so, what are their names and ages?

We're expecting our first little girl this March--the current name choice is Galena, but nothing's final yet!

7. What was your first car?

An '88 Volkswagen Golf, light blue--my favorite car!

8. Where did you go to college, and what did you major in?

Well, I started at Seattle Pacific University, then transferred to Southwest Baptist University for two years, then finished at UMKC with an Art Education degree.

9. What is your favorite season (winter, spring, summer, or fall) and why?

I like spring because of all the planting and gardening to do, but fall weather is my favorite.

10. How long have you taught at Brighton, and which classes?

This is my fourth year at Brighton teaching general art classes, and this year I'm teaching two specialty focus classes, drawing and fiber art.

11. What advice would you give to any students wanting to go into your field? (Art and/or Education)

If you're really serious about art, the best thing to do is build up a portfolio of your work. Experiment with different media and techniques, and practice, practice, practice your skills.

THANKS MRS. BERRY!!!