

## THE GIFT OF LOVE



Once there was a farmer, who had four pups to sell.  
He decided to put a for sale sign outside his gate.  
As he was putting the last nail into the post  
he felt a pull on the leg of his trousers  
and a little voice said,  
*“Sir, are your pups for sale, how much are they?”*  
*“Well, said the farmer, the pups are very expensive,  
because they come from a very good breed.”*  
The little boy put his hand in his pocket and produced 35 cents  
Holding out his hand, he said,  
*“Do you think this is enough to have a look.”*  
*“Oh yes of course, said the farmer.”*  
With that the farmer gave a loud whistle  
and Dolly the mother ran down the steps.  
Behind her four little balls of white fluff.  
The little boy’s eyes opened wide with excitement.  
Then another little ball of white fluff half the size of the others  
came limping up to the fence.  
*“I want that one, said the boy.”*  
*“Oh no you don’t, said the farmer,  
that little fellow will not be able to run and play with you  
like the other pups.”*  
With that the little boy stood back and pulled up the leg of his trousers  
to reveal two bars running down both sides of his leg into his shoe.  
*“You see, he said, that little pup will need someone who understands him.”*  
With that the farmer leaned over the fence and picked up the pup  
and with tears in his eyes, he placed the pup into the arms of the boy.  
*“What do I owe you Sir,” said the boy.”*  
*“No Charge,” said the farmer.*  
*“There is no charge for love, you see the world needs  
people like you who understand.”*

**I am ready now, Lord Jesus  
To show how much I care.  
I am ready now to give your love  
At home and everywhere. Amen**

## THE LIGHT OF HOPE

Once there was a man, who lived with his parents out in the country.  
When both parents had died, he was left all alone.  
He often felt lonely especially in the evening time.  
He decided one evening to put the light on in his verandah  
and there he sat for a few hours.  
Each evening, he would turn on the light and sit for hours.  
Then one evening, he noticed a light shining in the distance  
and it made him feel happy.  
Each evening he would look forward to seeing the light.  
and the light became his companion.  
Over time his loneliness began to disappear.  
After many years, he decided he would go and find the house with the light  
and say *thank you* to the person who put the light on each evening.  
He set out early in the morning. He put the light on in the verandah  
just in case it was dark when he returned home.  
He spent the whole day walking and late in the evening he came to house  
with a light on in the verandah.  
He knocked on the door and explained to the lady  
why he had come.  
As he told his story a smile came on the face of the lady and she said,  
“My husband died 20 years ago and I felt very lonely.  
Then one evening I too noticed a light shining in the distance.”  
The man turned around and realised that the light  
was the light on his verandah.  
Neither of them realised what a difference their own light  
was making to someone else.



**Each of us is a light for others.  
We are the light of Christ  
bringing love, hope, peace and happiness.**

