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Help fellow man

I had read an article in your newspaper and also heard about a pig that apparently had been stolen from a park in Rockford. I learned who the culprit was that Saturday night. The following is what happened next.

I paid the child \$50 to give me the pig. I promised the child I would not tell anyone who was responsible for the theft. I told the child about a loving God who sent His son to die in his place. Not because we were all good enough, but because we were all bad enough.

I told the child God had some rules. One of them was, "Thou shalt not steal." I told the child God loved him like only a Father could. I made him aware of the fact that what he had done was wrong and that he shouldn't consider the \$50 a reward. I told him it was a lesson and that he should pass it on. I hugged the child and told him I loved him and Jesus did, too. Then I brought the pig back to the Rockford Police Department.

The next morning on my way to church, I picked up a 59-year-old hitchhiker. We had a talk and I learned he had a drinking problem. I told him I once had a similar problem and that I met God who loved me and changed me. I told him God loved him, too. I bought him breakfast and invited him to church. When I dropped him off I gave him a hug and told him I loved him and that he could change, too.

What I want to share is: We all need hugs. We all need Jesus. We all need to be loved. Pass it on.

— Mark R. Durham Sr.,
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