

PEOPLE



JACK BRIGGS LOCAL HERO

Those were the headlines in January 1985 when Jack saved the life of a drowning man.

Jack is a member of Polio/Post-Polio Resource Group of Central Florida

Avent Christian Village in Dowling Park, FL

Jack is editor of their news letter and always has a word of wisdom for his readers in the One Day at a Time section.

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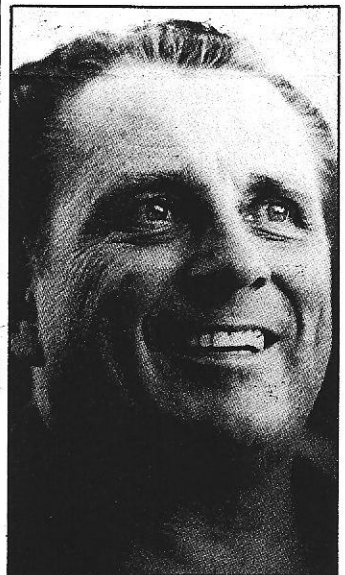
Who says the world doesn't love good news? When the story of Jack Briggs' rescue of a drowning man hit the media, the public ate it up.

Jack had been in Orlando for just a few days and was staying at the Davis Park Motel when he noticed that a man in the motel pool seemed to be in trouble. The man, later identified as Stanley Jackson of Camden, New Jersey, was lying on the floor of the pool, on his back with his eyes wide open. Briggs thought fast, called on his skills as a former lifeguard, and rescued Jackson from the deep water.

What makes this story extra special is that Jack Briggs contracted polio at the age of two and has been slightly crippled ever since. He walks with a cane, but he didn't let that stop him from "getting involved" and saving a life.

Jackson has since returned to his home in New Jersey, in perfect health, thanks to Briggs.

John R. Bather



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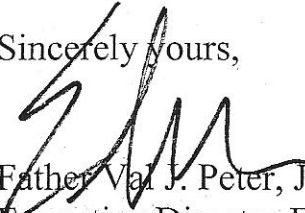
Dear Jack,

Thank you very much for your letter which just arrived here. First of all, I need to congratulate you on being five years at Advent Christian Village. That's a long time and it's a great place and you're really prospering there. It sounds like you have plenty to do with spending Tuesday and Thursday working out in the pool, having lunch in the dining room two or three days a week, riding around on your scooter and doing your own cooking, as well. Secondly, I was sorry to hear about the surgery where you had stents put in your heart. I hope your heart is in good shape. I know that you are a person of great faith.

A person of great faith knows that the Lord has a purpose for them no matter how handicapped they may be.

Do you remember Milton's sonnet on his blindness: "They also serve who only stand and wait." Think of the great grace that you are earning for others because of your patient endurance. I hold you up to the Lord and ask His blessings upon you.

Sincerely yours,



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