

Reflection.....Edevo September 22, 2022

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all....

-Galatians 6:10

My friend Osie sat in her chair and chatted away as the nurse filled a pint-sized container with Osie's blood. It was her first time donating, and it wasn't as bad as she thought it would be. The nurse was a sweetheart, it was practically painless., and the juice and cookies hit the spot. "Thank you so much," Osie said as she prepared to leave.

"Oh no," said the nurse, "thank you!"

Osie felt great knowing she'd done something that day that might save a life. That's just her nature: always generous, delighted to serve and happy to know she's made a difference.

A week later, my friend was riding her bike to school and was struck by a van. People surrounded Osie and made frantic calls to 911 as she lay motionless on the ground. She tried to get up but realized she couldn't move, and then the commotion around her faded into darkness. Osie had broken her thigh, her pelvis and her ankle, but her most serious injury was the internal bleeding. When she went into surgery, her blood level was critically low. She would need a transfusion.

Her mother remembered how Osie had happily shared her experience of giving blood. When she told the doctors, the search was on to locate her donation. Hours later, the selfless gift Osie had given to save a life saved her very own.

Dear God, reveal to me a selfless act that I can do today.

-Karen Valentin