

Dear Glenn:

I wanted to write this letter as soon as I returned from the banquet in Nashville, Tennessee in November, but I was so busy, and I am finally taking the time to do it.

I just wanted to let you know how deeply moved and impressed I was after attending the banquet. It gave me a better insight and knowledge as to what my daughter had been doing during the summer of 1989. Up to that point I didn't fully understand what the program was all about.

It all started in April of 1989 when Joanne called home to tell me what she was about to undertake for her summer job. She had mentioned it prior to this, but I didn't take it seriously as I thought it would not happen. Then, the week before she was to leave Liberty University to go to Nashville, Tennessee to be a "bookman", she came home for a weekend to say good-bye. My reaction was one of dismay. I always looked forward to her coming home for the summer as she is away at college all year. I even had a summer employee college student job waiting for her. I must admit I was frightened to know what my daughter was about to undertake. I tried to convince her to stay home, that she would not accomplish much towards her college education. After thinking carefully, I encouraged her to do what she felt was in her heart because I have never stopped her from doing anything in her life she felt was right. She felt it would be a great learning experience, and she would make money towards her college education.

Joanne called over the summer months. I knew she was working hard long hours, and was homesick, but I knew down deep that Joanne was doing something she felt good about and believed in. Not only was Joanne in this for earning money for her education and a learning experience, but for the spiritual aspect also, as she felt she would minister to people. She also learned that to do this job, she placed total dependency on God.

The newsletters from the Varsity Company over the summer were great. They showed just what was being accomplished. I couldn't wait for Saturday just to receive one in the mail. Then the big day came. Joanne was number one rookie. What a feeling of accomplishment. I felt so very happy and proud that my daughter could have achieved this honor.

Then it was over. Joanne came home for one week after selling before going back to college. She was so ecstatic and delighted to show me her check. I was amazed and so grateful because it would help me so much with her college education.

I have to let you know how much I enjoyed the banquet in Nashville, Tennessee in November. This is where I really got to see what it was all about. I never saw so much enthusiasm and belief in a group of young adults today. It was a pleasure to see.

I am very grateful for Joanne's accomplishments in selling books for The Varsity Company. It was a pleasure to meet you and your lovely wife, Kathy. Thank you for giving Joanne this opportunity. I hope to see you again at the banquet next year.

Sincerely,
Grace Nogowski