

Wednesday - March 9

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

Ice Skating

One winter day my brother and I were going to skate on a pond. It was really cold out and the snow made everything sparkle in the sunlight. It seemed that the birds were really happy because they wouldn't stop singing. I was really excited because this was going to be the first time I had ever skated on a pond. When we got to the pond some teenagers were playing hockey.

After I laced up my skates, I looked over at the wooden ramp you could use to get onto the ice. I thought it looked too steep, very rickety, and super slippery. Instead, I tried getting onto the ice from the grass. It was hard because the ground was higher than the pond. I was also really scared that I would break the ice and fall into the pond. But then the teenagers noticed us trying to slide down onto the ice. They stopped their game and helped my brother and I onto the ice. Once I was on the ice, I felt happy and very grateful that those teenagers had helped us.

Even though they could have just kept on skating, those teenagers helped us onto the ice. Their kindness was a real example of someone living God's love because they were willing to help someone who was scared and uncertain.

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Prayer: Dear God, thank you for providing helpers and encouragers in our lives. Help me to also be a helper and encourager to others. Amen.