

Dear Contributor,

You may recall my role as editor for story collections such as: *A Cup of Comfort*, *Extraordinary Answers to Prayer*, *Love is a Verb*, and a number of books related to *Angels, Miracles, and Heavenly Encounters*. I am now compiling a story volume for Bethany House Publishers in the latter genre of God revealing himself to children entitled, *Jesus Talked to Me Today: Stories of Children's Encounters with God, Angels, and Miracles*.

Children have a particular closeness to God and both hear from and encounter Him in extraordinary ways. We adults can also grow closer to God by being receptive to what they share about their supernatural encounters and their thoughts God has given them, being aware that God wants to use them to speak to us in ways we do not ordinarily hear.

If you have children or know other children who have impacted you directly with their own supernatural experiences I would greatly value your story as an addition to this volume. By "children" I mean from toddlers to age 20, whereas 21 signifies an adult. Experiences include hearing from or seeing Jesus, angels, or demons.

They can also include what could be classified as being involved with or witnessing miracles, or just hearing from God in unusual and exciting ways. We want to avoid stories that are one step removed and only talk about how God worked in a child's life from the adult perspective. The child needs to be the central actor.

We'll consider original, unpublished stories of up to 2,000 words and they must be at least 1,000 words. The stories should have a creative title, an attention-grabbing introduction, main body with a conflict or challenge, and a clear, satisfying resolution. They need to be descriptive, rooted in time and place, with a realistic portrayal of the characters involved.

They also need to be substantive stories rather than mere testimonies or teachings, and the focus should not be on the supernatural realm alone, but rather the spiritual lesson learned. Please include a personal biography of 30 words or less at the end of each manuscript.

Your manuscript will be due no later than September 1, 2014, but we would prefer it much earlier. Please send your manuscript attached to the e-mail rather than pasting text in the email window. Send your manuscript in normal manuscript formatting in Times New Roman, 12-point, with your full contact information--name, address, phone number, and e-mail address at the top of the first page. We are offering a one-time fee of \$50 for stories 1,500 words and over, and \$25 for stories under that word count.

We will send you contracts upon the publisher's acceptance and would need them back promptly. Payment will be made after all contracts have been received. **Please direct all inquiries and manuscript submissions to my colleague, Jeanette Littleton, at supernaturalstories2@earthlink.net.** If this e-mail has been forwarded to you, and you

can't submit to this call, but would like to hear about other editorial needs as they arise, please send us your e-mail address and we'll add you to our notification list.

Blessings to you and yours,

James Stuart Bell