

extreme GRACE

Photographing God

The assignment: To prepare a photographic exposition that clearly reveals God's character.

The tools: A Nikon 35mm camera and one (1) roll of 36-exposure color film. Since I often have to take several exposures to get the photo correct, I ended up with only ten photographs for the expo.

God's hands They are calloused, like the hands of a hard-working farmer. Hands that look like the owner has been making mud-babies. Big hands, strong enough to build a house, gentle enough to make a home.

God's eyes A mixture of emerald and sapphire, they glitter with energy and love. Smile lines lead toward them, yet there is compassion in the ever-ready tears.

God's mouth Accented by more smile lines, His mouth is full yet firm, as if filled with wisdom, correction, affirmation, stories, and a great song.

God's ears If such is possible, God's ears are beautiful. In this photo you see his right ear leaning toward you, tuned to the sound of your voice.

God's "Adam's apple" It's huge! And bobbing up and down like a tenor in full voice.

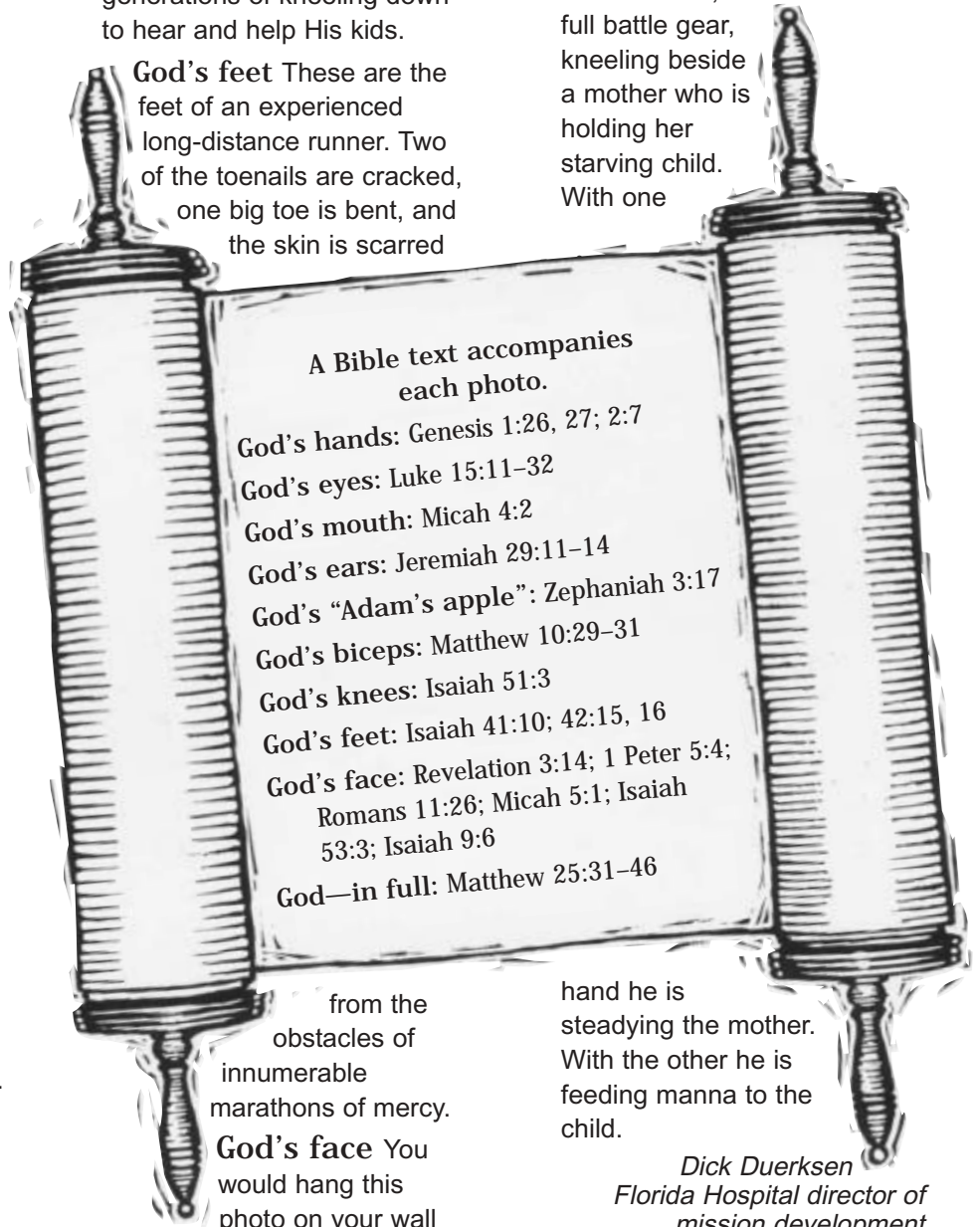
God's biceps This is a panoramic photo showing His arms folded across His chest—in full flex. The power is frightening! Till you see the sparrow nestled in his right hand.

God's knees Calloused, from generations of kneeling down to hear and help His kids.

God's feet These are the feet of an experienced long-distance runner. Two of the toenails are cracked, one big toe is bent, and the skin is scarred

warrior. Some will see a seamstress. Some will be terrified. Some will kneel and weep with joy. All will see Him as they know Him.

God—in full He would not allow me to take a photo of Him alone, saying, "I'm never alone!" So, the photo shows Him as he wants to be remembered, in full battle gear, kneeling beside a mother who is holding her starving child. With one



from the obstacles of innumerable marathons of mercy.

God's face You would hang this photo on your wall and invite your neighbors to come see it. Some will see a kind grandfather. Others will find Him to be an inquisitive teenager. Some will see a

hand he is steadying the mother. With the other he is feeding manna to the child.

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