

A little house that my father helped me build . . .

April 20, 2006

I had a strange dream last night! Before recounting the details of the dream, I should mention that when I was a child, probably over 50 years ago, my father helped me (or did I help him??) make a small wooden log cabin out of popsicle sticks and wood that I gave to my grandfather. My grandfather kept this little house, which was eventually returned to me after his death. Over decades of time, the house fell apart, but I kept the pieces, thinking that someday I would glue them all back together. I still have the pieces today, somewhere in my garage.

Anyway, in the dream I was standing in the ruins of my childhood house at 421 N. Joanna Avenue in Tavares. The house was in the process of being demolished. I walked over, and there on the ground were some of the pieces of that old wooden log cabin that Dad and I had made for my grandfather. I picked up the pieces of that cabin, and with great emotion, I showed them to Dad, who was there in that dream. I wanted him to see that after all these years, I still kept the pieces, because the house was something special to me, because he had helped me build it so long ago. Of course, Dad was pleased that the cabin still had meaning to me.

In the same way, when we come to the end of our own lives, and our “house,” the life that our Father helped us build, is almost over, we will be able to present the “pieces” of this “house” to our Heavenly Father. He will be pleased and proud of us, as my own father was in this dream, and from the pieces of these small houses that He helped us build, He will build a heavenly mansion.

**“In my Father’s house are many mansions:
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there you may be also.” John 14: 2-3 KJV**

[Return to homepage](#)

Dr. Robert J. Rapalje, Retired

Seminole State College of Florida

Altamonte Springs Campus

Email: rapaljer@mathinlivingcolor.com