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Jerrie and Gail,

I received the book in the mail earlier this week. Due to a busy schedule, I wasn't able to pick it up to start reading until I got to the office this morning shortly after 6 a.m. Outside of taking an hour off for lunch, I didn't put the book down. I finished reading it a few minutes ago.

Times have certainly changed in child welfare and things are done much differently today than they were in the mid-50s. I have had the opportunity to talk with many children now adults who lived at Children's Homes, Inc. in the early days of children coming into our family. Their stories mirror your story, Gail, in so many ways. I am going to recommend your book to some of them who are still dealing with the trauma of their childhoods.

Thank you for having the courage to tell your story. It was very emotional and horrific, yet led me to many "Thank you, God" and "Hallelujah!" moments for you and so many others who were privileged to help during and on the other side of your trauma.

God bless you in your ministry. I suspect God will continue to open doors to others who need both of you. Sunday morning at the Foristell congregation west of St. Louis, the minister made a statement in his sermon that fits your story so beautifully, Gail. He said, "God will bring you to it then see you through it?"

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