

Day 2: Sunday, June 22

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Here’s a word that we need to learn while traveling through Amish country: *Danki* (thank you). As you can see, PA Dutch is derived from the German language (Deutsch). We will find time to use this word many times along the way. As we visit road side stands, small shops, hosts in the churches, let’s make use of this expression of gratitude.

The way I remember it, because of the quality of the products that are for sale this week, I doubt you’ll get much of sales pitch. Products will speak for themselves. Whether it is a quilt, an Amish toy for your grandchildren, or a shoofly pie, you can rest assured that it will be well made.

Often, we feel frustrated when someone gives us a sales pitch. We become wary and doubtful of whether the words can be trusted. It can be the same when we talk about our faith. Our words must be matched by actions and our heart. We should try to avoid “selling” someone Jesus. Instead, by allowing people to see God’s light and love in us, they will be more apt to come to Him. Let the work He’s doing in our lives do the talking.

In John 13:35, Jesus told His disciples the following: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” May others know we belong to Jesus by the love they see in us.

Food for Thought – “Lamps do not talk; they shine.”