

Here is the story I, Carleen Galiardo, posted on facebook on May 10th of 2012.
This story unfolded right before my eyes:

First post-- (with minor modifications)

Sometimes we get a word from the Lord and we resist telling it to the person for whom it is intended. This happened to me recently. My friend Yolanda received a word from the Lord for me, but because she didn't understand it, she hesitated in telling me. When she did reveal the message she had been given, I understood it right away and it was a comfort to me. This is what she shared... She told me that the Lord wanted to tell me that for months, she had seen an elephant on my heart. She tried to comfort me telling me she was sure the Lord would lift it soon. I told her I hoped He never would.

When my children were younger I inadvertently assigned animals to them according to their personalities. Robert, my youngest, was my monkey, always climbing on everything and happy go lucky. Stephen was my lion, strong and proud. Christian, my oldest, was my elephant. He loved elephants and was sensitive and compassionate as elephants are. Since his passing (on October 26, 2011), I have felt so separated from him and have longed to feel him close to me. When I heard Yolanda say she saw "an elephant on my heart," I knew the Lord was telling me, Christian is right there, on your heart. What a blessing to hear from the Lord! [I pray Christian can feel me on his heart as well](#). And I pray that whenever someone has a word for me from the Lord, that they have the courage, as Yolanda did, to speak it... even if they don't understand. Thanks, Yo. Thank you, Lord. Miss you, Christian.

Then a minute later after going outside to put out the recycling, I noticed a package at my door, post #2--

I just got a package from my sister. It is a heart necklace with the inscription, "The Heart Remembers." On the back are Christian's initials. I'm sure she sent it as a testimony that we will always remember Christian. But the Lord had a different purpose for it. He sent it as a message to me, after my comment in my last post, "I pray Christian can feel me on his heart as well" to let me know that, indeed, he does. What an amazing God we have. How perfect is His timing. How amazing is His love. I had just prayed that God would communicate to me in every way He possibly could, and there was this package at my door. I am undone.

But the story doesn't end there. After some time, I began to realize that the Lord, in His loving kindness, was sending me an elephant every day as a gentle reminder that my son, like an elephant, never will forget his mom. He knows me still and loves me right where he is-just on the other side of that veil. Every day, I see either a picture or a statue of an elephant, or I hear the word elephant or run across the word in something I am reading or as part of a movie. Some of the ways God has used to deliver my daily elephant are very amazingly intricate and wonderful, obviously set in motion long before we lost our son. God is SO faithful to minister to us. He really does care about every aspect of our lives! What else would we expect from the One who gave His only Son to die in our place, receiving the punishment that WE deserve and exchanging our sin for His righteousness so we could be reconciled to Him? I praise and thank God for His faithfulness and the promise we have in our glorious reunions! Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and help us each day to boldly tell of your love and the forgiveness you offer to each of us through the cross. We know You are not coming for Your church until that last person on Your list accepts this free gift of salvation You have paid for with Your precious blood. Open the hearts and minds of those who have yet to believe so we can all go Home! Help us to live for You as You walk with us through these storms of life. Amen.

IF you feel the Holy Spirit tugging at your heart and you have never given your life to the Lord Jesus, you can do that right now by praying this prayer... "Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Forgive me. I accept you as Lord and Savior of my life. Come into my heart. Send Your Holy Spirit to teach me how to live the rest of this life for You. Amen." Now tell someone you have made this decision. Read your Bible and find a church that teaches through, and stands on the Truth of God's Word. God bless you!