

There will be enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household and nourishment for your servant-girls.

—Proverbs 27:27



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It started with rabbits. Our family moved to a big, old farmhouse on ten rural acres, and our six- and nine-year-old sons were promised “farm animals.” So we acquired rabbits and tried that for a year. They weren’t very playful or cuddly, and they preferred to bite the hands that fed them.

Fast forward to the following April Fools’ Day. The boys went to a swap meet with Grampa. They sold the rabbits and their habitat to an unsuspecting 4-H member. With their newfound wealth and some help from Grampa’s generous wallet, they purchased two baby miniature goats.

Goats, we learned, are playful. They are outdoor pets, and one of the goats did not survive her second year. But Lydia, who has grown to be a fat, old goat who currently boasts sixteen years of skipping across the planet, has been a constant reminder of the abundance we enjoy. She inspired us to give goats to friends and family members on special occasions through Episcopal Relief & Development’s *Gifts for Life* program.

What inspires you to act for the betterment of others?

—Bronwyn Clark Skov