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Why aren't we as happy as we could be?
Daniel Gilbert tackles that question and others in his new book, Stumbling on Happiness. Read an interview with the author.

Ask Dr. Weil
In this week's magazine, contributor Dr. Andrew Weil writes about how drugmakers have stopped producing animal insulin, a longtime treatment for diabetics. Do you have questions about diabetes? You can ask the doctor at time.com/askdrweil
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HE MAY HAVE LOST HIS SIGHT AS A CHILD, BUT CHEN Guangcheng's legal vision has helped illuminate the plight of thousands of Chinese villagers. Last year officials initiated a forced abortion and sterilization campaign against women in Shandong province who were deemed ineligible to bear another child under China's strict family-planning policy. Even though national regulations prohibit such brutal measures, no one except Chen was willing to confront local officials, who may have felt that lowering the number of extra births would help their political careers. By filing a lawsuit on the women's behalf, he became a hero in Shandong and an important player in China's nascent civil society. "Someone has to fight for people with no voice," he said last fall. "I guess that person is me."

Despite his pioneering legal efforts, Chen, 34, holds no law degree. When he was younger, the blind were prohibited from pursuing college degrees in China, so Chen could only audit law classes. But he learned enough to advise fellow villagers. Distraught citizens asked him last year if he could do anything about the coerced abortions and sterilizations. At least two women had been forced to abort their babies just days before their due dates. Chen traveled to Beijing to see what he could do. His drumbeat advocacy prompted the usually reticent State Family Planning Commission to call for the arrest of any officials who break the law. Yet three hours after meeting with TIME in Beijing to discuss the issue, Chen was shoved into an unmarked vehicle by public-security agents from his hometown. They bundled him back to his village, where he was held under house arrest for months. Despite the commission's vow, only one official has been detained. Meanwhile, thugs routinely showed up at Chen's home to rough him up. In March several dozen police arrived to take Chen away, and he hasn't been seen since. But the people of Shandong haven't forgotten the blind man who let the world see their tragedies. —By Hannah Beech
"I Knew That He Was Genuine"

Bono

BY JESSE HELMS

When I was first told in 2000 that Bono wanted to meet with me to talk about boosting U.S. aid to Africa, I didn't know who he was. But my Senate staff certainly did. After so many years in Washington, I had met enough people to quickly figure out who is genuine and who is there for show. I knew as soon as I met Bono that he was genuine. He had his facts in hand and didn't have any agenda other than doing all he could to help people in desperate need.

Along with Franklin Graham, Bono, 45, helped me understand the scope of the tragedy in Africa, especially the pain it is bringing to infants and children and their families. Once I understood, I made both men a promise that I would do all I could to help. Senator Bill Frist and I were allies in creating and passing a bill to commit $200 million to fight AIDS in Africa. The challenges are still enormous, but I think there can be a very good future for Africa if the cycles of death, poverty and armed conflict can be overcome.

I admire Bono's dedication and his willingness to make decisions. There is no pretense about him. In fact, he has opened himself up to criticism because he has been willing to work with anyone to find help for these children. After our first meeting, he invited me to be his guest at a U2 concert. My grandchildren were only too happy to come along. Bono enjoys telling people that I said watching the audience swaying to the music reminded me of a cornfield rustling in the wind. It was also a reminder of the millions he manages to touch every day with his music and his heart.

Helms is a former Senator from North Carolina
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FROM: Theresa
c: Jessee at the office
Home tel: (201) 689-1622

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Welcome home. Following is a second proof from TIME. They have had to make some slight changes in order to accommodate the layout and wanted to run this revised final by you before going to print.

I have indicated where edits were made to the last version (which included the changes you gave me) by circling their new wording and writing in the original text that was edited.

Could you let us know if this new version is okay? (The piece goes to print on Friday.)

Thank you,

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