



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"I was made in the USA by the Master Craftsman whose name I proudly proclaim."

Made in Mexico

My wife used to go to school and then worked right across from where [York Peppermint Patties](#) were made. She would go there and buy a large quantity of seconds for 50 cents a bag. She just loved the original version which featured strong contrasting flavors, with a particularly bitter chocolate coating around a sugar center. During a snap test, if the candy didn't break clean in the middle, it was considered a second. From that plant on Pine Street, in York City, York became a nationally enjoyed name. February 11 became [National Peppermint Patty Day](#) and it is always about these York Peppermint Patties. It is possible that Charles Schultz called one of his main 1966 Peanuts character "Peppermint Patty" because of this York confection.

The patties were first produced in 1940, by Henry C. Kessler at his [York Cone Company](#). The York Cone Company made wafer cookies then ice cream cones, but they only sold in the summer. So Henry set out to find a candy with the right mix of chocolate and peppermint that was firm and crisp. He first called them Nu-Style Peppermint Patties. After 32 years, the York Cone Company was sold to [Peter Paul Candies](#). In 1975, they launched the York Peppermint Pattie nationally using the tag line "Get the Sensation". In 1978, Peter Paul merged with [Cadbury](#). By 1980's, 2.7 million patties were made each day, in York. They had up to 123 hourly workers. Then, in 1988, Cadbury was purchased by [Hershey Foods](#). The patty manufacturing was moved to Hershey's Reading, PA plant. In 2009, the manufacturing of York Peppermint Patties and many other Hershey brands were moved out of the country to Monterey, Mexico. Over 300 jobs were lost at the Reading plant and over 1,300 Hershey jobs across the county.

It seems like a lot of manufacturing is moving to Mexico. Honeywell, a previous employer of mine, just moved their York plant to south of the border putting hundreds of my friends out of work. Next the world will be making people in Mexico and importing them. Oh, they are already. But when they become citizens, they are no longer strangers and foreigners but neighbors and friends.

The Bible states that we are made in the image of God ([Gen 1:27](#)). While we are in our mother's womb, He takes possession of our reins and forms our body, hands, feet, eyes, mouth, hair, brain, heart, organs and somehow makes it all work together. From just two cells, we become someone who is wonderfully and marvelously made ([Ps 139:13, 14](#)). Plus, there is no assembly required, no batteries needed, no wires to connect, no startup procedure. Most of the time, it is just slap and play and it can keep ticking for over 90 years. One person, God, has performed this miracle billions and billions of times over thousands and thousands of years. He has never been bought out. He never changed His process. His original design was perfect in a perfect world.

But through one man, Adam, sin entered into the world, then death, pain, sorrow, evil and an imperfect world ([Rom 5:12](#)). Just like the York Peppermint Pattie, which we in York were so proud of, we have become foreign to our originator. But our Creator sent His Son to provide a way for us to become a child of His again. "Are you a foreigner to the One who made you?" You must be born again ([John 3:7](#)).

Was made in
York Pa 1940-88.
Now, it is foreign.
Not the same.



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"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Eph 2:19



Made by God
trillions times
over 1,000s of
years.

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