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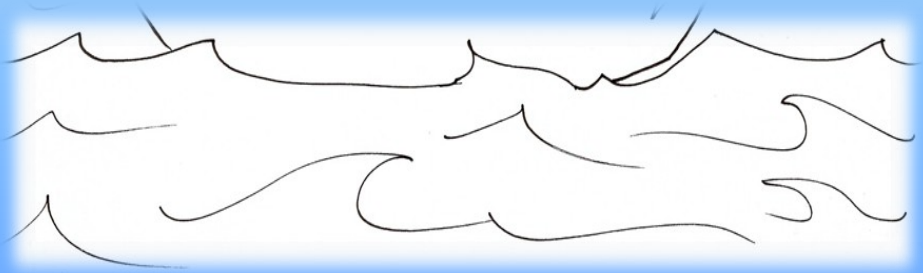
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The Miracle Motorboat



13—The Motorboat Miracle

An adventurous man and his wife—Eugene and Sandy Thomas—were taking a trip on their motorboat. They were missionaries in Africa, and on that day were returning from Bangui to their Bible students.

When they were about 150 miles from their destination, all of a sudden their outboard motor burned out and was completely unusable.

What were they to do? How could they make it back? It was overwhelmingly hot in the sun. There was no one who could help. The only thing to do was to ask God to help them.

Sandy led in a prayed for a miracle—that the motor would start to work again, so they could make it home safely.

After praying, she suggested they try to turn on the motor on. Eugene had looked at the completely burned out motor, and knew that it was impossible for it to ever work again.

But with God all things are possible.

So, after prayer, he decided to give it a try.

They pushed out into the water and pulled the rope on the motor. To their happy relief and amazement the motor started! How wonderful!

They couldn't explain how that could be so, but they were glad it was working. They were able to get all the way to their destination on that God-powered motor.

"How did you get back?" the Bible students wondered, as they looked at the motor.

"This motor is burned out. You couldn't have used this boat," they thought. But they had indeed used that very boat, with that totally burned out motor! God had made it work because these believers prayed and knew God cares for them and can do anything to help, when there is no one else. Everyone was very amazed!

**“Not by might, nor by power, but
by my spirit, saith the Lord of
hosts.”**

(Zechariah 4:6)

**“The Lord is good, a strong hold
in the day of trouble; and he
knoweth them that trust in him.”**

(Nahum 1:7)



The Girl, the Angels, and the Man



14—The Girl, the Angels, and the Man

A Christian couple loved and served the Lord. When they were expecting a baby they prayed for their little one. When the baby was born and was growing, they prayed for her. They knew getting help from Heaven was the best way to help their child be safe and happy and growing well.

When the young child was old enough to start talking, she said some amazing things. She was at last able to let her parents and others know about the angels she always saw.

She pointed them out to her parents wherever she saw them—up near the ceiling of the room, or near the stairway, or other places that these guardian angels were.

One day she said that she'd seen someone else. "The man said he is coming soon."

What man? The parents wondered. But when the very little girl saw a picture of Jesus she said he was the man.

Jesus wanted to give a message through this girl to others, reminding us that He is coming back soon, like He promised.

He will be coming back, and everyone on Earth will get to see Him, up in the sky in the clouds!

Those who love and believe on Jesus will get to go then and live in Heaven with Him. Those who still need to learn to love Him and learn to live in His ways, will be on Earth and Jesus will be the King of all. He'll make things right again on Earth, peaceful and lovely.

Everyone will need to obey Him and His Word then, and this will make the world so much better. It will be a wonderful day, when Jesus Christ returns.

Until then, we can be encouraged, that the angels of God are all around us, even if we can't see them. They are helping to care for and protect us.

We might not always get a chance to see God's strong and beautiful angels, but they can see us and help us in many ways.

We are never alone, and just a prayer for God's help can bring angels to our side right away.

**“For he shall give his angels charge
over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.”**

(Psalms 91:11)

**“For the Lord Himself, shall descend
from heaven with a shout, with the
voice of the archangel, and with the
trump of God... and so shall we ever
be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort
one another with these words.”**

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)



Bread

15—Bread

A special appreciation dinner had been planned. Some missionaries wanted to invite friends and supporters of their work for a nice meal, as a way to thank them for their help.

Vegetables, fruit and meat had been donated in abundance for this event. However, they needed bread, and the shops that could possibly donate it to the missionaries were already closed for the day. The team prayed for a miracle, after all Psalm 37:25 says,

“I have been young and now I'm old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread!”

No sooner had they prayed than they heard the doorbell ring. At the door stood a tall stranger who literally had his arms filled with long loaves of French bread. He tossed the bread to the one who opened the door—without saying a word!

In reflex the missionary grabbed the bread and caught it. In the time that it took to catch his balance and get ready to thank the man for his gift, he had already disappeared!

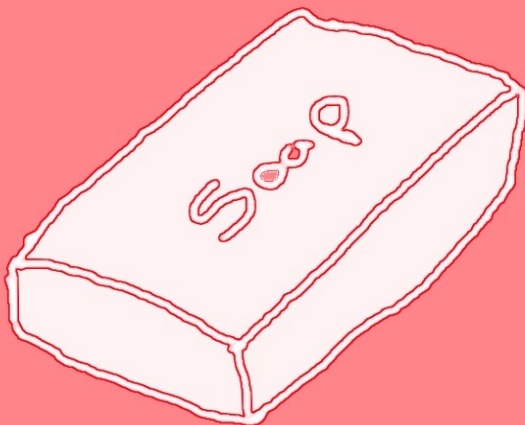
“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

(John 6:35)

“And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”

(Exodus 23:25)

Soap



16—Soap

One morning a Christian missionary family found that they were out of hand soap.

Since they weren't able to afford buying any they prayed for the Lord to supply.

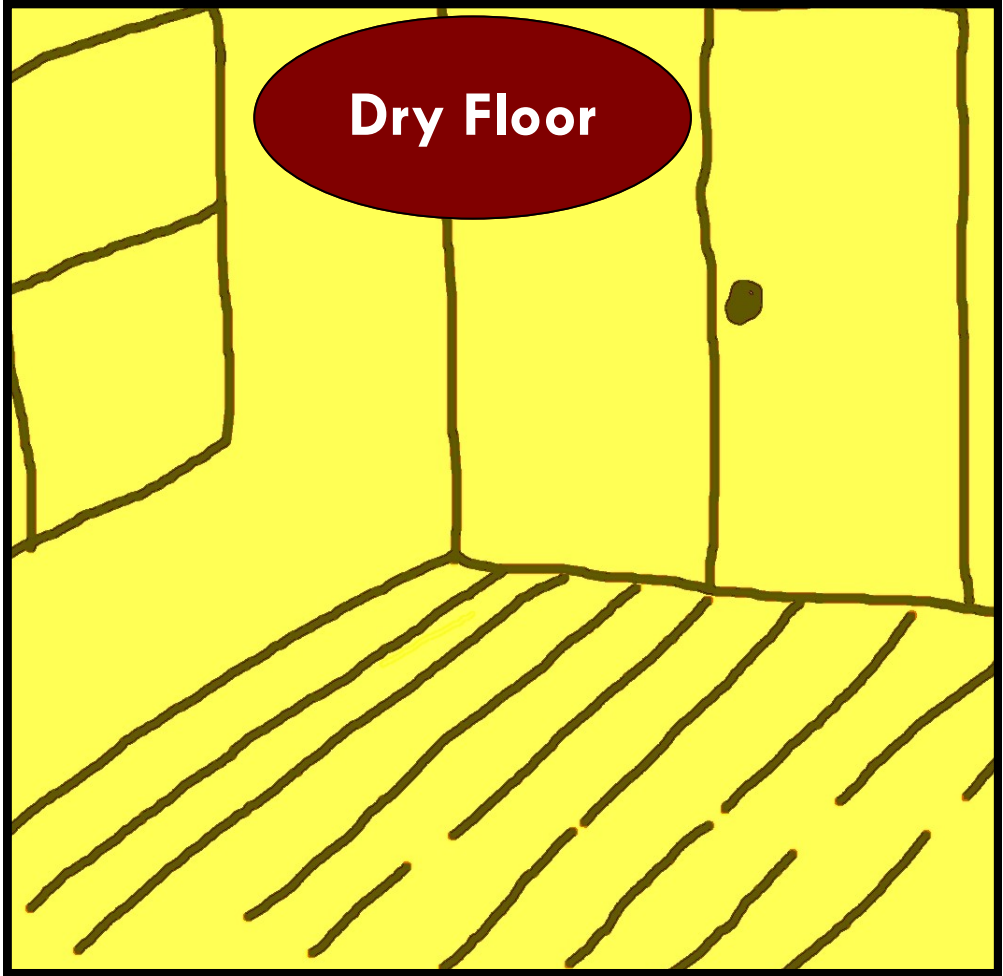
An hour later they found a box outside their house. They didn't know where it came from. It just appeared there—full of about 100 cakes of top-quality hand soap!

“The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”

(Deuteronomy 28:8)

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.”

(Psalms 68:19)



17—Dry Floor

On the days when the humidity was high and it was also very hot outside, the ground floors of a missionary family's house would be covered with water.

They would mop the floors, and after a few minutes they would once again look like someone had just poured water on them.

They had this problem in that house for some time during the rainy season, but one day it was particularly bad. What could help?

They decided to use the power of heaven through prayer to get the floors dry. So before going to bed they prayed for the floors to stay dry.

When they got up the next day the floors were completely dry! They had never seen the floors this dry since they moved to that house about a year before.

The floors remained dry, though the humidity was still high, for the next twenty-four hours. Everybody that morning was so surprised to see the floors so dry. They were so dry they actually made a squeaky noise when walked on!

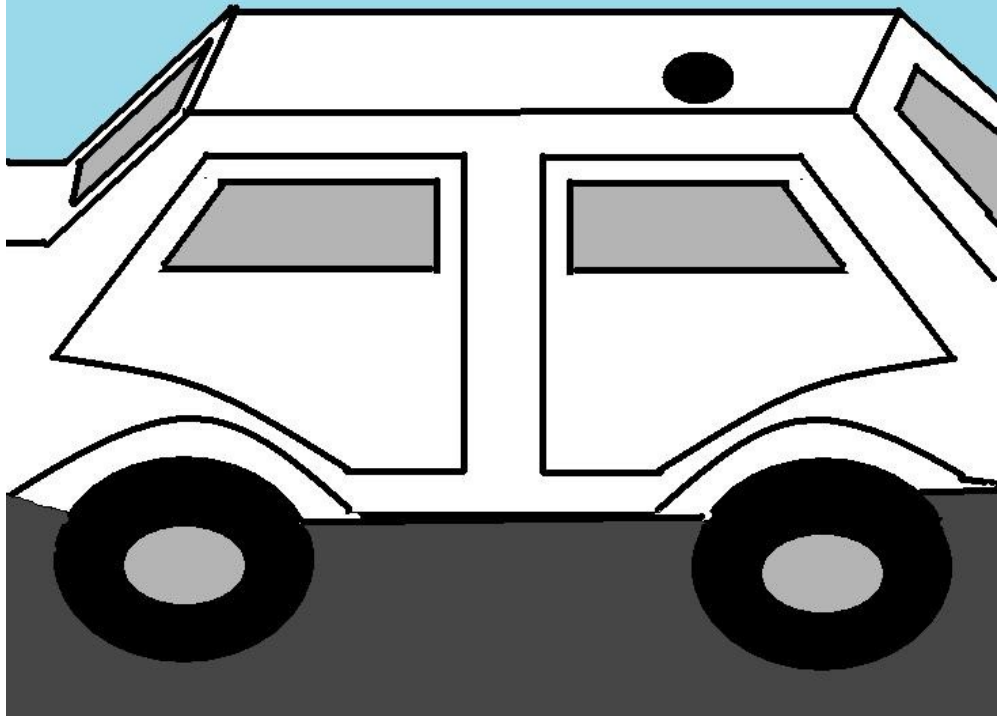
**“Thou art the God that doest
wonders: thou hast declared thy
strength among the people.”**

(Psalms 77:14)

**“The Lord will perfect that which
concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord,
endureth for ever.”**

(Psalms 138:8)

Petrol Cap



18—Petrol Cap

(By Liam 7, and Charles 5)

One time we were going on a trip with Daddy in the car. We went to the service station to fill up on petrol, and then we drove on our way for a long time.

When we arrived at our destination and got out of the car, we were surprised at what we saw.

On the roof of the car was the cap for the hole where the petrol gets put in.

Daddy had put it on the roof when he was filling the car with petrol and for some reason had totally forgotten to place it back on.

It was a miracle that it stayed on the top of the car for the whole trip and didn't get lost.

We were able to place it back on again!

“The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.”

(Psalms 145:9)

“Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.”

(Psalms 144:15)

New Shoes



19—New shoes

My friend had wanted to get some new shoes, as the ones that he had were starting to fall apart.

However, he was so busy and there was so much to do that he didn't have time to go shopping for shoes.

He was in the middle of moving houses, and during that time he went to a store to pick up some old empty boxes that were needed, that the shop was discarding.

There were some empty shoeboxes in the pile, and after getting home and looking through them, he found one of them wasn't empty!

It contained a pair of shoes, and they happened to be just his size. And they weren't just his size, but the colour and style that he liked as well.

In fact, they were just the type of shoes that he would have liked to buy, but they would've been too expensive!

“The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.”

(Psalms 23:1)

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

(Matthew 6:33)

Gas Bottle



20—Gas Bottle

A team of missionaries had moved into a new house, and to their joy they found that there was a gas bottle that had been left by the last tenants.

They were very thankful for it, as they needed it to cook their meals. They thought that the gas would run out before too long, as it was probably used by the former tenants.

To confirm this, a week later the gas company came, wanting to replace the gas bottle with a new one.

They told the gas company representative that there was still some gas left and would give them a call as soon as it ran out.

Well, the gas never ran out for their entire stay there, and they cooked quite a few meals! The gas company kept coming and the missionaries kept telling them that they still had gas.

On one occasion the company checked the gas and said that perhaps it would have enough for a few more days. But guess what? It actually lasted two more months!

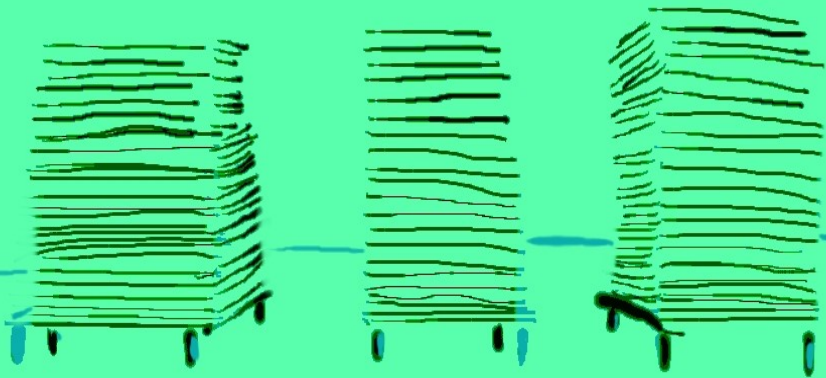
“O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”

(Psalms 34:8)

“O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.”

(Psalms 34:9)

Paper and More Paper



21—Paper and More Paper

This intriguing story happened in Japan. Some time ago a team of missionaries phoned some paper factories to see if any would donate some paper that was needed for their work.

Later, one of the companies called back to ask if they wanted 15,000 large sheets of paper—on three pallets!

The missionaries were thrilled, and gratefully picked it up and took it to a warehouse that was allowing them to store the paper for free, for awhile.

It was great to have so much paper to use, but because it was such a big size only certain printers could use it. The missionary's print shop could only use smaller sized paper. So it sat for a while in the warehouse.

The missionaries prayed and asked the Lord how to best use it. He gave it, so He must have a plan, they realised.

The warehouse eventually needed them to move the paper out, as it had been stored for a while.

So they were faced with what seemed like a problem—a lot of paper that needed to be used or moved out of storage.

What should they do with it?

When they prayed, the Lord told them that the paper was a gift of His love for them that He trusted them with it, and that whatever they did with it He would bless.

They got the idea that they could get many Christmas tracts printed at the large print shop, and ask those who wanted some, to pay a small amount to help cover the printing cost.

Since so many people wanted to be able to have tracts to give out, they ended up printing the whole 15,000 large sheets, which made 255,000 tracts!

Everything worked out better than they had hoped, and the paper indeed turned out to be a gift of God's love.

But that's not all!

After sending out all three pallets of tracts to those who requested them, the company that had printed the tracts called to ask,

“When will you pick up your leftover paper?”

Leftover paper? There wasn't supposed to be any left over.

With the help of the printing company the missionary team worked out, mathematically,

exactly how many tracts could be printed to use all the paper. They had figured out the printing to the exact sheet.

It was then a surprise to hear that the printed company said that there were 15,000 large sheets leftover!—The same amount that they started with!

Not only that, but they had cut all the leftover paper in half to make it usable on smaller presses.

So they then had 30,000 leftover sheets, all nicely cut.

These smaller pieces could now be easily used by the grateful missionary printing team.

But before they could get in the truck and pick it up, the printing company called to say that they had counted the paper again, but it was now 50,000 sheets!

They told the missionary printing team, “You had better hurry and pick up the paper, before it grows anymore!” Ha!

So in the end, the 15,000 sheets of paper made 255,000 Christmas tracts, plus gave the missionary printing team 50,000 cut sheets! It turned out indeed to be God's love for them!

**“I will go in the strength of the Lord
God: I will make mention of thy
righteousness, even of thine only.”
(Psalms 71:16)**

**Nevertheless I am continually with
thee: thou hast holden me by my
right hand. Thou shalt guide me
with thy counsel, and afterward
receive me to glory.”
(Psalms 73:23-24)**

Power in the Car's Engine



22—Power in the Car's Engine

A family was driving to town for an important appointment with their new landlord when a very heavy storm rolled in. The storm intensified and they decided to stop for a few minutes to wait until it passed.

But when they tried to start the car again, it wouldn't start. They prayed, calling for God's Heavenly power to help them, and then the car immediately started!

Ahead of them was another big, deep puddle, and as they started to drive through

it, the car's engine died again, right in the middle of the puddle.

Needless to say, they were very desperate, as they could hear water splashing on the bottom of the car and some water was actually coming inside the car.

The rain was coming down harder.

They once again prayed desperately, and the car started again! What a miracle!

They were able to drive 100 meters further, and then the engine died once more.

This time when they prayed, the Lord did a miracle—the heavy storm and rain totally stopped and the sun came out.

The car dried out a little and worked great for the rest of the day.

Ever since that day, the car worked fine. It was just an opportunity for God to show them His miracle-working power.

There's nothing God's power cannot do!

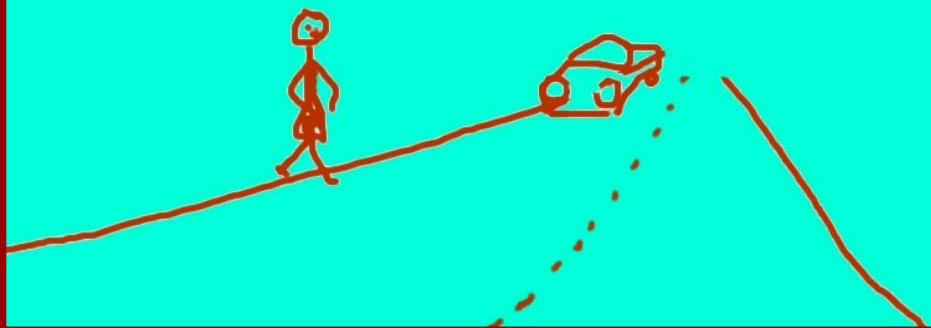
“In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.”

(2 Samuel 22:7)

“They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.”

(2 Samuel 22:19-20)

Miracle on the Road



23—Miracle on the Road

(By Brunella)

I was six or seven years old at the time and I was travelling with my parents to our summer vacation destination.

I had needed to go to the bathroom for awhile but there had not been restaurants or rest stops on the road for awhile.

Finally, as I could no longer wait, my Dad stopped the car so I could go near some bush by the roadside. In order to do that I had to cross the road while my Mom was carefully watching.

When I returned to the car, I saw my Mom looking rather pale and holding her head. Before I could say anything, she asked me frantically:

“Didn’t you see that car?!”

I really didn’t know what she was talking about as I had seen no car at all, either coming or going from crossing the road.

Then she continued to tell me that a car was coming down the road the very minute I was crossing it and that the driver stopped just in time, then pulled to the side and got out of his

car mopping his brow as he had gotten such a scare!

I had to tell her that I had seen no car or driver at all.

As I pondered how in world I could have missed all that, especially knowing that the sound of screeching tires is not one easily ignored, I became aware that I had major help in crossing that road: my very own Guardian Angel had shielded me from danger in such a way that it would have been impossible to deny!

“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever.”

(2 Timothy 4:18)

“But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.”

(2 Thessalonians 3:3)

A Horse called Princess



24—A Horse called Princess

(By Brunella)

Stanley loved life on a farm, where his family. He moved to a remote farm with his family when he was six years old. There seemed plenty for a boy to do! Their new living accommodation was a log cabin with a wood-fired stove.

It was quite rustic but he loved it as the beautiful forest around the cabin was his new playground and there was plenty to discover there.

Aside from cattle and chickens, Stanley's family had a beautiful horse called Princess.

She had a rather wild side to her and she would only let Stanley's father ride her.

While she was a beautiful horse and a real asset to the family, she wasn't always easy to handle due to her "untamed" side.

However, the whole family had a new appreciation for Princess when Father came back home one day with the following story:

He was on his way back home from the small village nearby and decided to cut through the forest in a place that was new to him. He reasoned that it was still close enough to his usual route so it would be fine.

After about 15 minutes of riding, he realized he was actually lost and it was getting dark, which meant he couldn't rely on landmarks.

At that point, after uttering a prayer for guidance, he relaxed the reins and yelled:
"Princess! Home!!"

That was all Princess needed to hear. She took off with the speed of an arrow and darted through the forest, dodging trees right and left!

Stanley's father was laying as low as he could without falling off in order to avoid being hit by a branch.

In fact, he was praying he could hold on long enough to arrive home safely, as Princess was going at such a fast pace.

And that he did, with his beloved horse panting heavily and he heaving the biggest sigh of relief ever!

Spending the night in the forest would not have been safe, and would have been too cold with the near-freezing temperatures.

I can tell you for sure that God's faithfulness to His children, the power prayer has to change things!

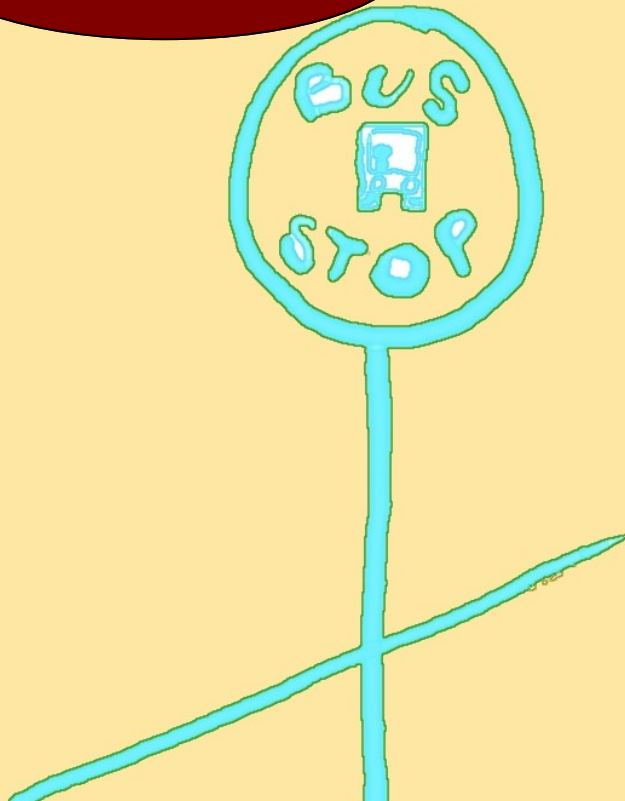
**I will both lay me down in peace,
and sleep: for thou, Lord, only
makest me dwell in safety.**

(Psalm 4:8)

**The name of the Lord is a strong
tower: the righteous runneth into
it, and is safe.**

(Proverbs 18:10)

The Bus Stop



25—The Bus Stop

(By Daniella)

We needed to take a bus to go to Romania.
It was the middle of the night.

We arrived there early, but were surprised to see that the Euroline bus stop that had the bus we needed to take to our destination, had been moved somewhere else!

We only had five more minutes before the check-in! We asked some people there if they knew where it was but no one could tell us.

Then a car stopped and a lady asked what the problem was.

She knew where the new place was and offered to lead us there! She knew a lot of short cuts and brought us there just in time!

A real angel—and that at 1:00 at night!

“Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”

(Psalm 50:15)

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.”

(1 Peter 3:12)

