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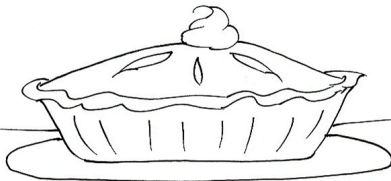
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Apples 'n' Pie



26—Apples ‘n’ Pie

Sherry was a mother with four children. Her husband worked as a cook at the hospital. One summer the children were sick for a long time, and were finally getting well. Sherry, their mother stayed home caring for them for many weeks.

This family didn't have much money, but many bills to be paid. The mother worked hard growing as much food as she could in their own garden, but there was something the children wished they could have—some apples, lots of apples.

Their friend's mother would make apple pie and preserve extra apples in jars for use later on in the year. "Can we do that too?" Sherry's children asked her.

Sherry was feeling sad that they couldn't get any right then. But her children decided to cheer her up. They collected all their saved coins, offering to use them to buy some apples. But apples were more expensive than even all their coins combined could buy.

So instead, this mother and her children knelt down to pray for Jesus to supply the apples they wished for.

Later that day when Sherry's husband returned home, he mentioned what he'd seen.

“It seems a truck loaded with crates of apples hit a bump in the road. A crate must have broken, as there are apples fallen all along the road, in a certain place.”

Sherry was thrilled! The apples they had prayed for had arrived! She grabbed a big basket and everyone loaded into the car to drive to the scene of the apple spill.

But then they saw something that worried them. Right in front of them was a horse pulling a cart. They thought for sure the horse would eat the

apples and the wheels of the cart would squish the apples. Wonderfully, however neither of those things happened.

When they got out to pick up the apples they saw they were in perfect condition! These apples weren't even bruised. They had fallen on the soft grass.

Instead of the one bushel of apples they prayed for, they were able to find and pick up one and a half bushels!

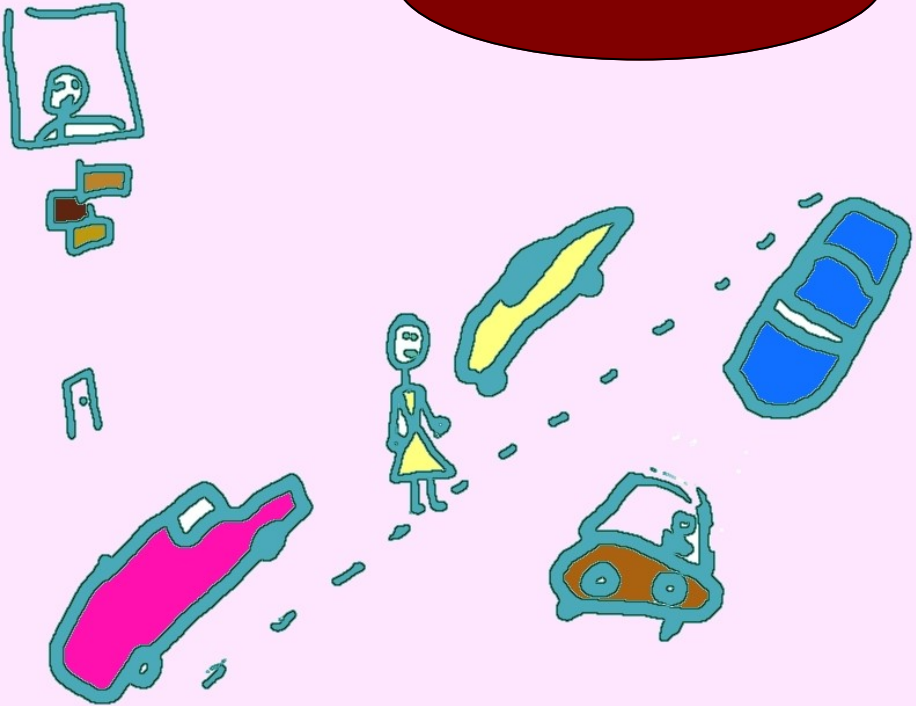
Several apple pies were made, and jars of preserved apples were saved and enjoyed for months afterwards.

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.”

“Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

(Psalm 37:3-4)

Lost in Traffic



27—Lost in Traffic

(By Dina Ellens)

When I was only 4 years old, Jesus did a miracle to protect me. On Sundays, my family and I would always walk to my aunts' house which was only a few blocks away from our house.

My aunts lived near a very busy street that always had two lanes full of traffic. One Sunday morning we set off as usual.

My parents were walking behind me and I ran ahead to catch up with my two older brothers who were five and seven years old. Not a good idea! My brothers didn't know I was trying to catch up with them and they ran even further up ahead and went into my aunts' house.

I didn't know where the house was, so I kept on running, thinking I would catch up with them. Instead, I ended up right in the middle of the busy street!

By this time, my parents had gone into my aunts' house only to find out I wasn't there. So they were pretty worried. They went out into the street again looking for me.

Fortunately, they met a lady who had me in tow. She returned me to my parents and explained that when she looked out of her window she saw a little girl wandering in the middle of the street.

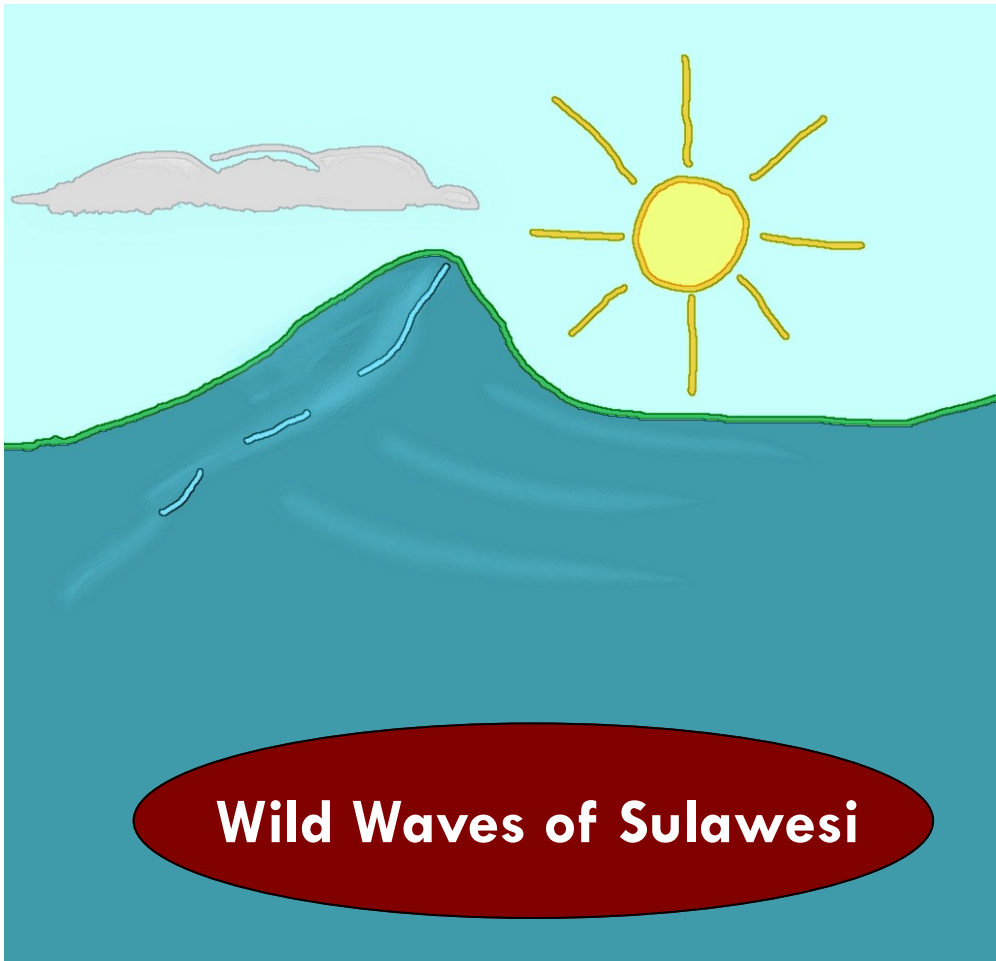
The lady quickly ran outside and pulled me out of the traffic. Her quick thinking saved my life. But I think there was also an angel watching over me.

“For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.”

(Psalm 5:12)

“And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”

(Psalm 9:10)



Wild Waves of Sulawesi

28—Wild Waves of Sulawesi

(By Dina Ellens)

My family and I once lived on Sulawesi, which is one of the five major islands of Indonesia.

Off the mainland there are many beautiful coral islands in the surrounding seas.

These coral islands are small but everyone likes going there for swimming and picnicking.

One day, my family, including five children between the ages of six and twelve, took a boat out to one of these islands.

It was a beautiful day with calm waters and sunny skies. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we decided to stay a little longer than usual.

We did not know that in the late afternoons strong winds start coming that whip the waters into big waves. These waves are very dangerous and can even capsize small boats.

When we saw the skies get dark and windy, we knew it was time to leave. Fortunately, we had a wise old skipper with us. He knew the sea as well as a taxi driver knows his way around a city.

Once we were out in the open sea in our little motor boat, the waves got higher and higher. Soon we could look up at them like they were walls of water ready to fall on us.

Our skipper didn't try to go straight into the waves, though. Instead, he kept the boat steadily running in the trough that the waves made just before they fell.

So we sped along, each time just missing the waves before they could come down us.

It took a long time to get to the mainland because the skipper couldn't steer the boat in

a straight line. Instead he had to run with the waves. You can imagine how desperately we all were praying.

When our boat finally docked safely at the mainland, our legs were wobbly with relief that we'd made it.

Our hearts, too, were filled with thankfulness for God's safe-keeping.

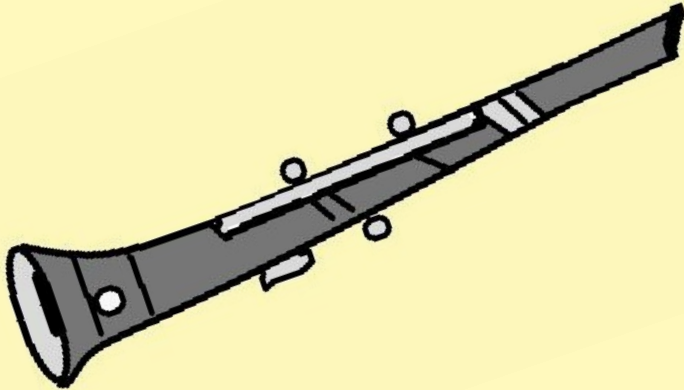
**“Preserve me, O God: for in thee do
I put my trust.”**

(Psalms 16:1)

**“I have set the Lord always before
me: because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.”**

(Psalms 16:8)

God Supplies a Clarinet



29—God Supplies a Clarinet

(By Dina Ellens)

My friend, Kris, told me how her daughter needed to have a clarinet for school before the weekend. Otherwise she'd have to pay \$65 USD to rent it from the school. To buy a clarinet, though, would cost about \$650 USD.

Not only that, there were only three days before the weekend!

Instead of getting worked up about it, Kris told her that they could pray and count it a done deal.

Her daughter looked surprised and wondered, “Do you know someone, Mom?”

Kris just smiled and explained to her daughter that no, but she knows Jesus and He's always blessed them and supplied every need.

Kris was busy the next couple of days but on Thursday afternoon finally had a chance to look through Craigslist where there was ONE ad for a clarinet!

Inside, she just knew that there must be a connection here. Possibly it was someone God wanted her to meet.

When she called and talked with the man who had placed the ad, it turned out he was a businessman from New York.

He had come to South East Asia a year ago and had started working with Habitat for Humanity

building houses for the poor in his search for purpose in life. Kris then told him how she believed that God wanted them to meet so that she could share God's truth with him.

He kept saying how they should have met earlier and that he wants to meet again soon to work with them on their humanitarian aid projects.

Oh yes, and he gave them the American-made clarinet at the price they offered.

He handed the clarinet to Kris' daughter and said,

“Now tell me, isn't your Heavenly Father just awesome?! God loves you and has supplied your every need in Christ Jesus!”

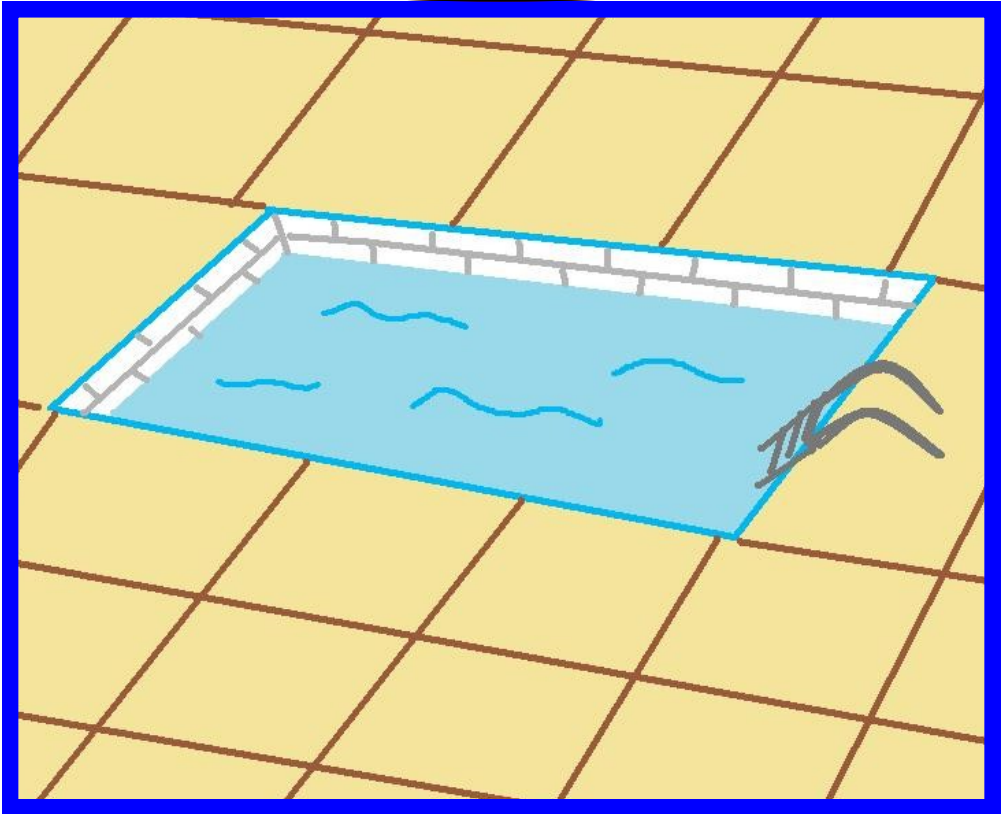
“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

(Hebrews 11:1)

“But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

(Hebrews 11:6)

Swimming Pool Miracle



30—Swimming Pool Miracle

(By Dina Ellens)

Sammy's family had an above ground swimming pool, which was four feet deep in all parts.

When Sammy was about 10 years old, he and a friend were swimming in the pool.

Sammy decided to dive in head first, which is not a good idea in a pool that is only four feet deep. He was about 4 feet tall himself.

Sammy dove straight down, quick as anything, when all of a sudden his body stopped moving. His head was already at the bottom of the pool and he looked up from that position.

He then reached his hands out above his head and then the mysterious force that was holding him back from hitting the bottom of the pool released him.

When he came up out of the water, Sammy asked his friend, "Did you see that?"

She answered, “Yes.” And then they went on happily swimming.

But Sammy knew that if God hadn’t stopped him from hitting the bottom of the pool, he would probably have been paralyzed or very badly injured.

He said he’d never forget the feeling of being stopped in mid-movement and then being released as soon as God knew it was safe.

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

(1 John 4:4)

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

(1 John 5:4)



31—The Musical Motor

(By Dina Ellens)

A family was going on vacation and taking their car so they could drive there.

Before setting out, though, the daddy laid hands on the front of the car and prayed that the car would take them safely on their holiday without any mishaps.

The very next day, he found a water spill on the garage floor. At first the daddy was tempted to think that his prayer hadn't worked.

But then he realised, “Hey! God showed us this problem so we can get it fixed before our trip.”

So they took the car to the garage and got the leak repaired. The next day, they set out on their vacation. They were on the highway and the car was climbing some steep hills. All of a sudden, they heard a big noise from the front of the car and saw a lot of steam coming out from under the hood.

Thankfully, there happened to be a garage just down the road.

The mechanic told them that the engine had probably overheated and suggested that they slowly drive home, instead of continuing on their journey. He also gave them a jerry can full of water to top up the radiator.

On the way home, they stopped by the garage that had originally fixed the car. The mechanic checked the car and found there was nothing wrong. He thought that probably an air block had caused the car to overheat.

So they asked if they could continue on their way, going on vacation, and the mechanic

said, “Why not? There’s nothing wrong with the car.”

The dad had wondered why, after praying, the car was having troubles on their trip. Then the dad felt God’s voice in his heart say, “I have far higher ways than you’ve ever dreamed of.”

Hearing that, he felt very relieved and decided to have faith in God’s care—even if things went differently than he’d expected. So they set off on their trip again. Once again, the car had to climb through some steep hills.

All of a sudden, the car horn starting sounding and a lot of steam started pouring out from under the hood of the car. The needle on the temperature gauge was all the way over in the red.

This time, the dad stayed calm and trusting in God. He decided to pull over and give the car a chance to cool down. He decided to have faith and give God a chance to work.

So when the engine had cooled down and they had topped up the water in the radiator, they set off again.

Again the same thing happened. Now everybody was starting to wonder if it was really wise to keep on driving and thinking maybe they should turn around and go home.

Then they got the idea of singing a praise song. They sang one song, “The Lord knows the way through the wilderness. All we have to do is follow.” After that, they sang another one.

They noticed that as they kept singing, the temperature gauge went down, down and finally hit normal!

Whenever they stopped singing, though, the temperature gauge would go up again. So they would quickly think of another praise song and when they did, the temperature gauge went back down.

It turned out that they were able to continue their journey. They sang just about every praise song they could think of.

And the engine behaved itself the whole way to their destination, as long as they kept singing and praising! It even got them all the way safely back home again!

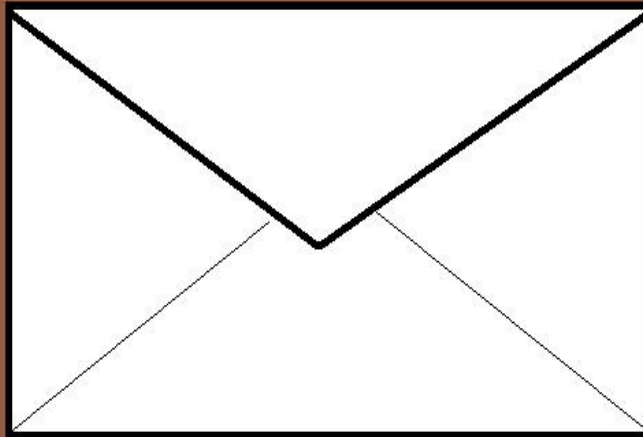
“Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.”

(1 Chronicles 16:9)

“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.”

(Psalm 69:30)

The Mailbox Miracle



32—The Mailbox Miracle

(By Dina Ellens)

When we lived in Amsterdam, we were very busy every day witnessing and helping people to know Jesus.

We were living by faith so we didn't always have a lot of money. But we always had enough for whenever we needed it.

One month we had an especially high phone bill and we didn't have any money to pay for it.

We desperately prayed for God to supply.
We knew He wouldn't fail us or fail His
promises in the Bible.

We did our best to keep trusting and
praising. All the same, though, the deadline
for paying the bill kept getting closer with no
money in sight!

We had a metal mail slot in the front door
where the mailman would slip letters through.

The letters would then fall on the mat in the
hallway in front of the door.

One morning I came downstairs and noticed a long white envelope lying on the mat.

“That’s funny,” I thought. “It’s too early for the mailman.”

When picking up the envelope, I saw that it was addressed to us. But there was no sender’s name or address. There wasn’t even a note.

Instead there was a large amount of money inside! It was just enough to pay our phone bill. What a miracle!

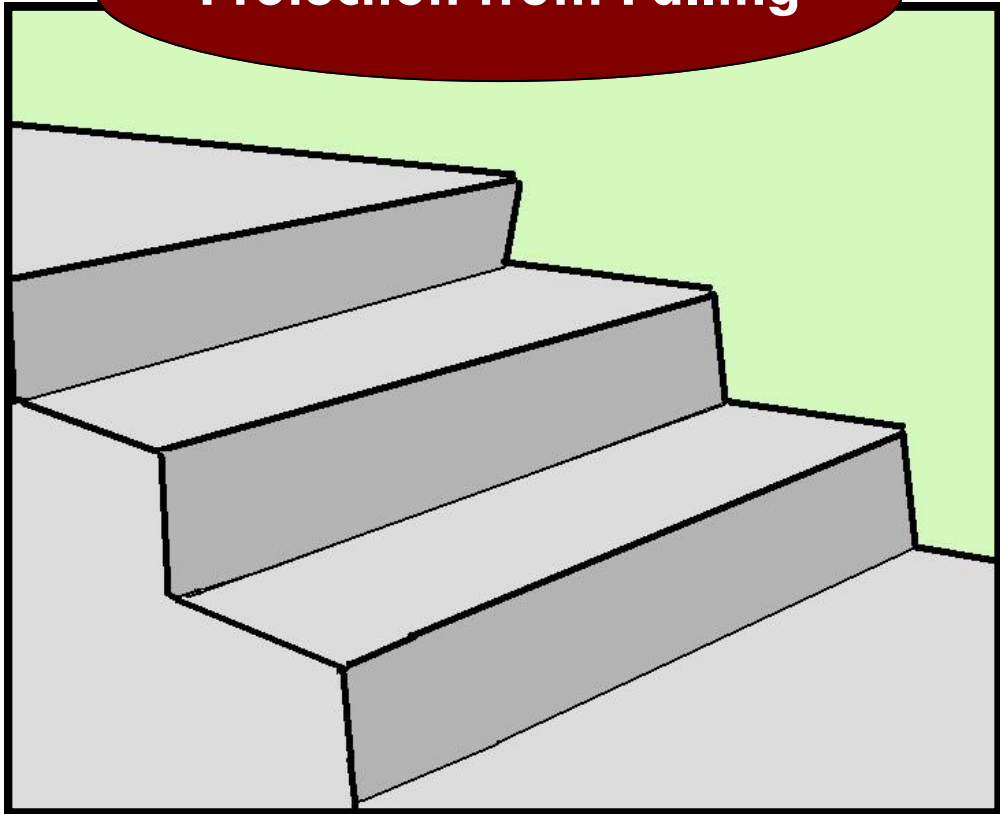
We never did find out who slipped the envelope through our mail slot that morning. But we're sure that God knows who it was and rewarded him with a big blessing.

It must have been the Lord Who told him how much to put in the envelope, because it was just exactly enough to pay the phone bill.

**“This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”
(1John 5:14-15)**

**“Now the just shall live by faith.”
(Hebrews 10:38)**

Protection from Falling



33—Protection from Falling

(By Peter)

Once, we used to live in a big high-rise apartment building in Chile, South America, when we had two small children.

We were going down the wide stone stairs of the building, when our daughter who was in the push-chair and about one year old, whom we thought was tied in securely, suddenly tumbled out forwards.

She started to fall headlong down the very hard marble stairs.

Our first reaction was to instantly call Jesus to help us.

Immediately, it was as though she fell in slow motion, and did a slow summersault and landed in the upright position sitting on the bottom step.

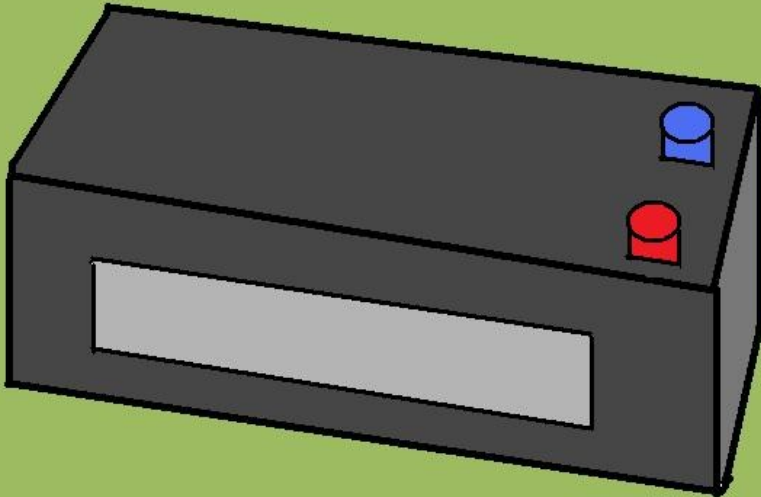
We were simply totally amazed at God's miraculous intervention. It was wonderful how He protected our little toddler from all harm.

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

“Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.”

(Psalms 37:23-24)

Before They Call



34—Before They Call

(By David Cleroux)

Have you ever heard of God supplying something we need without our even asking?

He knows everything in advance and loves to surprise us sometimes. I think it's just to remind us how much He loves us and how easy it is for Him to supply our needs.

One day after distributing literature and telling people about Jesus all day, I stopped in at a Wal-Mart supermarket to pick up some food before going home.

It was the first time I'd ever gone to this supermarket and it really surprised me that I'd made the sudden decision to even turn in to it.

As I entered the great big parking lot, I noticed a truck battery near a light pole right in the middle of the parking lot.

There weren't any cars around, in fact the whole area looked pretty deserted, so I drove up to the battery and parked.

As I sat there and prayed and pondered about this battery the thoughts came to me that the battery had been replaced by the driver of

the truck who was in a big hurry to get somewhere and that he really didn't need to replace the battery.

The problem he was having with his truck was because of something else, but in his haste he had replaced it and the battery that was sitting there in the parking lot was good. Believing that what I got was of the Lord, I put the battery in the truck and went shopping.

I began to think, "Well, I really don't need the battery, so why did I find it and who could it be for?"

I expected that the Lord would have someone mention the need for it sometime soon, and that I'd have it to give to them. I carried the battery with me for about a month, and then one morning when I tried to start my truck, it wouldn't start.

I remembered the battery I had found, installed it, and it started right up. The battery the Lord had supplied was for me! He foresaw my need and before I even called, He had answered. The battery has been in the truck ever since, about two years now, and has never failed to start the truck in any kind of weather.

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

(Isaiah 65:24)

“Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”

(Matthew 6:32b)



The Voice of a Missionary

35—The Voice of a Missionary

Rosalind was a missionary in China with her husband and children. One time she and the children visited Canada for awhile.

While there, many people wanted to hear her talking about what it was like being in China, and tell of the miracles the Lord did for them. She had many appointments to speak in various places and churches.

To get to one of the places, she had to take a train. However, on that particular train ride she caught a severe cold and sore throat.

She was hardly able to whisper, as her voice was affected by the illness. People had helped pay for her transportation to get there, and worked out this special meeting to hear her speak.

Rosalind didn't want to disappoint them and cancel the meetings, so she prayed for strength from God, and proceeded to go to the meetings.

That is when she got to experience the miracle! Every time she stood up to speak to an audience, all of a sudden her voice would clear and she could speak loud and well.

Then as soon as she was done giving her presentation, her throat would close up again and she couldn't speak loudly again. It was amazing! She was given "power for the hour."

One time she was invited by Dr. Gordon to speak in his church. When they discussed it at dinner the night before, she agreed to do it, but asked if Dr. Gordon could be prepared to speak at the meeting, just in case her throat was too ill and her voice was not able to be heard.

The next day everyone that wanted to hear her speak, came into the church.

So many people came that they had to open up extra rooms for people to sit in.

Rosalind saw the big room, and the extra rooms, and wondered how she would be able to speak to them all. She knew that at that moment she couldn't hardly even whisper, due to her illness.

But as Dr. Gordon prayed for the meeting, she stood behind him, preparing to talk. As soon as she then stepped up to give her presentation about mission life and serving the Lord, her voice was instantly clear and loud enough for all to hear.

She strongly felt the presence of Jesus standing right beside her, empowering and helping her to speak.

Dr. Gordon wanted to make sure everyone was able to hear, so he had someone sit in the place that he thought would be the hardest to hear what was being said, to monitor the sound level. That person told Dr. Gordon that he heard everything Rosalind said, very clearly.

Jesus had done the miracle of making her voice and throat work well, suddenly, for that meeting, and did the miracle of making the

sound travel all around and be clearly heard by all. Right after she was done talking, as had happened before, her voice could only be heard as a faint whisper. It proved how miraculous it was that she could give the talk.

Soon after that she was able to take more time to rest, while caring for her children, and full healing was given. She was glad she took the opportunity to speak to people, and give God the chance to do a miracle.

If she had said, “I can’t” then it would have been a sad loss and disappointment.

But she instead determined,

“I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST
WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME”.

Because of Rosalind’s faith and the Lord’s answer to prayer, many people were inspired, and as a result much good was done for God’s Kingdom and His work.

**“I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me.”**

(Philippians 4:13)

**“Faithful is he that calleth you,
who also will do it.”**

(1Thessalonians 5:24)

Lady Grimston's Tree



36—Lady Grimston's Tree

Things looked rather grim for Lady Anne Grimston, for she did not believe in a life that goes on, even after one's time on Earth is done.

She stated that she was certain that after she died that was the end of her existence. She didn't think there was a loving God who was eager to embrace her and live with her in Heaven forever.

Perhaps she was a slight bit ashamed or embarrassed at the thought of meeting the God who had made her and had given her life on Earth.

See, if you don't know about and love Jesus, God's Son, and you don't ask for His forgiveness for any wrongs you have done on Earth, you might feel worried about seeing God. You worry if you deserve any punishment for wrong doings.

So, sometimes as a way to make themselves feel better, rather than admitting they are wrong and in need of a Saviour, some people say to themselves, and others, "There isn't any life after Earth; and no God to meet me." However, this in no ways makes it true. For the moment their body stops functioning and their spirit is released into the very real world of the spirit, they find out that they were very wrong.

Anyway, this lady stated something—it was almost like a challenge to God, to prove if He is real and hears the things we say, and if there is a life that keeps going on after our short visit to Earth now. So, when she lay dying in her palatial home, she said to a friend that it was just as likely that a tree would grow out of her coffin where her body would lay to rest, as it would be possible that her spirit would live again.

She was buried in Tewin churchyard, a short distance from King's Cross Station. A marble tombstone rested on her grave that was surrounded by an iron railing.

Years later a crack was found in the marble slab, and it had moved a little. A tree was indeed growing up right from under her gravestone.

It grew and grew until the marble stone was broken and the iron railing was torn out of the ground. The tree then became one of the largest trees in England.

Did God hear what she had said, and decide to show everyone that there is life after this one, and He is real and wishes for us to join Him in Heaven?

“The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(Romans 6:23)

“I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

(John 10:28)

**Charitable Charlie—
A Memorable Millionaire**

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37—Charitable Charlie—

A Memorable Millionaire

Penniless and without a job or a way to earn a living, Charlie Page walked down the street, wondering what to do. He noticed a Salvation Army service taking place and decided to listen.

A tambourine was passed around for people to drop donations into it, so the members of the Salvation Army could help poor people and tell people about Jesus.

When the tambourine came to Charlie, he had nothing to give, no coins to put in it. He told the lady that he wished he could give something, but had nothing at all.

It was then that he learned a wonderful tip for succeeding in life. The lady gave Charlie a dollar's worth of coins and said , “Take this: put ten cents in the offering, and hereafter give a tenth of all you get to God. Keep this up all your life, and you'll never be penniless again.”

Charlie decided to take this advice, and promised that he would always give to God

one tenth of all he earned, by giving it to those God wished for him to help.

Soon Charlie got a job and could regularly donate to those in need. As he faithfully kept his promise, God kept providing for him.

As time passed, by and by, Charlie eventually became a millionaire. He had plenty of money then, and could give much more than just a tenth of his income to the God.

He used his wealth to build hospitals, and helped others to carry on their work for the Lord.

“And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on... of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”

(Genesis 28:20, 22b)

“And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.”

(Genesis 30:43)

