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Mountain Moved



76—Mountain Moved

The in 1200's—about 800 years ago—in Egypt, something amazing happened. There were many Christians living in an area where those who didn't know Jesus were also living.

The non-Christians were angry and wished to stop the 100,000 or more people from believing in Jesus, and wanted them to instead convert over to their other religion.

What could be done to force the Christians to want to give up their faith? At last the proud and deceived people read some of the Bible

and laughed naughtily as they thought of a plan. They read the place in the New Testament where Jesus says if we have faith, even as small as a grain of mustard seed, we can say to a mountain to be moved, and it will be, and nothing will be impossible with God.

“Aha! This will show them that they can’t have faith in the words of Jesus, and so they should stop believing in Him. Then we can force them to turn to our religious beliefs and customs,” they gleefully thought.

The leader that was opposing the Christians told them that surely, among all the many there were,

someone must have at least a mustard seed of faith, and if that was the case they could pray for a certain mountain that was there to be moved to another specific spot.

If that didn't happen, then he said that all the Christians were to all either give up their belief in Jesus and convert to the other religion, or they would no longer be permitted to live there. The Christians had 10 days to think about it and pray about what to do.

Wise men and Christian leaders met for serious prayer to ask the Lord what to do. Everyone was in prayer day and night. God showed them that

they were to pray for the mountain to move, and in a vision one of the Christian leaders was shown who they should ask to offer the prayer.

There was a humble cobbler who loved Jesus and was very obedient to what it said in the Bible. He prayed lots, and fasted at times, and wanted to keep his heart right with God. He would listen to God's Word being read each day.

This is the man that God showed the Christian leaders was to be asked to pray on the day appointed, for the mountain to be moved. This humble man didn't feel he was so great, and

didn't know why he, of all people, should be asked to lead the prayer on the given day that was set. But after much pleading by his Christian brothers and sisters, he agreed to do so.

When the day came for the challenge, all the Christians attended a mass, and afterwards carried a cross while singing, weeping and praying, they went to the plane in front of the mountain. This large area then held the 100,000 or so Christians that had gathered, plus all the others that were opposing them.

The humble cobbler threw himself down on his knees before the Holy Cross, stretched out his

hands towards Heaven, and made this prayer:
"Blessed LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee by
Thy goodness that Thou wilt grant this grace unto
Thy people, insomuch that they perish not, nor
Thy faith be cast down, nor abused nor flouted.
Not that I am in the least worthy to prefer such
request unto Thee; but for Thy great power and
mercy I beseech Thee to hear this prayer from
me Thy servant full of sin."

When he had ended this prayer, while all the
people were looking on, the mountain rose out
of its place and moved to the very spot which
the deceived religious leader had pointed out
that it must be moved to.

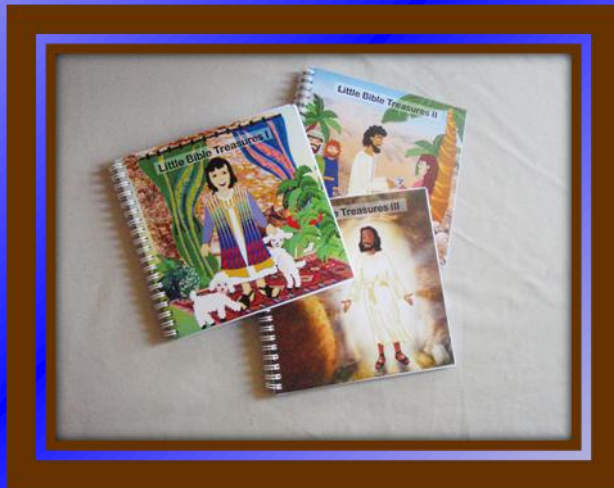
Everyone stood there amazed at the wonderful miracle that God had wrought for the Christians. What happened next shows why the Lord did such a great miracle. For rather than the Christians being forced to give up their faith or their life living there, instead those who did not believe, chose to accept the faith of the Christians and believed in Jesus and His Word.

Even the leader who was stirring up the most trouble chose to also be baptised and accepted Jesus and the Christian faith. When he died years later, a chain with a cross was on his neck.

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” (Matthew 17:20)

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” (Mark 11:23)

The Bibles that Didn't Get Wet



77—The Bibles that Didn't Get Wet

A few years ago several sets of our new children's Bibles were printed and sent to us for free. For the first—and only time ever—the box was simply set down near our mailbox beside the road. Deliveries are always brought to the door; never set down outside in a nearly public area like that. It wasn't even noticed till a couple days later.

The box was so wet from rain it was torn and falling apart, and had holes in it. However, when I got out the precious gift, the books were totally dry. Not a hint of moisture on them or warping of the pages in the least.

They were not wrapped up and taped up in plastic, but free to have absorbed the rain; yet they didn't. How wonderful!

A touch of what Gideon might have felt as he felt the dry fleece that had been on the wet ground.

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

(Jeremiah 17:7-8)



Warm North Wind

78—Warm North Wind

The temperature in the winter can fluctuate. It's not always frozen and icy in the morning. The midday sunny time can be very pleasant. But for the most part it's either cold or colder. Wearing my winter coat in the house is how I can cope on the days it's really cold. (There are two heaters in the house, warming—or taking the chill off—the two most important rooms.)

During a time when for many days it was really cold, I wondered how I was going to

manage to spend all the time in the kitchen and around the house that would be needed.

We were going on a trip for a few days, and there was lots of cooking work and packing to be done. Just walking into the kitchen made me so cold and tense that my back started to ache. My hands were too freezing to do much, and I would shiver just walking in there for a moment or two.

I prayed for warmth for the next day, so that I could physically move properly to be able to make the trip preparations. I prayed for a “north wind” to blow.

Since we're in Australia, the north is warm!
Then the miracle happened. We woke to an unusually pleasant day. I could comfortably do all that I needed to around the house.

It was so warm that we even turned the heater off! Now that is a striking answer to prayer. (It's on all day and all night, usually, to keep things bearable.) I was able to get the laundry washed, hung and dried.

Our midday break for Bible reading and quiet devotion was able to happen outside, as the temperature was so mild and pleasant.

In fact, outdoor play was enjoyed for much of the morning, by the children.

I felt like we experienced a bit of what George Mueller had, when one winter they knew they would have to turn off the heating for awhile in order to fix the leaking boiler.

They didn't have the option of electrical heaters. There wasn't any other workable plan that was safe for the many children in the building under his care. He was so concerned for their warmth that he prayed for a "south wind" to make things warm; and for the workmen to do their work speedily.

Both happened. They, too, found the day that the heating needed to be off was warm enough that they might not have even used it anyway, and the windows were opened.

The work was done in just one day, and the heating pipes were fixed and good for use all through the winter—and for many years onward.

“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.”

(Lamentations 3:25)

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

(Isaiah 41:10)

No Room for the Mice



79—No Room for the Mice

Our problem with mice in our house can be rather bothersome. We do all we can to get rid of them, or at least keep them from getting to be too many.

We've been in this house for several years, and the mice have nearly always been living here too. They gnaw through the walls and get in that way from the outside. They eat the cheese off the traps and go away uncaught but well-fed by a trap that didn't go off.

There was however, a year and a half that we didn't have any mice trouble at all. That was the time when we had a different guest at our

house. A relative for that year and a half didn't have a place to live. He was waiting for paperwork to come through so he could move into his new apartment. Things were taking so long and he needed somewhere to live. He had a camper that he parked in our back yard and lived out of it.

Our house is far too small to fit anyone else in it, but we got by for that time. I think the Lord was blessing us in that special little way for being willing to share what little we had, and stopped the mice from troubling us all that time. God likes to pay people back in ways that are meaningful and appreciated, when they give out to others.

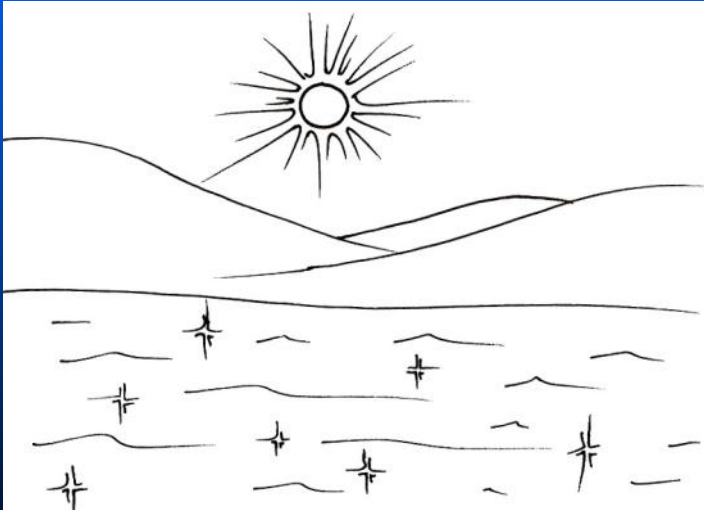
“O Lord, thou art my God; For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat.”

(Isaiah 25:1 a, 4a)

“The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.”

(Psalms 145:15-16)

Walking on the Water



80—Walking on the Water

A team of missionaries were travelling around in the wild areas of Indonesia. They didn't just choose to go wherever they thought was good. They prayed and heard from the Lord about each thing they were meant to do. God gave them their travel plans when they prayed.

One day, one of the instructions given to them was to cross a certain river. When they got to the river they were meant to cross, there were many unbelievers gathered there.

It seemed crazy to them that someone would try to cross the river, as it was deep and

flowing and flooded. “Don’t do it! If you try to cross it, you’ll surely drown!” the people were saying. Even some of the Christians were saying it wasn’t wise, and that they should wait a few more days until the floods went down and the water wasn’t so deep.

It certainly didn’t look safe, however this team had their instructions from the Lord and didn’t want to disobey. If God told them to do it, then He surely could help them, even if God had to help them walk across on the top of the water. God could do anything to help them perform His will.

When people kept saying, “Don’t do it! You should wait,” even the missionary team began to wonder if it was just too dangerous to try, and if they should wait instead.

One missionary man said, “No, the Lord told us to cross now. You can follow what the people are saying if you want, but I want to follow the Lord and obey Him. The Lord said for us to cross now, and we are supposed to do it. Do it now! We’re not supposed to do it another time. You can stay here, but I’m going now!”

With that he stepped into the water and it was ankle deep. He kept taking one step after the

other until the water reached up to his knees. He kept walking, one step at a time, crossing the river, and the water never reached past his knees.

“Are you standing on the bottom or the top of the river?” people called out.

“I don’t know, but I feel the bottom,” he called back.

Everyone knew that the water was actually twenty to thirty feet deep. Yet as this brave and obedient disciple of the Lord walked across, the water only came up to his knees at the most.

“You better come now!” he called out to the rest of his missionary team. And his team realised and said, “God is in action now, we better go! If we delay, afterwards will want to go and won’t be able to, and we’ll sadly regret it.”

So the entire missionary team did what the first man had done, and stepped into the water, making their way across the river, one step at a time.

It felt like their feet were touching the bottom of the river; even though in actuality the water reached down much deeper.

When they made it safely across, the unbelievers started to think that perhaps it wasn't deep after all, and they attempted to walk across, too.

However, when they put even their first foot in the water, they nearly drowned! They had to stay on that side of the river. They knew then that a special miracle had taken place.

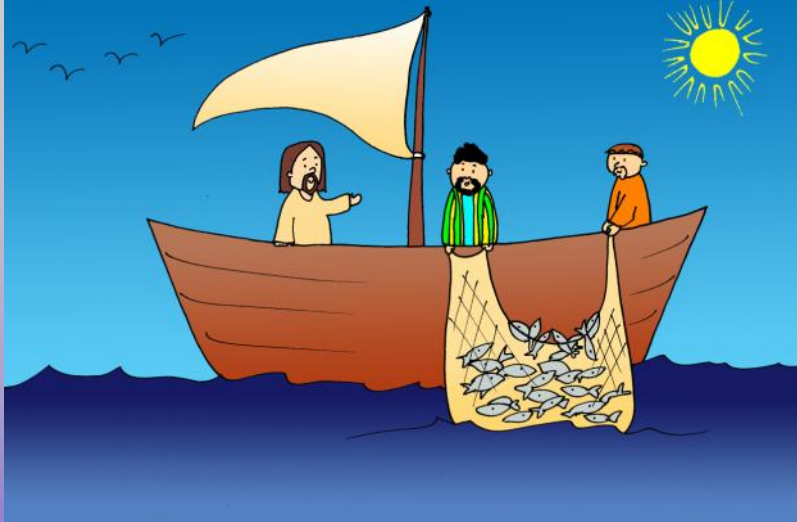
God had upheld the Christian missionaries and supported them as they walked across to do what He told them to do, right then, and that day.

**“Fear not: for I have redeemed thee,
I have called thee by thy name;
thou art mine.”**

(Isaiah 43:1)

**“When thou passest through the
waters, I will be with thee; and
through the rivers, they shall not
overflow thee: when thou walkest
through the fire, thou shalt not be
burned; neither shall the flame kindle
upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.”**

(Isaiah 43:2-3)



Pulling up a Draught of Fish

81—Pulling up a Draught of Fish

A movie about the life of Jesus was being shown in many places around the world. This movie has been translated into several languages. It has been helping many people to learn about Jesus.

A team that had been showing this film to some people in Asia reported about something amazing and faith-building that happened afterwards to some of those who had seen it. They had watched the part of the movie about the miracle of the fish, where Jesus told Peter to cast the nets into the water;

to try again, even though they had tried fishing all night with not results. When Peter obeyed and let down a net, then miraculously the net was filled with fish!

Well, some of those watching the movie decided to test it out, wondering if Jesus could still do these kinds of things. They took their nets and cast them into the river in faith, and sure enough they pulled the nets up full of fish!

Luke 5:4 –7

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Suddenly Stopped!



82—Suddenly Stopped!

Paul Wose Mokake was about to begin an evangelism meeting in Nguti. Thirty minutes before it was to start, a heavy storm dispersed the crowds. He and some others went to the meeting spot anyway, as they knew God would clear the rain.

As they approached the place, the rain moved away off of the area where the meeting was to take place. People returned to the place, as it was no longer raining there, and the meeting was carried out without disturbance.

Another time in another place a rain miracle happened—in Uganda. A man called Peterson Sozi was giving the invitation to those he was speaking with, to receive Jesus as their Saviour. Right as he was in the middle of calling those who wanted to believe in Jesus to come forward, all of a sudden a torrential downpour of rain began to fall. He prayed, “Lord, stop the rain!”

The rain stopped immediately, and everyone clapped and cheered! God had done it. What a boost of faith it must have given to those there who were just then choosing to trust in Jesus.

**“For the Lord God will help me;
therefore shall I not be
confounded: therefore have I set
my face like a flint, and I know
that I shall not be ashamed.”**

(Isaiah 50:7)

**“Who is among you that feareth
the Lord, that obeyeth the voice
of his servant, that walketh in
darkness, and hath no light? let
him trust in the name of the Lord,
and stay upon his God.”**

(Isaiah 50:10)

Wilderness Escape



83—Wilderness Escape

A missionary family ran out of gas while driving to their destination, and would have been stranded in the central African wilderness, far from any villages or means of survival. They had no spare fuel for their vehicle.

Cars can only run on what they are meant to. If you try to pour something else into the car's fuel tank it will ruin the car. What could they do? The only liquid they had was a big container of water, but what good would that do?

Well, if Jesus can turn the water into wine, perhaps He could turn the water into fuel for the car.

The driver prayed desperately for a miracle to happen and for God to make the car work, after he poured the water into the car's fuel tank.

By faith he went to start up the engine, and to his and his family's joy and relief the car started, and kept on driving well until they reached the next village.

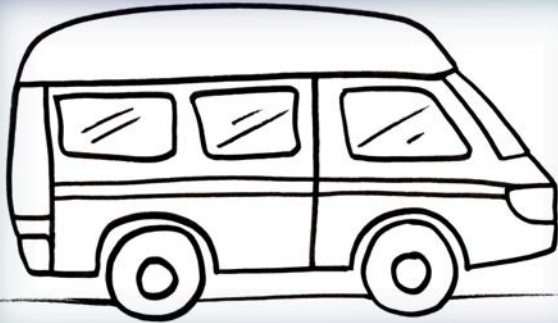
“I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.”

(Isaiah 45:2-3)

“In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.”

(Psalms 86:7)

The Van that Flew



84—The Van that Flew

Tornados are strong and destructive, but the Lord can keep you safe through them, or make them go away from you. One time something wonderful happened for a God-trusting mother and her child.

They were in a van when a tornado struck where they were. This mother was praying for the Lord's protection for her and her child.

Strangely, the tornado pulled the van up into the air and suspended it above the telephone wires!

Imagine feeling like you were in an airplane while in your van! The Lord kept them safe up there, no harm coming to them, while down on the ground there was destruction from the wind.

The van then was set back down on the ground safely, in an upright position.

Jesus had answered their prayers and kept them safe through the storm. Angels must have been holding them and caring well for them.

“Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”

(Isaiah 58:14)

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”

(John 14:1)



Mary Jones and the Bees

85—Mary Jones and the Bees

In the late 1700's in the country of Wales, lived a woman called Mary Jones. She loved God's Word and worked hard saving money for many years so that she could at last get a Bible.

She knew what it was like to wish for a Bible, but to be too poor to afford one. Even if she did have the money for one, there were so few Bibles around in her language.

At last she was able get a Bible of her own. She read it daily and committed many parts to memory.

She also wanted to do all that she could to help others get a Bible, and for new Bibles to be printed. So, she had a way to raise a bit of money to donate to the newly set up Bible Society. She kept bees! The money from selling the honey she would use for her family, but the money from the sale of the wax she would donate to help others get Bibles.

Was she afraid of the bees stinging her? It didn't seem so, in fact it seemed the bees liked her very much. When she would go out to collect the honey, people noticed something interesting happening.

Whenever she approached the hives, she was welcomed by the bees, enthusiastically. The air would be thick with buzzing swarms, and they would land on her by the hundreds, covering her from head to toe.

The bees would be walking all over her, but never attempting to sting her, or showing anything but friendliness.

Perhaps they understood that they were helping to support God's work, and provided the means for Bibles to get to those who needed them.

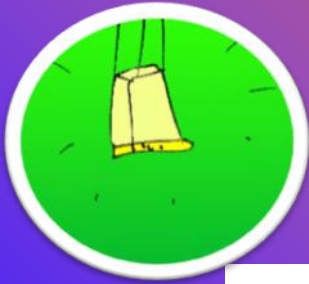
“Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.”

(Lamentations 3:57)

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”

(Isaiah 60:1-2)

Man Overboard



86—Man Overboard

During a voyage to India, a man sat one dark evening in his cabin, feeling very unwell.

Suddenly he heard that someone was right then even worse off than him.

“Man overboard!” was the cry that was heard. He sprung to his feet, wondering how he might be able to help the situation. There were people running all over the deck, and he thought it wouldn’t be much help to go up there, in fact he might just be in the way. Then he got a thought. He unhooked his lamp and held it near the top of the cabin, close to the window.

Perhaps the light shining out on the sea might help the man overboard be seen better by those trying to rescue him.

In just half a minute he heard the joyful sound of: “It’s alright; he’s safe!”

The next day he found out that his little light shining out his cabin window shone at just the right time and place and was the only thing that helped the man to be seen and to get rescued. Without it, he wouldn’t have been found. But the light showed them where he was, and a rope was thrown down for the man to be pulled back on to the ship.

