

Heavenly Help

—True stories of special help from God

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A Race and a Boat

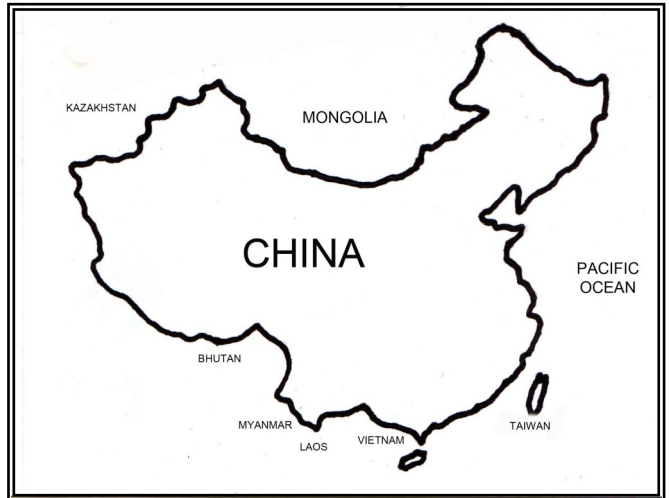
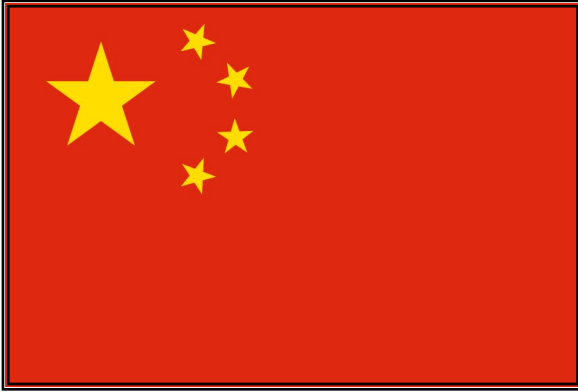
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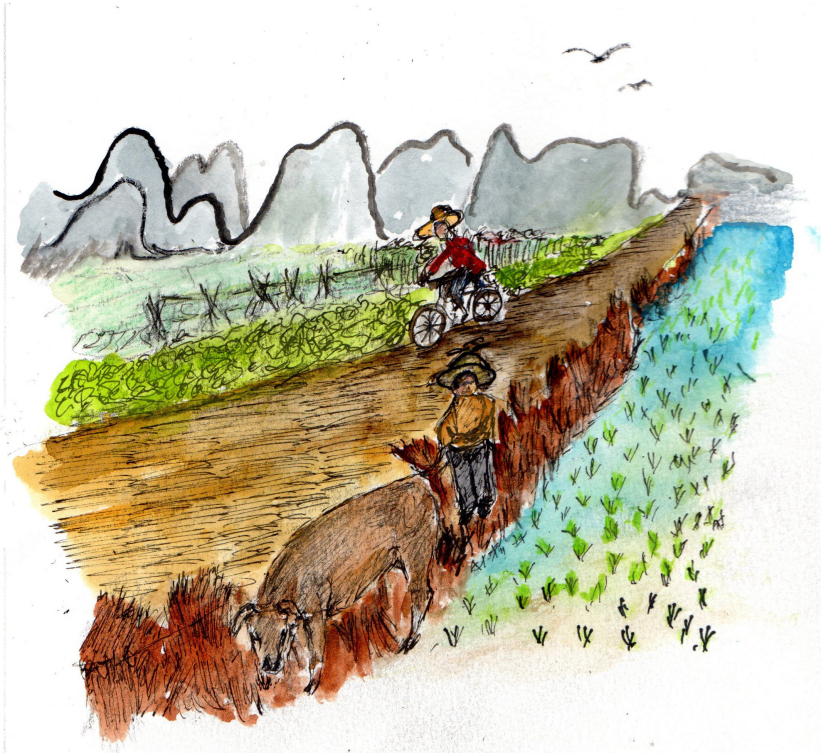
Eric Liddell became famous in several countries in Europe for his skill in sports and speed in running.

He used the opportunities it brought to travel around and tell people about Jesus.



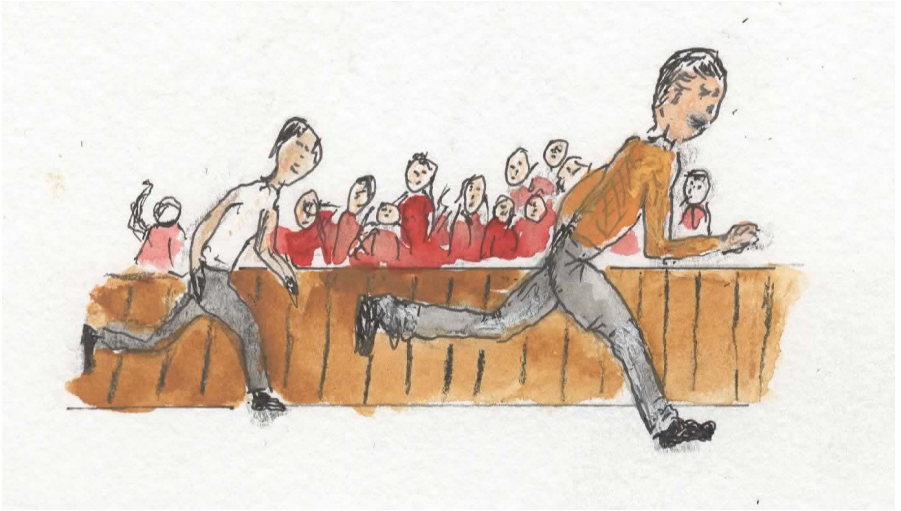
Eric then decided to leave the fame and sports in Europe to go to be a missionary in China.

He went to the place where he was born.



In China he travelled by foot or on bicycle to many rural areas that were difficult to get to, showing and telling people about Jesus' love.

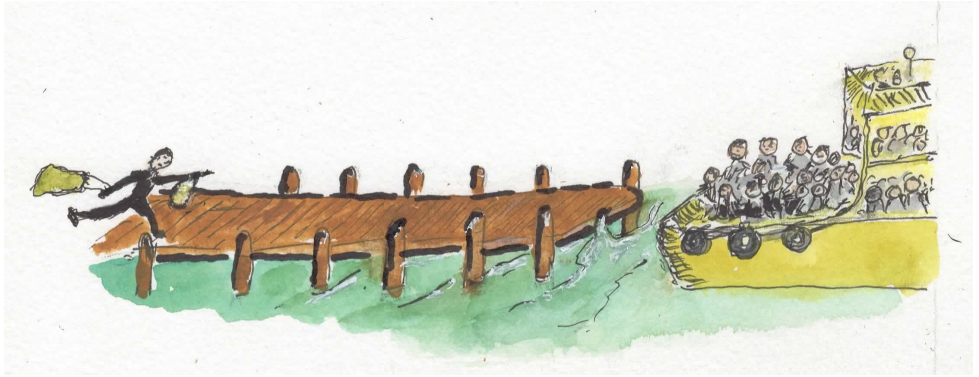
Sometimes to make people happy he participated in races as well. They liked to see just how fast he could go.



One time a crowd begged him to run a second race, after he'd won the first one.

They didn't know that the boat Eric was to go on was about to leave.

Eric trusted God to help him catch his boat, and chose to make the people happy by running the next race as well.



He ran the race and won it, but afterwards needed to stand and wait respectfully while the national anthem was sung.

Finally, he could rush in a taxi to catch his boat. Eric ran out on the wharf, but the boat had already started to leave.

However, just then God sent a wave to bring the boat back over to him.

He threw his bags on the boat and made a big leap into it. He made it safely onto the boat.

God helped him because he was kind to the people of China.





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Jeep to the Rescue

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A lady was driving in a motorhome with her mother and daughter. They liked to explore.

They tried to drive through a dry creek bed, but ended up getting stuck in mud and sand, and couldn't get out.

There was no one around in the deserted area to help them.





They knelt down to pray on the sandy ground and said the Lord's Prayer.

That's the only prayer they knew, and the only thing they could do to get help.

Then, in less than 10 minutes a four-wheel drive jeep drove up to them.

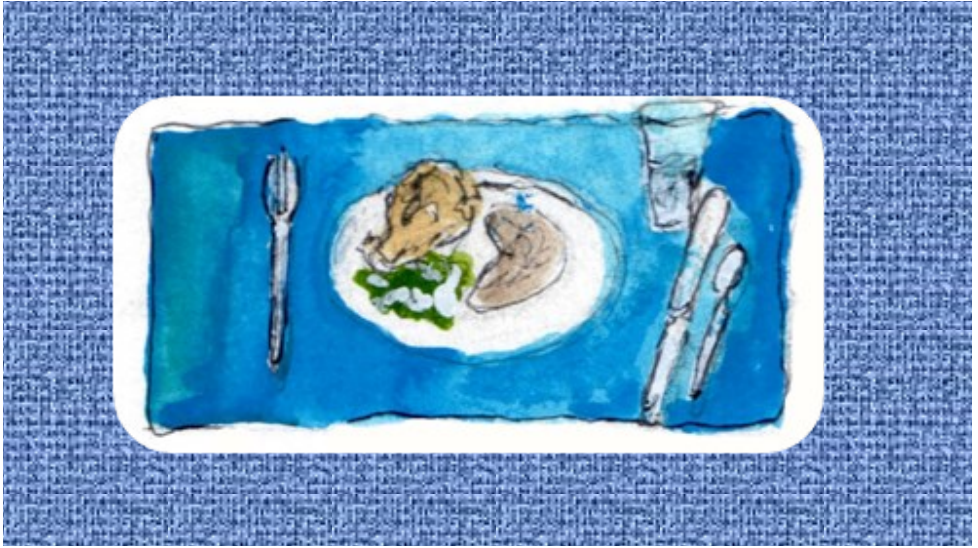


The man said, "I've been sent here to help you."

This helpful man tied a rope to the back of the motorhome, and then fastened it to his jeep.

"Put your engine in reverse," he instructed the lady driving the motorhome.

The jeep drove in reverse and pulled on the rope, and slowly the motorhome was freed from the sand.



The very grateful and relieved ladies served the man a nice lunch. They felt like they were eating with an angel.

After lunch the man said, "*You got stuck once on this sandy road. Let me follow you to be sure you will make it safely back to the main road.*"



They agreed, and off they went. The man's jeep followed them until they made it safely to the road.

At that moment, surprisingly, he just disappeared! He was an angel sent by God to help them.

The lady that was driving the motorhome was so happy, and felt God's love through this.

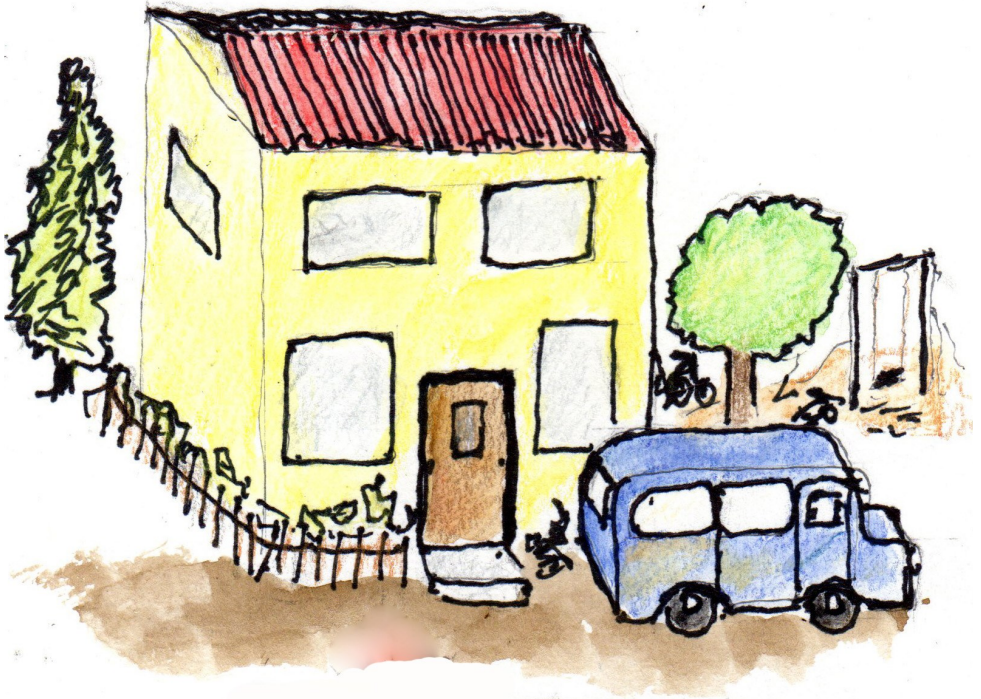


She made God the most important One in her life, and let Him be her guide.





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The Wallet

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Two families were travelling together in a van on a long trip.

They were first going to stay the night at a friend's house before driving to a distant city to sell the van and move to a new country.

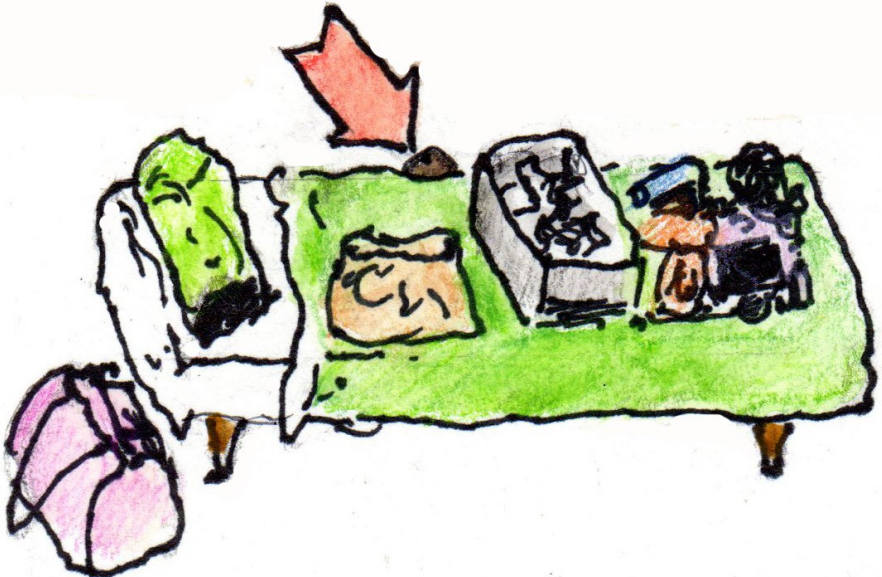
The driver had the necessary van papers in her wallet.

When at the friend's house, one family stayed the night in a guest room in the attic.

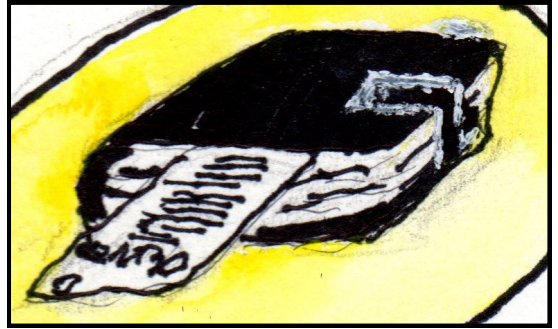
The other family stayed in a room on the ground floor, three floors down.

The mother staying in the attic room was doing some repacking, before leaving in the morning.

She quickly dumped out onto the bed the contents of one bag that included the important wallet, and put everything into a different bag.

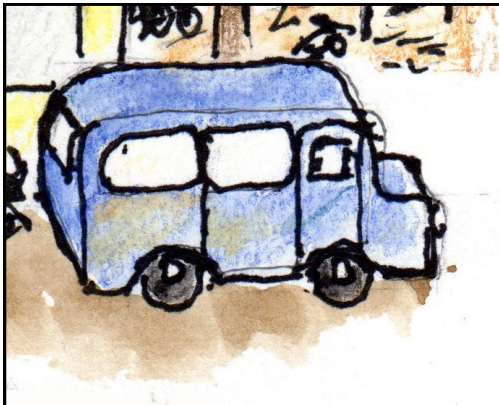


However,
she didn't
notice that the
wallet with the



van papers in it had fallen and
gotten lost behind the bed.

After they left the house and had
been driving for about half an hour,
the mother of the other family
noticed that her small handbag was
missing.



They had to
drive back to
their friend's
house and
search for it.



At last it was found stuck deep behind the cushions of the sofa.

It had fallen there when they had first entered the house the day before, and stayed there that whole time.

Again they set out on their trip.

Many hours later, the driver, who was going to sell the van, looked into her bag and discovered, to her dismay, that the wallet with the van papers was not in there.

It was lost in the attic. Oh dear!
Without it they would be unable to sell the van; yet they didn't have time before selling the van to go all the way back to the friend's house to look for it.



The families prayed for the Lord's help. Then a little girl got an idea to look in the purse that was lost, the one they drove back to find. Perhaps it was in there?

Even though it seemed impossible, to their great surprise and joy the wallet with the van papers was in it!



God must have had an angel move the wallet from its unnoticed place in the attic and put it in the purse downstairs. Everything worked out well!



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Multiplying Bread

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In a place called Timor, in Indonesia, a team of 20 travelling missionaries were visiting a pastor and his wife.

It was a time when there wasn't much food around in the area. They were hungry, and needed food.

The pastor's wife wished she could provide a meal, but thought she had nothing to offer.



God told one of the men that she still had four tapioca roots in her kitchen.

When she looked, she found exactly this amount in her kitchen.

God said to the man to tell the woman that if she cooked those roots He would make there be enough for everyone to have some.

The woman obeyed, treated the roots in the special way they must be to make them non-poisonous.



Then, with the roots she was able to make one little flat loaf of bread.

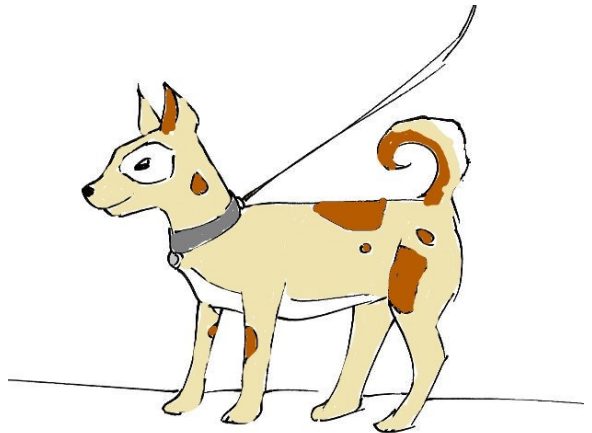
God said to break it and give it to the people, and she did.

As she broke the loaf in half, one half would miraculously become whole again, and in this way she filled the plates.



She continued breaking the whole loaf again and again, until everyone got a plateful of bread loaf halves.

There was even extra at the end for the dogs to have some food.



The small amount of tea that was only enough to fill two cups was also poured, and it kept pouring until all the cups were filled.



Some people even had two or three cups of tea to drink along with their very dry tapioca bread.

The hungry people who wanted to tell others about Jesus, all had enough to eat and drink.



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Invisible Umbrella

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During the monsoon season in Indonesia, it can rain and rain for many days without stopping.

It would be difficult, cold and wet for people to walk in the pouring rain for many hours to go to another town.



However, the travelling team going to tell others about Jesus didn't stop because of the rain.

Instead, they prayed for God to keep them dry as they went out.

God said He would supply all that they needed, and they had faith that He could do this.

Then, as they began their journey, God must have put an invisible umbrella over them, as the rain didn't fall on them or get them wet.

They stayed dry as they walked, although their feet got very muddy on the wet dirt pathways.





Those in the village that they travelled to talk with saw an amazing sight: A team of people had come to talk with them about Jesus, yet after walking so many miles in the pouring rain, they were still dry.



Some of the people thought they must have used umbrellas or raincoats, but when they looked around they saw none.

The team of missionaries told them that God had kept them dry because they prayed.



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A Light and a Shadow

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Many times a travelling team of missionaries in Indonesia needed to walk at night, or make their way through a dark jungle.

It was very difficult, and they had no maps to find their way. God told them to just pray for light.

God gave light to the travelling Israelites in the wilderness with Moses, and He can give light to those who need it today.



When the missionaries prayed for light, a light—like the landing light of a plane—would shine.

When the light would go to the left, or move to the right, or go forward, they would follow in that direction.

They didn't know the way, but each time they followed the light they would always come to the exact place where the Lord wanted them to minister.





Sometimes when they travelled in the daytime, the weather was too hot and sunny.

It was very uncomfortable to walk and travel in the intense heat.

The team prayed and God put a cloud above them as they walked.

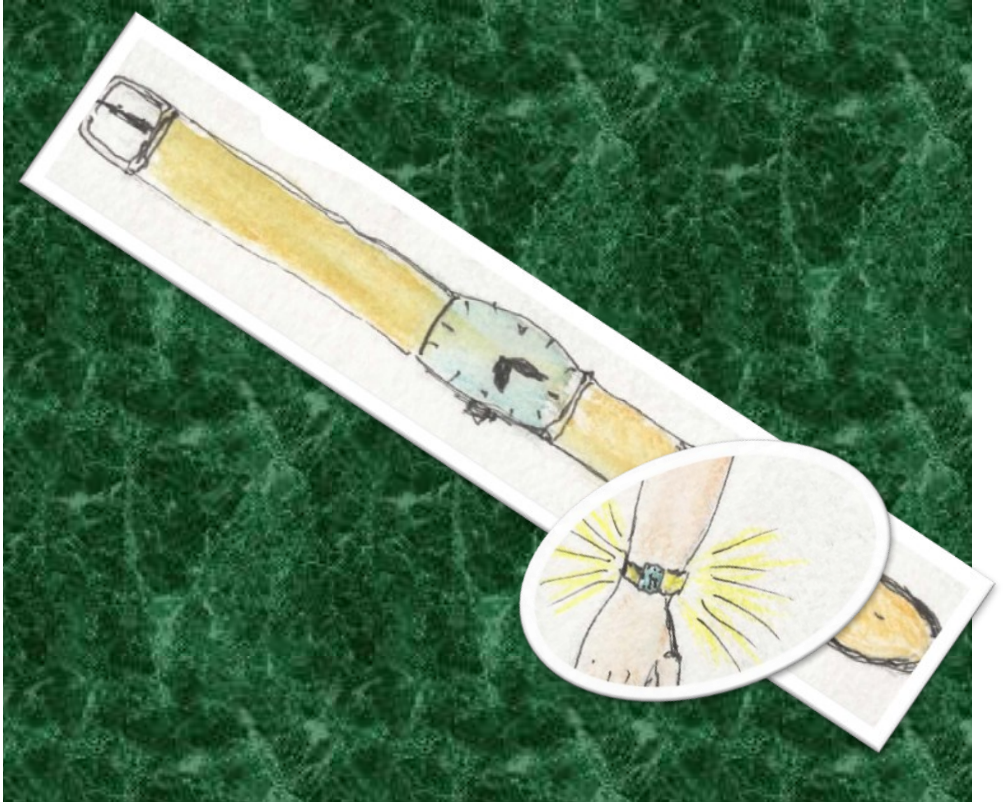


God's miracle cloud gave shade to them.

Wherever they went on their journey, to the left or to the right or straight ahead, a special cloud just above them moved so that its shadow was always over them.



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Linda's Watch

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Linda had a watch that she really liked. One day it went missing. She looked everywhere in her small cottage for it.

It was nowhere to be seen. She tried cleaning and tidying every corner and nook in the little house, but still she didn't find it.



Perhaps she would have to buy a new one, Linda thought. But she knew it would be hard to find just the type of watch that fit her right and that she liked.

So instead, she prayed for the Lord to return her watch to her—the one she liked so much. She knew that no request is too small for Jesus to answer.

One day, Linda went out on the front porch for a second, and then came back inside.

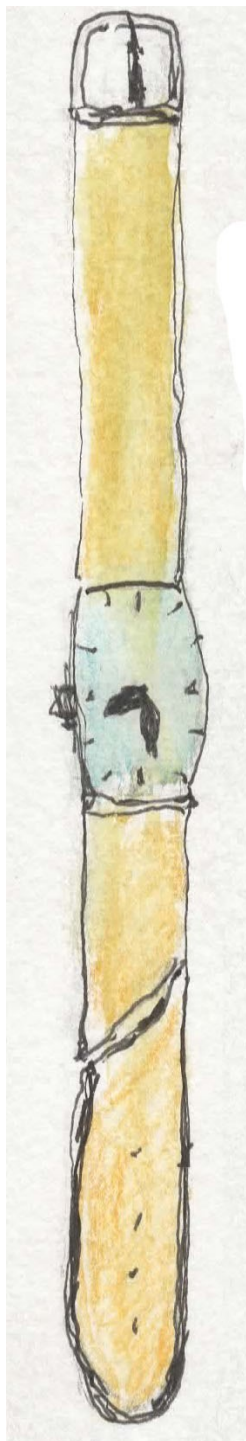


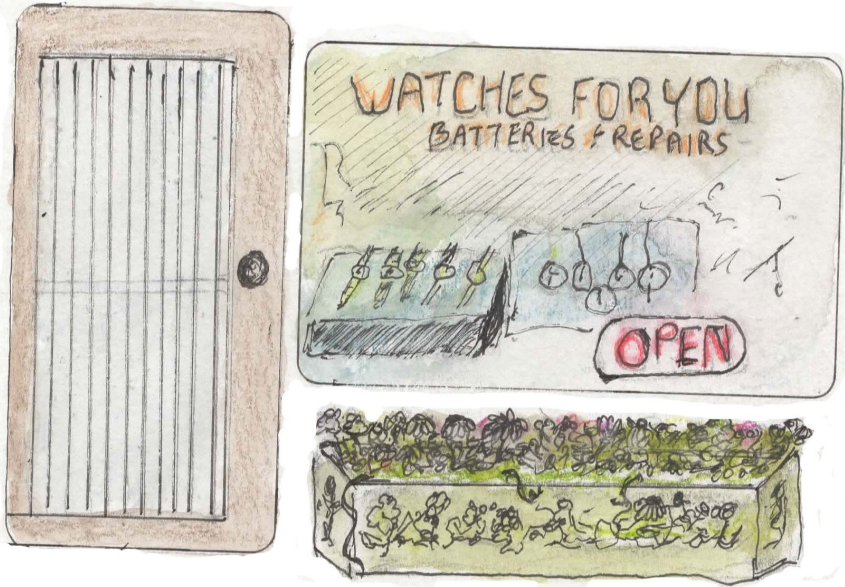
When she entered the room, to her surprise, there in the middle of the room, on a stool—a stool that normally is NOT in the middle of the room—was her watch! She could hardly believe her eyes.

Linda knew an angel had found the watch and placed it there for her to see.

Later on, the plastic watchband broke, and she didn't know if she would ever find a new band that would fit just right.

But only a couple of days later, she walked into a shop and saw that on a table were several different types of watchbands for sale, for very cheap prices.

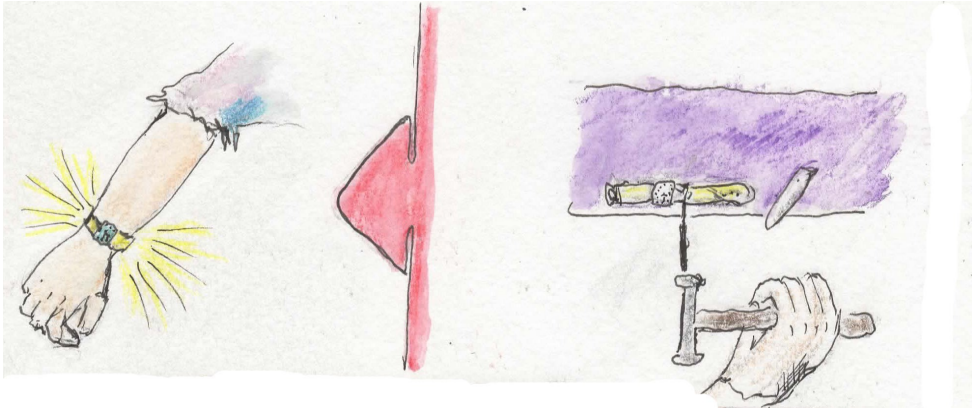




Linda found one that fit on her watch. The clerk at the shop then helped her to put the new watchband on her watch.

At first it seemed hard to do, yet the lady clerk was kind and patient and kept on trying.

The Lord must have been telling her not to give up.



When Linda prayed, the lady was able to finally get the band on the watch.

Linda was very happy!