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*An inspiring and hearty  
collection of true stories.*

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## **1.) Sir William Grenfell**

There's a verse in the Bible that tells that Jesus said, "We are not heard for our much speaking". He was talking about prayer and giving tips on how to pray.

Here's a funny, true story that illustrates that it's not really someone's ability to pray long, long prayers in public, that helps to bring others closer to Jesus.

It is said that the great preacher and evangelist D. L. Moody could not stand long prayers in public. At one of his meetings he called on a brother to pray to begin the meeting. Though it seemed the man forgot the purpose of the prayer, and began to speak on and on telling in glorious and lofty words how great God is.

Praising God is a wonderful thing, but sometimes long prayers and communing with the Lord are better to be done individually, when you are alone with the Lord.

Many people were sitting in the room, eager to hear Mr. Moody speaking to them about the Lord. Mr. Moody could tell this man's prayer was going to go on for quite a long while, and he felt that to keep the attention of those there who were just beginning to get to know the Lord, that he needed to move on to the next part of his service.

So Mr. Moody suddenly said, "While the brother is finishing his prayer let us sing a hymn."

A medical student happened to be bored with the long prayer, and was just reaching for his hat to leave when Moody's sudden switch from the prayer to the song caught his attention. He put his hat down, remained in the service, and chose to receive Jesus into his life.

The student became the famous missionary, Sir William Grenfell—a medical missionary to Newfoundland and Labrador.

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## **2.) Dr. Collis' Prayer**

A woman told the story of the miracle of her healing. Once she got a very bad cold, and she couldn't talk properly. Her voice was affected by this cold. Next she got pains in her lungs, and was coughing all the time. It just seemed to get worse. Finally she called a doctor.

The doctor said, "Yes, your lungs are very diseased."

She had a fever, and her cough only got worse.

The doctor said, "It's hopeless. There's nothing we can do." Then she tried some really good medicine. She thought that would do it, but instead she only got worse after she took the medicine.

Her husband and Doctor Collis came and anointed her with oil in the name of the Lord, and claimed promises for the Lord's healing. At that moment, instantly, her whole being was thrilled with an unknown power from the top of her head down to the soles of her feet.

From the moment she believed Jesus would heal her, the work was done. Her lungs that had been diseased for so long, all of a sudden were healed. She could breathe with vigour. She praised God for the results of faith.

She took no medicine after that, and her health improved more and more, until she was healed all the way. Doctor Collis who came to pray together with her and her husband saw her again two years later. She was in perfect health and actively serving the Lord.



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### **3.) Backbone**

Once when Doctor Collis, a man who had great faith for healing, went to visit a home in England, they asked him to pray for their daughter. She had a problem with her spine. She had spinal curvature and so Doctor Collis prayed for her.

Later the family wrote and said, "We are full of thankfulness about our daughter." They told how she was well and strong. She could do everything like her sisters! They had perfect faith it was the Lord who healed her.

Before she was healed she had to often have a board to lie on, so her back could grow the right way, but she put that board away. She no longer needed it. The Lord had healed her.

Shortly after her healing she walked four miles in the hot sun, and she sat on a bench without a backrest on it. She was completely well in every way. Before that

she was unable to walk much at all, now she could get around easily.

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#### **4.) A Lost Voice Regained**

For nine months a lady was sick and had a bad cough. Someone said, "Oh, maybe you need some good fresh air." So she moved for awhile somewhere else to see if it helped her health to improve. However, when she returned home people noticed she was no better.

People asked the physicians, "What could be wrong with her? She's constantly coughing." She didn't even feel like eating anymore. Next, she couldn't talk very well. Her voice was very hoarse, and soon she couldn't talk at all after all this sickness and trouble.

Then she thought, *I'm going to trust God. I think God wants to heal me.*

She read the verse "The prayer of faith shall save the sick," and she accepted that

verse and believed it was going to happen for her. She went to go pray with Dr. Collis, who had faith for healing, and she told him about her sickness.

He said, "Do you trust that God can heal you?" The lady nodded. So together they prayed and in a moment her voice came back to her. She was able to talk with ease.

From that time on she never had any more trouble with her eating which before had really upset her stomach every time she tried to eat. She was filled with joy and praise.

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## **5.) Changing the Course One Point**

There was a captain who received a medal of honour because he rescued a whole ship filled with sailors.

It was twelve o'clock at night and the captain's ship was sailing along. He was going to have a rest for a few hours before it was his turn again up on deck.

He told the man, who was going to steer the ship at that time, exactly where to go and which was the right direction.

The captain went to lie down, but for some reason he could not sleep. A thought kept coming to him. He needed to change the course by one point.

He thought this idea was crazy, as he was sure they were going in the right direction.

*If we change it that won't be the right way.*  
He thought to himself.

However, he just couldn't sleep until he finally got out of bed and went to tell the man guiding the ship the new direction they were to go in. It was just a slightly different course than what they had been taking—the difference of one point.

As soon as the captain went back down to his bed and his head touched his pillow he was fast asleep. He only had a few hours until it was his turn to work again, so he had a nice rest for a little while.

When it was his turn and he started sailing the ship he then noticed another ship

not too far away that was in distress. This other ship had started to sink! The men were able to leave their leaking ship and climb aboard this captain's ship. Everyone was rescued!

Soon afterwards a big wave came and fully sunk that old ship, but everyone was safely on that praying captain's ship.

Everyone was saved just in time because he not only prayed, but he learned to obey the things the Lord said, even if it seemed very different than what he normally was going to do or what even seemed like the right thing to do. Everyone was very glad that he had done that.

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## **6.) The Thorn in the Foot**

(By Michele M.)

Once when Andy was little, while running in a field of tall dry grass, a thorn got embedded in his foot. It had gone deep under the skin and the skin had covered up again. You could feel the bump.

The Lord told me clearly that I didn't need to go to the doctor in this case as He would take care of it.

Andy felt no pain; there was just the large bump under his skin. It continued with no pain and a few days later we noticed that the skin was opening and the thorn could be seen and was accessible to remove which we did. This was one of Jesus' little miracles.

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## **7.) Lightning Bolt on Boulder Pass**

A man who served the Lord was horse riding on top of Boulder Pass in the Rocky Mountains.

It was the summer of 1876. As he rode, suddenly a storm of wind, rain and a furious tempest began. There was no shelter of rocks or trees or buildings to be seen, and it was just a wind-swept lonely summit.

He knew the lightning on those high elevations was very strong, very intense. He

prayed and quoted God's promise in the Bible verse, "No evil shall befall thee...nor come nigh thy dwelling."

Though he was on horseback and the rain was beating down in torrents he offered his simple prayer that he'd be protected from all danger.

The rain continued to fall hard as the man rode on and on for miles. He was chilly, cold and wet—all the way through. The clouds were hanging low and the lightning was flashing above him, around him and striking near him. There were peals of thunder, but he had peace in his heart. He wasn't troubled by it.

"God must keep me," he said.

It was in that torrential storm that he got to experience a touch of Heaven's supernatural power. Twice he was struck with the electric flash. Sparks of the electric cloud hit him right in the centre of his forehead!

Though he had been hit by lightning, he hardly felt anything. He just closed his eyes

for a moment, shook his head a little and then it was over. Afterwards, he felt he could think more clearly and felt calmer and happier than before. He knew it was an answer to prayer.

This man explained and said that if even just a one-hundredth of the amount of electricity that the lightning hit him had, and had come from a battery, that would have been enough to end his life. However, though lightning struck him hard, the Lord kept him from any harm.

At first he wanted the storm to stop, but later he felt that the storm served to test his faith and that situation gave him even more faith in the Lord's care as a result. Instead of the storm going away, the man was kept safely through it, and got to experience a wonderful miracle.

Sometimes our prayers for difficulties and troubles to vanish don't result in bringing us immediate relief and serene times. But they are there for our good, and through going to the Lord in prayer for our needs, the hard situation can make us stronger in faith



and better able to handle the new things that we might need to face in the future.

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## **8.) Healed of Incurable Disease**

(By Dina Ellens)

Amanda was a young girl who everyone thought was quite normal and healthy. One day, however, Amanda got the shock of her life when the doctor told her that she had an incurable life-threatening disease.

She started getting very depressed and discouraged and felt unworthy of God's love. We would always pray for her for strength and in time, God made her stronger in faith and helped her see things more positively.

One day, Amanda felt inspired to go to church and get baptized. Afterwards, unexpected tears of joy ran down her face and she felt like a new person. People started commenting that she seemed to have an amazing glow about her.

The disease Amanda had suffered from for so long had completely vanished and there have been no signs of it since.

Amanda said that she had believed in miracles for other people, but not for herself. But now she thanks God every day for His love. Miracles happen because of God's love. It is an awesome feeling to receive God's love in such a special way.

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## **9.) Rescued in Peril**

There was a man who was climbing a snowy and steep mountain with a group of others, as well as guides who were helping them. However, as they climbed, dense fog settled in which put them in a dangerous situation.

The guides ground their axes into the frozen snowy slope and stopped there for a minute. However, one of the climbers thought they were nearly at the top and so he kept going.

However, it was just a soft snowy ledge overhanging the precipice. Several thousand feet was the drop, but this man didn't know that. He kept going until he stood at the top. The others knew the danger he was in and called out to him, "Stop! Stop! It's dangerous!"

The snow started to give way and he began to fall and he would have had a very, very long fall. One of the guides, risking his own safety, rushed after him and grabbed his coat just in time.

The coat tore as the man began to fall. There were only three inches of cloth left, and the guide dragged him back over the cliff and down to safety again. He was saved from that very dangerous situation. It was a very close call, but he was rescued.

When they all returned from this adventure someone said to them, "I had been really praying for your mountain climb."

Someone responded, "Really? When were you praying?"

The lady told him the exact time she had been praying for them all, especially for their safety. And guess what? They discovered that the exact timing that she had been praying desperately for their safe keeping was right at the time when this man had been rescued.

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## **10.) Healing for Mary**

(By Dina Ellens)

My friend, Mary, has been a long time missionary. First she was in Pakistan and Thailand for 15 years and now in China for another 5 years. Mary has always been faithful to tell people about Jesus.

One thing about Mary, even though she has some serious back problems, she's always cheerful. She has a spinal deformity which makes her back curve like an "S."

Her hips and shoulders are also crooked so she has a lot of pain when walking or carrying things.

Recently, Mary attended a faith healing meeting and asked for prayer for her back condition. One of the faith healers approached her and asked about her legs, if one was shorter than the other.

Mary thought that might be the case because when she stood in front of a mirror and put her thumbs on her hipbones, she could see that one hip was almost an inch higher than the other.

The same was true of her shoulders. Her backbone was also protruding so much that she could not sit on a hard-backed chair without the bone being painful.

So the faith healers prayed for Mary's shorter leg to grow. Mary said that at first she felt nothing but decided to praise the Lord for her healing by faith. As she did, she felt a sensation in the leg that was shorter. When she checked in the mirror, she could see she was **straight!**

She also had prayer for her spine to line up and now the vertebrate are almost normal. What's more she can sit on a hard chair now without it hurting her back.

Mary gives all the glory to Jesus for this miracle in her life. With or without her back pain, she's been determined to serve the Lord. But this gift of healing certainly makes her service a lot easier and pain-free.

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## **11.) AIM DAY KO**

(By Koos Stenger)

Did you ever hear of Aim Day Ko? You probably didn't. It is an Indian name and it was given to a woman. She was the first missionary to a tribe of Indians, called the Kiowa Indians. When she first made friends with the Indians she had a different name.

She wanted to tell the Indians about Jesus and she asked the Indian chief if she could live with the Indians so she could help them to find God's love.

The chief also had a name; a real Indian name. His name was Chief Big Tree. He said it was good for the white woman to live with them, but then she needed an Indian name as well. First they called her Miss Reside, because she was not born as an Indian, but came to live permanently with the Indians.

To reside in, means to live somewhere permanently and that is what Miss Reside did.

She liked it very much being able to live with the Kiowa, although life was very different from her former American life. But by and by she began to win the trust of all the Indians and soon the first Indians gave their life to Jesus as their saviour.

When Chief Big Tree also became a believer he decided Miss Reside needed a better Indian name and he came up with the name Aim Day Ko.

Does that mean anything? It most certainly did. When the Kiowa Indians would see one of their fellow Indians do something wrong they would say: Aim Day Ko. That means "Turn from this way."



Chief Big Tree said: “When Miss Reside came to us she saw that we were all on the wrong road. She started to call us and told us that we should turn around and go on the Jesus road. That is why she should have that name of honour.”

We should all be a little bit like that sweet Miss Reside, I mean Aim Day Ko, for so many people today are on the wrong road, but we can help them to turn around and go on the Jesus road.



Here is a happy little Kiowa song:  
One day when my spirit is weary  
Daw K'ee (God) makes me happy and I  
am grateful

The kindness of Daw K'ee is good

That is why I am happy

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## **12.) Joey's Lump**

(By Dina Ellens)

I once took care of a boy named Joey. Not only was I his teacher, I was also his caretaker when his parents were busy.

One day his mother and I were standing in the playground talking. We happened to be standing right in front of Joey where he was playing "catch."

At the time, Joey was about ten years old. Because he was standing still (something that rarely happened) waiting to catch the ball, and we were right in front of him, we both happened to see the same

thing. We noticed that Joey had a big lump on one side of his neck.

A few days later, his parents took Joey to a doctor for a check-up. The doctor didn't know what was causing the lump. But it was definitely there.

His parents and I determined to pray every day that the Lord would do a miracle and dissolve the lump. We kept praying for it faithfully and also asked other believers to pray.

Finally after about three weeks of praying, we noticed that the lump was gone. It had totally disappeared!

Perhaps the Lord was testing our faith by letting it take a while. But as we persevered in prayer, we got the healing Joey needed!

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### **13.) I Felt God with Me in Prison**

There was a missionary in England, in the 1800's who went into the house of an English woman. This English woman had three children.

She was beautiful and intelligent, but her heart was very grieved.

The missionary tried to talk with her and find out what was troubling her. She told him what had happened. She and her husband had moved there and her husband became a bookkeeper in a large mercantile house.

However, sadly, he soon became addicted to drinking alcoholic drinks, and eventually he wasted all their money on buying alcohol. They became poor and the family started suffering from lack of what they needed.

The man was often drunk and started doing all kinds of unkind, wild and crazy things. He was then put in prison because of his behaviour.

The wife was weeping bitterly about the situation. The house didn't look very good anymore, as most things had to be sold to buy their basic needs, and her children were very hungry.

The missionary was really touched with her story and very much wanted to help her. He remembered the verse in Isaiah that said, "Thy maker is thy husband. The Lord of Hosts is his name." The verse said, "For a moment I have forsaken thee, but with great mercies I will gather thee."

He told the lady these verses and prayed for her and her husband. She said, "Please come next week. That's the day my husband is supposed to be released from prison."

The missionary returned on that designated day, and when he did he found the man there at the house. He looked decent and wasn't drunk. The missionary said to the man, "Your wife and I prayed for you when you were in prison."

He was so glad to hear that and said, "Really? Because when I was in prison I felt God was there with me and I decided I wanted to change and be different. I wanted to make a better future and fix any mistakes from the past."

When the missionary came back to check on them another time he saw that the

man was very determined to not give in to drinking alcoholic drinks, and soon he was employed in a large house. He regularly went to meet and fellowship for prayer with other believers.

After a few months the wife and husband became the teachers at the Sunday school. That was a beautiful ending of the result of the missionary's prayer.

## **14.) Healing for a Pet**

(By Dina Ellens)

A friend of mine went out with his family for a walk on a wooded path with their nine-year-old black Labrador, Ramsey. They let him off the leash for a little while and he began running at maniac speed, weaving, turning quickly and jumping, just like he did when he was a puppy.

The last turn did something terrible to him. He fell to the ground and started crying in pain such as they had never seen

him do before in his whole life. Poor Ramsey kept trying to get up and walk and would immediately fall back down on his side trembling and crying. Everyone was concerned for his condition and how to get him out of the woods which would have been about a one mile hike.

It seems that he had done something to his back left hip. So they prayed for him in Jesus' name, commanding the hip and leg to be right again. They comforted Ramsey briefly and then he got up and started walking like nothing had happened.

He walked all the way back through the woods without a limp, giving a pleading look, as if to say: "Oh, please, please, get this leash off me. I want to run down the banks into the stream again. It's what I love!"

We wisely ignored Ramsey's pleading looks, all the while thanking the Lord for His love and healing power that extends to all of His creatures!

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## **15.) Healed Ankles**

(By Dina Ellens)

When on a business trip downtown, Jerry saw a man approaching him leaning heavily on his cane. He seemed to be in a great deal of pain.

He told Jerry that he'd had surgery on his ankles and had metal screws in them which limited the range of motion/flexibility. Jerry prayed for him about three times, after which he said that he was completely free from pain and had full range of motion.

Jerry said it was impossible to describe the look on the man's face when he told him about Jesus. He told Jerry that he wanted to get to know the One who had just healed his body. He was shocked and so full of joy.

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## **16.) Ears That Can Hear**

(By Dina Ellens)

At church recently, Rainier brought a friend, a German girl. Rainier's leg was healed last week so he decided to bring the German girl along this week. She needed prayer for her left ear, which is basically deaf even though it had been operated on twice. She had given up all hope that she would ever be able to hear from that ear again.

One of the pastors laid his hand on her ear and prayed for new eardrums. After the prayer, she could hear a bit better. Then when the pastor laid his hand on her ear again, he got a picture of something obstructing her ear and he prayed against that obstruction.

He then asked her to put her finger in her good ear and close her eyes. As he was walking backwards further and further away from her, he kept asking her if she could hear him. He walked all the way to



the back until he could not go any further—which was ten meters away.

When she opened her eyes, she was totally shocked at how far away the pastor was standing! She also then prayed to receive Jesus as her saviour. What a happy day it was for her.

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## **17.) Healing in a Shopping Mall**

(By Dina Ellens)

While in a shopping mall, a Christian friend noticed that one of the shop attendants had a bandage on his arm. So he asked him what had happened to his arm.

With his very poor English, he explained that he had strained his arm lifting weights. My friend said that he would like to pray for him, so the shop attendant reached his hand out to him.

He then laid his hands on the man's arm and prayed for his healing. Seconds later,

the shop attendant yelled out, "What happened? What did you do?"

He then started moving his arm freely up and down and kept asking, "Are you a doctor?"

The pain had completely left his arm.

The Christian man then explained that it was Jesus who healed him and the shop attendant was very thankful to know that.

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## **18.) A Very Present Help**

(By Michele M.)

I have a very bad sense of direction. I have said many times I can get lost going around the block and this literally has happened to me. Of course with time I have learned to set myself strong landmarks, like remember this store, remember that street, and so forth, to help me find my way back.

What I want to talk about is the miracle of how God has kept me in spite of it and literally guided me by His hand.

One time I really thought I knew the way back through the woods to the campsite of our friends but soon found myself completely lost. What I did is what I resort to and what we usually resort to at times like these: I desperately prayed.

Needless to say I was soon back to where I needed to be, everyone amazed that I miraculously had gotten back safely. (This was before the days of cell phones.)

With time passing and having gone through these types of experiences so many times I have learned how faithful the Lord is in spite of our weaknesses and how He is right there to show us the way if we only have faith and ask.

This is not to say that I was not desperate at these times and even wondering if this time something was going to happen to me for my own lack of wisdom.

I will tell of one other time. I was far away in another country where I worked as a missionary. I knew the area quite well as I had been there for some years. I had gone to a doctor's appointment and upon

leaving, walked on a street that I was sure was one I had many times used.

It seemed to be taking longer than usual that time, however, and it was now starting to get dark. It seemed useless at this point to turn back as knowing the area it seemed like it couldn't go much longer and would take longer to retrace my steps.

It did however go a bit longer than I was hoping, but I finally came to an area I knew, although not the one I had been trying to go to. What happened next, though, gave me faith that somehow God had His hand in it all, as I met a very dear young university student who helped me get on the right bus—which he was also taking. With him I was able to converse deeply about the Lord for the next hour. He was a talented young man who was feeling very much in crisis at a crossroads of his life, seeking God's will.

He since then communicated with me often as well as visited for Bible classes and fellowship. Even though now we are separated by great distances, we remain in contact until this day.

I do not tell these stories to give you the impression that we can do whatever we want and God will take care of us, for we very much know it does not work that way. It is more to show how lovingly and faithfully Jesus watches over and guides us even in spite of ourselves and our human weaknesses and how He is a very present help in time of trouble.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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## **19.) Healing for a Cleaning Lady**

(By Dina Ellens)

When leaving her apartment for the airport to catch a plane, a young lady noticed the cleaning lady who cleans the grounds of her apartment complex. The cleaning lady couldn't walk properly and was obviously in pain.

This young lady had recently been studying the miracles of Jesus and how He healed people. She was in a rush to get to the airport, but thought, "Surely I can give five minutes to pray for this poor cleaning lady, just like Jesus did for so many people."

So she told the cleaning lady that she was going to pray for her. The cleaning lady told her that both her legs were inflamed and very painful. The young lady kneeled down beside her and prayed for her legs to be healed. It took seven minutes instead of five but her pain was completely gone!

The cleaning lady got so excited! She kept saying, "God is great!" She was so happy that someone had cared enough to pray for her. Now she is always smiling and friendly whenever she goes about her work. It's so wonderful how God answered prayer and healed her!

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## **20.) The Life of Dorothea Trudle (1815-1860) in Switzerland**

Dorothea Trudle was a nun and her job was working with flowers. When she was about 37 years old she had several people working under her and she had a flourishing flower business.

Then four or five of her workers got very ill. She was praying a lot about it. Then she remembered the verse in the Bible, James 5:14-15, about 'the prayer of faith shall save the sick.' She wondered if prayer could heal back then why can't the Lord heal nowadays. Does it always have to be through a doctor?

She wondered about these questions. She went to her sick workers and then took the step to pray for them, and they recovered! News started spreading and people started showing up at her door asking her to pray for them too.

More and more people were healed.

She took invalids and sick people in to her house, and her household grew larger

and she had to take up more space until she occupied a whole hospital with people who were sick and needed healing.

The only thing she used was the power of prayer. She was a humble woman and lived simply and had a lot of faith. Many people came and were thought to be incurable by any other means.

When Doctors said nothing could be done to cure someone's illness, the people came to Dorothea and she prayed for them and they were healed. One man came who had a stiff knee after he was treated unsuccessfully by physicians in France, Germany and Switzerland. He also received healing through prayer.

Another elderly man couldn't walk. Physicians had given up on him, but he too left her home able to walk mostly, with only the aid of crutches.

Another man came with a very badly burnt foot. The doctor just said there was no solution, and the infection would probably cause him to die. However, Dorothea



prayed and he was healed. People with cancer and people with high fevers were healed.

Perhaps it started when she was a child. Her mother believed in prayer and prayed for her and her brothers and sisters whenever they needed healing. Jesus was the only one her mother could go to out on the farm. Their father was seldom around, and she just depended on the Lord.

One time Dorothea was very sick. She got smallpox, and then became blind as a result. Her mother tried to tell the father, who was off visiting friends, how sick their daughter was and to please come home, but he disregarded it. So she just prayed and by the time the father eventually did come home Dorothea was completely healed and able to see again.

Another healing was a woman who came to Dorothea. She was a mother of twelve children. Her husband had died, and it was just too much for her to bear. She became unable to think and function properly anymore. She went to Dorothea's home, and

after seven weeks left perfectly cured, and she knew it was the Lord who was with her. She was calm and at peace for the rest of her life.

There was another man who for six months had a disease in his bones, and he was listless in the hospital under medical treatment. Nothing was helping him. He went for relief to Dorothea's house. Within the first week of being there receiving prayer he began to recover, and in a few weeks he was completely healed.

A young man came in who had advanced cancer. It was very difficult and painful. He hadn't lived such a wise and godly life. When he began to confess his sin, and get prayer, then the Lord began to heal him.

He wasn't healed completely, so then he finally confessed something else in his life that he needed the Lord's forgiveness for, that he hadn't yet admitted. After that he became completely healed. He went away not only healed in body, but in heart and spirit.

There was a lady who injured her knee by a fall, and she was in terrible pain and agony for weeks, and the doctor said there was nothing that could be done. Dorothea knew the Heavenly Physician would keep His promises and could restore her to health. She laid her hands on this woman's knee and prayed for her. Within 24 hours the swelling vanished and she was healed.

Whenever they had financial needs they would pray and ask the Lord to help them, and through unexpected ways they received what they needed just in time.

Once they had no food to eat and they needed to borrow money to buy bread for their patients and for themselves to eat. Right then 250 francs arrived to help them. On another occasion 3,000 francs came from Holland just when they needed it.

Dorothea worked with a man called Mr. Samuel Zeller. He'd been her associate. When she passed away to her Heavenly reward he continued on with her work.

The Lord continued to pour down His healing power, and many, many were

restored. For example, one lady had suffered a headache for five years, and it was immediately removed after prayer.

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## **21.) All Things are Possible**

(By Lona Raye Bigelow)

While in Venice Beach, California visiting our daughter before our move from Okinawa to Mexico, we went to a crowded mall to get some needs. It wasn't till we returned home to our daughter's apartment that I noticed that my address book (that I had for the last 7 years) had been lost.

I prayed earnestly for it, as we were now in transition of countries and I would need to contact many people once we got settled in Mexico. Plus there were phone numbers that I also would need.

The next day I went back to all the stores I had gone to asking if anyone found a black notebook, but without success.

When I had first arrived in California I had called my cousin's wife, Jan, to try to meet with her, as I had never spoken to, or met her before, and had only written her since my cousin's death. I also told her about my lost notebook.

A few days passed.

I then received a call from Jan saying a strange thing had happened. Someone from the Red Cross called her asking if she had lost an address book, as they had found it at the arcade where I had been shopping, and noticed her number in it.

I had hundreds of names and addresses throughout the book so it was truly a miracle that it was found, and that they had found her name amongst all those numbers, and called her name after seeing she was located in California.

I don't think it was just a coincidence that I had only spoken to Jan a few days earlier, and that she now had my daughter's cell phone number to call me back about this.

Thank the Lord for His miraculous supply and answer to prayer. “If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (John 14:14) It is so encouraging to me that there is nothing too small for Jesus and He hears our every prayer and meets our every need.

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## **22.) Ship Trip**

Have you ever all of a sudden begun thinking of someone, just out of the blue? There’s a good chance it’s because they need prayer. I get these thoughts often, but nearly all the time I must pray just in faith, not knowing or seeing the results.

It’s nice to know why and what wonderful things happened because we prayed. But many of the answers and affects of our prayers, in response to these “Heavenly requests” for us to pray, we’ll just need to wait till Heaven to see what happened.

We'll be so glad for each prayer we prayed, and probably wished we done it more often!

Here, however, is a story of someone who got to see the result of their urge to pray for someone, all of a sudden. This story is from over a century ago—in April, 1912.

Colonel Gracie boarded a ship to travel home. The ship's name was "The Titanic". It was supposed to be a very good one, with extra safety features built into it. But as the Bible says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18) The makers of this vessel made a terrible mistake, proclaiming it to be so strong and well made that "even God couldn't sink it." Oh, dear.

A fervent prayer for His help and blessing on the ship would have been better. So on its first trip "destruction" and "a fall" happened, and the ship did sink, when it hit an iceberg. However, though

Colonel Gracie was on it during that time, he had an amazing experience.



His wife was at home, and though she was very tired she couldn't sleep. She felt something was wrong and began to pray with all her heart for her husband, for many hours. Finally she felt peace at 5:00 in the morning, and went to sleep.

During that time the Titanic had its accident, and was slowly starting to sink. Colonel Gracie did his best to help others all he could, getting them safely on to life boats, not thinking of himself at all.



Finally the boat went under and he was left swimming down deep in the icy water. He thought of his wife, and in his heart said good-bye. But at that very moment she was in prayer for him, and a miracle happened.

Suddenly he came to the surface of the water and found himself near an overturned lifeboat. He and others swimming nearby climbed in, happy to get out of the cold water.

Soon after, at 5:00 in the morning another life boat came over and helped them all make it to the shore.

At that time is when his wife at home, with no idea what was happening, felt at peace that her prayers accomplished the goal and went to sleep.

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## **23.) Healing in a Beauty Salon**

(By Dina Ellens)

A friend of mine went to her auntie's beauty salon to get her hair straightened. During the time she was there, her aunty was complaining about back pain. The Lord came up in conversation and my friend started to share with her how she had come to know Jesus.

After the hair treatment, my friend placed her hands on her auntie's hurting back and prayed for Jesus to bring healing and relief. The aunty said she felt instant warmth where she usually has pain.

My friend explained to her aunty that God wants her to be healthy. She told her that the warmth she was feeling was from God.

When my friend first walked into the salon, she noticed a few statues and pictures on the wall as a tribute to Buddha. But this did not stop God from loving this woman and giving her healing.

Jesus' name is the name above all names and when they prayed in His name, all other spirits fled because the Holy Spirit had arrived.

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## **24.) Surprise Meeting Set-up**

(By Fleur Celeste)

A couple years ago, I was going to go out with my mum, we had a lot to do and we were in a hurry to leave early. However, just as we were about to leave my mum felt unwell and had to rest for an hour before finally feeling okay to go out.

She was so discouraged because we had so many plans. But the crazy thing is, in the bus we met a boy we hadn't seen in five years! We had talked to him about Jesus before, when he was a teenager.

At the time he was a real rascal, but Mummy had been praying for him all these years.

It turned out he had become a Christian, which was so encouraging to find out, after all that time. He also then began attending Bible classes with us for while after that surprise bus meeting.

What seemed like a delay due to health needs, ended up being God's set up. It was a miracle to meet him again.

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## **25.) Lunch for a Team of 25**

(By Dina Ellens)

Have you ever had the blessing of someone buying you a nice lunch? It's really special isn't it?

One time I was part of a team of Christians who had gone out that day to tell people about Jesus. There were twenty five young people altogether on the team.

We had been out all morning talking to people on the beach. The results had been very inspiring, as many people prayed with us to receive Jesus' gift of love and salvation.

By 1:00 p.m., though, we were getting pretty hungry.

We weren't sure what to do, being such a big team, and our finances being a bit short. Just then someone walked up to us and said, "I've been watching you and I'm just amazed at what you're doing for the Lord. I want to buy you all lunch!"

So he went to a nearby hamburger shop and bought all of us a delicious hamburger. My, that tasted good! God bless that man!

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## **26.) A Free Truck and a Load of Furniture**

(By Dina Ellens)

When we were living in Texas, we had just moved to a new house and were holding Bible studies there for new converts.

We didn't have a lot to begin with but we were very thankful that God had brought us to that town.

Somehow the word got out around town that we were there and we were teaching the Bible to young people.

One day a man drove into our yard with a pickup truck. The back of the truck held a refrigerator, a stove, a kitchen table and some pieces of furniture. He was dressed like a cowboy and so was the other man with him.

He walked up to my husband and said, "Here, this is for you. Keep up the good work!"

With that, he handed my husband the keys to the truck and walked out of the yard. We were just amazed and praising God. When we unloaded the pickup truck, there were a lot of items we could put to use right away, especially the refrigerator and the stove.

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## **27.) Chicken for Dinner**

(By Dina Ellens)

When I was doing missionary work in England, we went to start a ministry in the countryside. We were given the use of a quaint old building that had originally been a medical mission at the turn of the century.

We were given the keys and once inside, we started looking in all the rooms and opening the cupboards and closets. It was really a special experience. Everything from linens to dishes and silverware had all been neatly packed away in the cupboards, just waiting for us to come and bring new life to the old medical mission.

Once we had unpacked everything and put things neatly in place, we realized we were hungry! Unfortunately, we hadn't thought of bringing any groceries with us. Besides that, it was Sunday and all the shops were closed for Sunday.

Just then, we heard a knock on the door. It was the local village pastor. He stopped by to welcome us to the village. He brought

along a baking dish filled with delicious baked chicken and vegetables, saying that he thought we might enjoy it.

We sure did! We were so thankful for how the Lord took care of us.

We had a wonderful ministry in that little village teaching Bible classes and training new converts until the Lord called us to serve Him in another place.

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## **28.) The Miracle Dresses**

(By Dina Ellens)

This is a miracle that happened to a personal friend of mine. She and I were on a missionary team going to London to speak about Jesus to the young people who gather there during the summer months.

Unfortunately, my friend's luggage got lost enroute. So she arrived with basically just the clothes on her back. We all tried to help by loaning her clothes and make up, etc.



However, none of us were her size so basically she had just a few things she could wear.

This didn't deter her in the least, though. She was determined to take part in all the witnessing activities and was out every day with the rest of us. Our days were long and we'd usually go from morning to late evening and then come back home for a meal and collapse in bed.

It was getting hard for my friend to keep up and have clean clothes to wear every day. We were out so much, she hardly had time to wash anything.

One day when we were talking with a group of young people in one of the largest parks in London, a young girl came up to my friend with a package in her hand. She smiled at her and said, "This is for you."

My friend thanked the girl and took the package, wondering what was inside. When we got home that evening, she found that the package contained 3 beautiful dresses and a couple of blouses.

They were all a perfect fit and they were just the style and colour she liked.

My friend wore those clothes everywhere she went for the rest of the summer. She looked great and got lots of compliments on her clothes. The Lord knew how to supply just what she liked and needed.

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## **29.) The Landlord and the Tract**

(By Dina Ellens)

While in Thailand, I stayed in a beautiful house that had marble floors, crystal chandeliers, a sunken den and even a Japanese rock garden.

When I asked about the house and how it was possible to afford such an amazing house, this is the story I was told.

A man and his wife had built the house and raised their three sons there. But the sons moved away to start their own lives and the house was too big for just an

elderly couple. So they had left the house to a caretaker and moved into an apartment.

When my missionary friends found the house, it had already been empty for several years. They found the owner and asked if they could rent it.

Although the man and his wife were Buddhist, they were very interested to hear that my friends were Christians. They remembered that many years earlier, someone had told them about Jesus and given them a gospel tract.

Jesus must have reminded them about this and used this to soften their hearts. Because when it came time to discuss the rent, the old man and his wife asked for only a very low rent.

They said they would be happy to have missionaries living in their house. My friends were very happy and the house was a big blessing for many years.

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## **30.) The Miracle in a Paper Bag**

(By Dina Ellens)

When we were living in Indonesia with five small children, the Lord brought us to a town on one of the outer islands. The island is called Sulawesi and it is surrounded on all sides by lovely clean ocean water and lots of sea breezes. The town we were living in was very small and had only one main street. There were no buildings higher than a palm tree.

We were very happy there because the people were very friendly and wanted to know about God's love. One evening we were sharing stories over dinner and someone told how he had met a young man working in a gold shop and he had prayed with him to receive Jesus into his life. It was nice to hear, and we were glad that the young man had gotten saved but we didn't think any more about it.

A few days later, the doorbell rang. "Oh, a visitor!" I thought as I went to the gate.

Sure enough, there was a kind-faced older Chinese lady at our gate. Even though we didn't know her, we invited her inside. Once inside, she explained that her son had told her how he'd come to know Jesus. And that some people had come by the shop while he was working and had invited him to receive Jesus in his heart.

"I'm so thankful to you!" the lady said, "I've been praying for years for my son's salvation."

We talked some more and after a while the lady said it was time for her to go. As she got up, she left a small paper bag on the table. Motioning towards it, she said, "That's for you and the children."

"How kind," I thought, "A little snack for the kids," as I walked her to the gate.

Afterwards, I happened to open the little paper bag while cleaning up the visitor dishes.

I nearly fell over backward in surprise as I pulled out a neat stack of money that amounted to \$1,000. That was enough

money in those days to pay for a whole year's rent on a house!

The sweet lady gave us such a big gift because she was so grateful that we had prayed with her son to receive Jesus' gift of love and salvation.

We continued to visit the lady to teach her the Bible and she continued to help us whenever we had a need. We called her our Chinese angel!

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### **31.) Mail Just in Time**

(By Dina Ellens)

One time a friend of mine and her family were facing tough times financially. Things just kept happening, like the brakes going out on the car, or an unexpected trip to the Emergency Unit for stitches for one of the kids—things like that. And at the same time, the rent was due.

This couple both knew the Lord and had served Him a long time. My friend knew full well that God provides everything we need. Although she tried to stay calm and trusting, she panicked and started on a frantic mental search for a solution to their financial problems.

Suddenly, she remembered the mail. She had not checked their post box in three days and knew the box would be crammed full. When she unlocked the mailbox, a pile of envelopes, bills and cards spilled into her hands and onto the ground.

The mailman had also left her a key to the larger mailbox below that was usually reserved for packages. It was full of mail as well. She cleared off the table and began sorting through the mound of paper, discarding the junk mail and organizing the rest.

And then she saw it – one envelope that seemed to stand out from the rest of the mail.

It was a church where she had spoken several months before. She had not asked

for or expected an honorarium at the time. But there was a check inside for the exact amount needed to meet their financial needs at the time.

She then started praising and asking God to forgive her lack of faith in Him and instead worrying so much.

The marvelous fact is that the check had been written long before the need became evident. God met their needs before they even knew they had a need!

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## **32.) The Good You Do Comes Back To You!**

(By Dina Ellens)

Recently, I was in the capital to buy overseas air tickets at a special discount price. However, the airlines used a much higher exchange rate than what I had expected.



Fortunately, I still had enough to pay for the ticket. But when I walked out of the office, I only had \$9 to get out of the centre of town and back to my home in the provincial capital.

I thought I still had enough for the shuttle van but because of Ramadan, the costs had doubled. I was stuck! I called to ask a friend if I could borrow \$10 and they said, sure but I'd have to come by their house to get it. An hour's journey across town!

A very kind man overheard me talking on the phone and explaining my dilemma. He asked if he could help me. So I explained the situation and he immediately pulled out \$30 from his wallet. God bless him!

I explained that I was a Christian and shared with him that verse about "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least...ye have done it unto Me". He said he was a Christian, too. He suggested I take a taxi to the nearest van station, which was only 5 minutes away. About 20 minutes later, I was in the van and on my way back home.

I could hardly believe the miracle the Lord had done, it was so wonderful. While I was praising the Lord, I was reminded of the last time I visited my son in the States.

We had gone out shopping and someone came up to him and asked for money. He gave them some and explained that he felt God wanted him to help them.

Remembering back to that incident made me wonder if perhaps events are linked together somehow, like cause-and-effect. Certainly, the good you do comes back to you. Sometimes it even comes back to someone you love, as it did in my case.