

## Ladies Prayer International Newsletter



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### Do You Believe in Miracles?

By Susan Beek



Throughout Scripture we find many miracles of healing and deliverance, miracles of resurrection from the dead and miracles of birth. How do we define miracles in our modern day, when we have such great physicians?

A miracle is something that surpasses our human capabilities. It is a manifestation of the handiwork of God. (Ephesians 2:10)

I believe that we have physical manifestations of miracles in our midst that remind us of how mighty and gracious our God is. I do not have to look far to see a beautiful miracle that walks in our midst every day. Her name is Gabrielle.

Her parents both come from Christian homes. They tried for many years to have a child. Doctors told them it would be near to impossible. Yet, they never gave up hope or believing in God. Finally, their prayers were answered, when she discovered that she was expecting. Two months into her pregnancy, she miscarried one of the twins she was carrying.

Being a nurse, she knew the risks of this pregnancy were high. At 28 weeks, she went into

early labor and delivered a little girl weighing only two pounds. Their little miracle.

In the weeks that followed they nearly lost her several times. Once she flatlined, but they were able to revive her.

As well as needing two blood transfusions because of complications, the doctors detected a heart murmur. They thought she had a heart defect and maybe even brain damage because of such an early birth. Premature babies can have many birth defects such as hearing loss, blindness, growth defects, heart problems, and major organ problems.

Today, Gabrielle is the healthiest child in her age group. The doctors at the hospital for premature children are amazed at how well she is doing. She has absolutely no birth defects. Gabrielle attends our church and is a beautiful and vibrant young girl.

She has been brought up being called the miracle child by her parents and many others. Her mom says, "One day she will understand what this truly means."

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3)

Note: Susan Beek is a missionary and licensed minister serving alongside her husband, James Beek, in the country of Scotland.

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## **I Believe in Miracles**

By Kristie Harding Kobzeff



I was privileged to grow up in a home that believed in miracles. My parents, grandparents and great-grandparents all served the Lord. As a fourth generation apostolic, how could I not believe in miracles? I have seen them happen many times. I've seen people take casts off of their legs and walk without a limp. I've seen broken arms straightened; I've seen numerous people receive the Holy Ghost, which is one of the most powerful miracles ever. I've seen people that came with pain, leave without pain. I've seen people that need jobs, receive a call that they were hired and could start the next day. Yes, I do believe in miracles.

But what do you do when a miracle you hope and pray for many times doesn't happen? As a divorced single parent, I've seen firsthand the heartbreak of a broken marriage. I've watched as my son was challenged about growing up in a broken home. I've experienced the frustration of not being able to answer tough questions from a child. I've felt the pain and shed the tears when I didn't receive an answer I want to hear to the prayer I prayed over and over. Sometimes there are more questions than answers. But through it all, I know God has a plan for my life and a purpose for all that I go through.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Perhaps the miracle was not the healing of a broken limb, but in the times He dried my tears.

Perhaps the miracle was not in getting an unexpected check in the mail (and I've received them), but that God provided my daily needs. Not once did I doubt that He would take care of me. The miracle is in the way God knew exactly how and when to provide for me.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

My son is now an adult and living on his own. He has decided to spread his wings and is making his own way. But I dedicated him to God when he was a baby and I trust that God will protect my son. There's not a special formula required to "get" a miracle; although faith, prayer, and more prayer help so much. I will continue to trust God and I know there are many more miracles in store for me. Yes, I do still believe in miracles.

Note: Kristie (Harding) Kobzeff attends Pentecostal Powerhouse in Orangevale, CA, pastored by her brother and sister-in-law, Gary P. and Anita Harding. She has served in various areas of ministry and currently is part of the worship/music team. She also enjoys writing about her experiences of living life. One of her favorite things to do is hang out with her 24-year-old son, Kris. She also is passionate about Global Missions and will be going to South Africa later this year.

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## Missions and Miracles

By Diane Howell



He is as close as the mention of His name...Jesus. We have all sung that song sometime in our lives. But it became such a reality to us during our 20 years as missionaries in El Salvador.

We arrived in El Salvador in 1980 during a civil war that lasted 12 years. It seemed like everything that could happen, did.

I became very sick during that first year. I came down with typhoid fever, malaria, and hepatitis all right in a row. Bro. Scism called my husband to tell him that I should come back to the US to see a doctor as I was very, very sick. We arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, and I went to see the doctor. After he saw all my test results, he told us that I would have to be in the hospital at least three months!! But what he didn't know was that we had been praying for my healing. The doctor took more blood samples, and he sent me a letter saying that all my tests came back clear. All he could say was that Jesus had healed me!!

One day our oldest two children, Jared and Leah, who at that time were seven and five years old, were at their Salvadorian grandmother's house, Sis. Santos. Remember, we were in a civil war. There was a knock at the door, and some terrorists came in looking for someone. They searched the whole house, looked directly at Jared and Leah, and left not finding the person they were looking for. The miracle here was, at that time, the leftists hated North Americans and were kidnapping them for ransom. They looked at our kids and did not realize there were white North Americans. God had turned them into Salvadorians!!

One evening we were on our way to Guatemala City. As we came near the border, we rounded a bend and saw a barricade of large boulders. There was no way around them nor a way to go over them, and my husband didn't have time to stop. I closed my eyes waiting to

hear the sound of the car hitting the rocks. We screamed, "Jesus!" And I waited and waited, and when I opened my eyes, we were on the other side of those boulders, and we made our way to the border. He is a miracle worker!!

We saw people raised from the dead, blind eyes opened, deaf ears opened, tumors disappear, people come out of wheelchairs. Really there were so many miracles in our 20 years there that I don't have space tell it all. But the greatest miracle of all is the thousands that received the Holy Ghost and were baptized in Jesus Name. God is so faithful, and he is still in the miracle business.

Note: Diane Howell has served alongside her husband Rev. Bruce Howell, on the mission field in El Salvador and other countries. Bro Howell is currently UPCI General Director of Global Missions.

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Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).



**Ministries we support...**  
**TUPELO CHILDREN'S MANSION**

Children live in an environment with opportunity to grow spiritually, physically and emotionally.

**NEW BEGINNINGS** Maternity care for birth mothers considering adoption and child placement for adoptive couples.



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