

YOUR LETTER ANNOUNCING YOUR PREGNANCY IN THE FAMILY NEWS (Vol. 8, #3) has a very special meaning for me as my twins born in February are by two fathers.

AT THE TIME I BECAME PREGNANT I WAS MAKING LOVE QUITE FREQUENTLY TO 2 BROTHERS BESIDES MY MARRIED. We discussed several times that it would be theoretically possible for twins to be by 2 fathers (this was before I knew it was 2!).

WHEN YOUR LETTER CAME OUT, it was really an exciting confirmation of what the Lord had been trying to show us. And since the day of their births, both little Aquarians have looked more & more like their fathers, as well as having inherited many personality traits.

ANGELIQUE IS BLOND, VERY FAIR-SKINNED, SHORT & HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, while Michael is dark, long, thin & quite serious.

PEOPLE WE MEET ALWAYS COMMENT THAT THEY HARDLY LOOK LIKE BROTHER & SISTER, much less twins!

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH & THOUGHT THIS WOULD INSPIRE YOU, that every little thing you write affects at least someone in this wonderful Family! God bless & keep you!

THOUGHT TO BE DEAD BUT ALIVE & WELL!

From Michael & Maria; Europe:



Christine Praise at 2 weeks.

HERE IS A TESTIMONY FROM THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF OUR DAUGHTER CHRISTINE after Maria was 10 days over-due.

WHEN SHE ENTERED THE DELIVERY ROOM, her blood pres-

sure was way below the normal level for pregnancy. And on top of that, the baby had already made stools inside Maria, making the fluid from the water-bag seem more like mud than water.

THE DOCTOR WAS THOUGHT TO PERFORM A CAESAREAN since the baby was stuck in a very high position despite the cervix being open. However, the Lord surely inspired him & his aide to hold out for a natural birth.

BUT SINCE THE BABY RISKED SWALLOWING HER STOOLS & thus poisoning both herself & the mother, the doctor feared this had happened when he could no longer hear the child's heartbeat.

AT THAT MOMENT HE SAID: "WE MIGHT AS WELL AT LEAST SAVE THE MOTHER," Maria had

had no success in pushing out the baby, but after hearing the doctor say this, she determinedly fought with faith in the Lord, putting everything into a sturdy push which made the baby's head crown. From there the doctor was able to use a device to pull her out by the head (since she couldn't descend on her own).

THE BABY CAME OUT PRO-FUSELY STOOL-STAINED BUT SHE WAS ALIVE! The umbilical cord was not only tied in a knot, as in Techi's birth, but it was also wrapped 3 times around the baby's neck. What a miracle!

HOLDING OUT FOR A NATURAL BIRTH!

From Promise Hand; U.S.A.:

AFTER HAVING 5 MISCAR-RIAGES FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF OUR SECOND CHILD, finding out that I was pregnant for the eighth time caused me many trials, & my attitude was not very full of faith.

HOPEFUL & EXCITED... YET ATTACKED CONSTANTLY BY DOUBTS, it was thru loving brethren that I was encour-

aged & challenged with the multitude of promises in the Word; this brought slow progress daily.

DOING ALL THAT I COULD DO (resting, memorising, taking lots of vitamins) & demanding of God the rest, time passed the point when the other babies were lost, & hope really began to build!

TO REALLY SHOW ME HOW IT IS ALL BY FAITH & NOT BY WORKS, the Lord let my blood pressure soar, & I had to spend the last two weeks in bed at the maternity clinic. Again doubts attacked from all sides as the doctors talked of a Caesarean Section or inducing labour because of the high blood pressure, possible complications with toxemia, my RH negative blood, etc.

AS DAD HAS SAID, YOUR STANDS OF FAITH USUALLY HAVE TO BE MADE ALONE--just you & the Lord--so it was, as Isaac had to be home most of the time caring for our other two children & could not even make it to the clinic for the delivery.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO DES-PERATE, as honest with the Lord, so conscious of the vast difference between flesh & spirit, as I was as the doctor's deadline approached.

THEN, MY WATER-BAG BROKE, CONTRACTIONS BEGAN. & I was taken downstairs to the labour room. After 3 hours of hard labour, Benjamin Joseph boomed into the world completely naturally.

AND IT WAS ONLY THE LORD THRU HIS SPIRIT & MEMORISED WORD--not others, not Lazarus breathing, not good health, etc.--that gave us the blessing of such a sweet little boy. Praise His Holy Name!

SPECIAL VERSES FOR ME DURING THE BIRTH WERE: II Cor. 1:10, Is. 30:7, Luke 1:45, Ex. 23:25-26, John 14:27, Luke 18:27, & Squeeze Don't Jerk 12.

Love & prayers,

Promise Hand.

TWINS IN HEAVEN!

From Emanuel; Europe:

LOVE TO YOU IN JESUS & DAVID, & MANY, MANY KISSES! I'm happy to open my heart to such a wonderful Family! I wasn't able to write you until I read in FI #30 the marvellous testimony by Charran about her newborn's graduation, GBH!

A FEW MONTHS AGO I PASSED THRU A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE & hard lessons, but nevertheless, love lessons.

I GAVE BIRTH TO TWINS, Matteo & Marco, who lived for just 8 hours because they were too little--having been born after just 5 1/2 months of pregnancy.

THRU THIS THE LORD TAUGHT US A LOT OF THINGS & really changed our lives, & we can never thank Him enough. When I now think of that shocking experience, it is almost unbelievable how much the Holy Spirit was able to give me peace & calmness. Everything seemed just like a dream, & the Scriptures I got when I knew they went up to Heaven were: Luke 24:5-7 & John 11:4.

THESE VERSES GAVE ME SUCH STRENGTH. How much can the Word do! I kept on quoting it, & it gave me a security so that during those days spent at the hospital I could encourage other mothers who, altho' they had their newborns in their arms, had so many problems in their lives. (The unversed--Ed.)

I FELT SO DIFFERENT. THEY WERE SAD & UNHAPPY, even though they had their new babies, while I was peaceful & hopeful with just the thought of my little ones in Heaven. I realised how the power that we have is absolutely out of this world, the power of His Spirit!

REBORN. I CAN SEE ALL

THIS AS A GOOD TESTIMONY OF MY LIFE IN THE LORD. People listen with real interest when I tell them that I have 6 children, all boys, & that two of them are in Heaven.

They can see our faith in the Lord, & they can begin to think of the Spirit World & His Infinite Love! (Amen!) THANK GOD FOR HIS INFINITE MERCY ON ALL OF US!

I love you very much!

TRUSTING THE LORD, NOT INJECTIONS!

From Steve & Sharon; Philippines:



Baby David with parents Steve & Sharon

WE WERE REALLY PUT TO THE TEST TO SEE IF WE REALLY HAD THE FAITH in the Lord's Word to trust Him for the healing of the baby or to trust in the doctor & the medicine that she was going to inject into the baby.

WE READ THE LETTER FROM DAD, #87 "FEET OF FAITH", & it really encouraged our faith. We also read over again "The Hem of His Garment" before laying hands on David & claiming God's Word (James 5:14,15). We then left the hospital, trusting the Lord to heal the baby.

THE LORD DID A REAL MIRACLE & cleared up the redness, & baby David hasn't had any trouble with his blood not clotting! TTL for His Word & promises! In the letter "Feet of Faith", paragraphs 1-6 really helped us a lot & really spoke to our hearts. TYJ! WLY! (TTL)

HE SANCTIFIES HIS CHILDREN!

From Simon & Linda; Thailand:

WLY & ARE WRITING THIS LETTER TO SHARE ANOTHER WONDERFUL MIRACLE THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US RECENTLY--the birth of our first child, a precious little girl named Anaiek. TYJ!

TO BEGIN WITH, WHEN I FIRST MET LINDA A YEAR AGO, SHE WAS WORKING AS A PROSTITUTE & had a daily habit of taking a large amount of heroin. She didn't much

which came 10 minutes later. TTL! She didn't even have enough strength to scream.

ONLY IN THE AMBULANCE DID THEY CUT THE CORD, & as soon as we arrived at the hospital, they put her into an incubator under oxygen, etc.

They took me to the delivery room to deliver the placenta & clean me all up.

THE DOCTORS TOLD US FOR A FEW WEEKS THAT THERE WAS NOT MUCH HOPE FOR HER. But we refused to doubt. I remember being really encouraged by the picture of Jesus on the front cover of "They Behold His Face." I looked at it each time doubts were coming & they vanished away.

BUT THINGS HAD HAPPENED SO FAST THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE A NAME FOR HER. Finally we both separately got the name Agnes, & when we told Sarah she jumped up & down with joy. She exclaimed that she had just had a dream that night in which she saw our little girl with that same name--which she had never heard of--& that in the dream she was getting out of the hospital, perfectly well.

AND IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

2 MONTHS LATER when she

weighed 5 lbs. & came home! Hallelujah! TTL!

BORN IN A BUS!

From Hannah & Obed Servant; U.S.A.:

HERE IS THE BIRTH TESTIMONY OF OUR DAUGHTER AGNES.

IT IS NOT RECENT but the Lord put it on our hearts to share it with the whole Family so it can be an encouragement to all.

SHE IS NOW A WONDERFUL HAPPY LITTLE GIRL, strong & full of energy, & nobody could ever tell what she went thru when she was born. The Lord surely protected her.

WHEN I WAS 6 1/2 MONTHS PREGNANT, one night at 2:00 I had a bad stomach ache & couldn't figure out what it was. It calmed down for a few minutes, then came back.

I WOKE UP MEGUIDO, & we prayed together for the Lord to take it away. But, it continued & even became stronger. We didn't want to face it but it looked like contractions.

WE WERE CLAIMING PROMISES TOGETHER UNTIL... the top of the baby's head could almost be seen between my legs. The baby came so fast that we just had time to receive it.

WAS SHE EVER SMALL! -- 2 1/2 lbs! As soon as the baby was out, a sister named Sarah sucked the baby's mucous from its mouth & nose. We wrapped her in a blanket & put her on my stomach, & Meguido called an ambulance, & had time to wash his hands

5 seeking the Lord, Linda made the choice to serve the Lord, & the Lord blessed her & delivered her from all her sins & iniquities. TYJ!

THEN IN JUNE LINDA BECAME PREGNANT, a real miracle in itself since she had worked as a prostitute for 5 years, never taking contraceptives & never getting pregnant (God's work is God's gift). TYJ!

WELL, IT WAS IN HER 4th month of pregnancy that she discovered that she had contracted syphilis when she was a prostitute & it was now in its 3rd stage in her blood stream.

AFTER PRAYER & FASTING, THE LORD SHOWED US THAT SHE SHOULD TAKE MEDICINE GIVEN TO HER AT THE HOSPITAL, but the big threat was if the disease would affect the baby. Also, on top of this, I contracted gonorrhoea from a pawn I was fishing & had passed it on to Linda (CHM).

ALSO, BECAUSE OF LINDA'S SMALL PELVIC BONE, THE DOCTOR TOLD US THAT SHE WOULD PROBABLY NEED A "C" SECTION. So, all this made it seem impossible for the baby to be born normal & healthy.

BUT THANK GOD FOR DAD WHO HAS TAUGHT US THAT IT TAKES AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION FOR GOD TO DO A MIRACLE. Right up to the last day before birth, the Lord was encouraging & strengthening us thru His Word & thru the many testimonies of childbirth in the Mags, & all the faith-building lessons in the Letters.

THEN, THE DEVIL REALLY FOUGHT US AS THE BABY CAME OUT, & the midwife discovered that the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck 5 times. She had to really work quickly to cut the cord right away.

A SISTER NAMED BETH & I WERE REALLY CRYING & PRAYING THE LORD THAT THE BABY WOULD SURVIVE, & after a very long 10 to 20 seconds,

her little eyes opened & her little voice let out a cry of victory just to let everyone know that God likes to do things contrary to natural expectations.

LINDA DIDN'T EVEN NEED ONE LITTLE CUT FROM THE MIDLIFE'S KNIFE, & LITTLE ANAIEK IS PERFECTLY WHOLE & BEAUTIFUL--a beautiful picture of the Lord's love & mercy & forgiveness of Linda's & my sins, past, present & future. Long live Love, for God is Love & Love never fails!

A BLESSING THRU ADOPTION!

From Morning & Abel; South America:



Adopted daughter of Morning & Abel.

GY! WE ARE SO HAPPY HERE, & THE LORD HAS GIVEN US SUCH A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR TAKING CARE OF HIS CHILDREN.

We were able to adopt a baby of this country. She was born to a woman who was too poor to keep her.

WHEN WE FIRST SAW HER, she was lying in a crib with 5 other babies, covered with a blanket. There were about 20 other children under 2 years old waiting to be adopted also, & there were only 4 women to attend to them. It was a very poor foster home in a small town far from where we lived. The Lord has given us a gift & answered our prayers in such a way as to increase our love more for

the people of this country. THE ADOPTION WAS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE SAMPLE OF GOD'S LOVE TO THE RICH TO WHOM WE MINISTER.

They asked us such honest questions about how we felt, about her, her parents, her brown skin. They were convicted by our love, & the baby is very special to them.

EVERYONE AT THE SCHOOL WHERE I TEACH MADE A BIG PARTY FOR HER, & she received quite an honour as well as many gifts. A thousand people at the school, as well as their families & our friends were deeply touched; several even cried.

WE TRULY FEEL BLESSED OF THE LORD despite all our shortcomings & sins. He is so faithful to continue to pour down His blessings!

THE LORD BRINGS A BABY BACK TO LIFE!

From Boz & Ruth; U.S.A.:



Emmanuel Haven of Boz & Ruth.

WE HAD PRAYED THAT THE LORD WOULD USE OUR BABY'S BIRTH AS A WITNESS to our sweet, receptive doctor.

MY LABOUR PROGRESSSED AS MY 2 PREVIOUS ONES HAD--long & slow--& then, just as I was almost fully dilated, I had a very strong urge to push. I began to push as they wheeled me into the delivery room.

SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A STIR OF EXCITEMENT AS THEY DISCOVERED THE UMBILICAL CORD WAS COMING OUT FIRST. The doctor tried to push it back in, & the nurse listened for the baby's heart-beat.

WE BEGAN TO PRAY IN FAITH

EST FOR THE BABY as the nurse to the Lord.

reported that the baby's heart-beat was very slow. Apparently the cord was across his head, & the pressure of his head pressing down on it cut off his oxygen supply.

THEN HIS HEART STOPPED BEATING, & the doctor told me, "We have to get that baby out of there." My husband & I cried out desperately to the Lord to do a miracle & bring forth the baby safely & quickly.

THE DOCTOR USED FORCES TO PULL, & I PUSHED WITH EVERYTHING I HAD; moments later Emmanuel was delivered.

Several nurses gathered around & were assisting the doctor & encouraging me in pushing etc., but as the baby was delivered everyone was silent, & he lay very still & pale on my tummy.

I PLACED MY HANDS ON HIM VERY GINGERLY & PRAYED,

"Lord please give him life." Just then he let out the tiniest little whimper & began to stir & stretch even so slightly. (PG) TYJ/ILY/D.

IT WAS THE MOST INCREDIBLE FEELING WATCHING THIS TINY BABY COME TO LIFE & move about right before our eyes, with all the nurses & the doctor urging him on. Our hearts were bursting with joy & thanks as we praised the Lord for His mercy & love & our special & precious gift from Him.

He was living proof to all, including our precious doctor that God is still on the throne & prayer does change things! Hallelujah!

A PRAYER FOR CONCEPTION!

From Hosanna & Naomi; Jamaica:

MY WIFE & I ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A CHILD, but after going to the doctor, having a D.N.C. & heat treatment, she still didn't get pregnant. So, we committed it

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