

progress in dilation. I felt so frustrated & ridiculous. It was pouring down rain at night, the lights had gone out in the neighbourhood & water was seeping into the office. As I was praying, the doctor called home & talked to his mother & wife, & they invited me to their house to spend the night & see what would happen, so I went.

AT THIS HOUSE I MET THE WHOLE FAMILY, & they were all so sweet. As we were watching T.V., the Lord suddenly spoke to the doctor & told him the problem was the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck & hindering dilation. He immediately told me, but added that I should not be alarmed, that it's not always so critical. But I knew that it was still no small thing & that I needed to get desperate with the Lord. IT DIDN'T MATTER TO ME ANYMORE THAT JERRY WASN'T THERE as I saw that what was important was that the Lord was going to deliver her & only God could do it.

IMMEDIATELY MY CONTRACTIONS CHANGED, & I could actually feel them making progress, & I knew God was doing it. I was thrilled. When Sharon Nashelli (Mexican Indian name meaning "I love you") was born, the cord was wrapped around her neck, but, as the Lord had already warned the doctor, he was ready for it & caught it immediately so as not to strangle her as she came out. TTL!

ALTHOUGH JERRY WASN'T THERE, the Lord still gave me the desires of my heart in letting me deliver in a wonderful, sleepy home with people who also love the Lord. TTL! And she is beautiful! PTL! So RUI GBY!

PRAYERS START BABY'S HEART BEATING!

From Christina: Europe: GBY! We love you so much

gather in childbirth. Where did you two study together?" "Well," I said, "We never went to a class; we just studied a book together & trusted the Lord."

Normal Birth Despite Open Cervix!

The birth of Michael David, Feb. 22, to Jacob & Gishala; Europe:

GISHALA HAD LOST A BABY AT 5 MONTHS a few months previously because her cervix could not hold the baby, due to operations & infections from a contraceptive device she had inserted before joining the Family. The doctors all told her she could never carry a baby without top hospital observation & supervision.

WHEN WE DISCOVERED SHE WAS PREGNANT AGAIN we started making bi-weekly visits to a gynaecologist who said the only way she could hold the baby was to stay in the hospital under observation, taking hormone shots & trying to save up what little was left of her cervix.

AFTER PRAYING ABOUT IT, Gishala said she didn't want any of what he had prescribed. Finally he actually threw his hands up in the air & said, "Ok, I'm going to go on your faith, but if anything happens I'm right here!" On subsequent visits the doctor was really amazed that she was holding the baby.

AT ABOUT 7 MONTHS along we found out the baby was upside down, feet down by the cervix. It came to us after praying about it that this was a blessing in disguise, as we both got that if the head was down at the cervix the pressure & size would probably cause the same results as had happened with the last baby. Well, we never stop-

ped praying that the Lord would cause the baby to turn in time for the delivery, which He did! What a miracle!

THANK GOD FOR SUCH A TESTIMONY against the doubts of the doctors! Her particular doctor was & is flabbergasted, that her faith in the Lord pulled her thru' many obstacles without any complications! PTL! We hope this will encourage other expectant mothers that God is still on the throne & prayer changes things!

Importance of Spiritual Preparation!

The birth of Catherine, 2nd child of Paul & Morningstar Kings; Mideast:

AS THE BABY'S ARRIVAL GOT CLOSER & CLOSER I read the Tech Letters over & over again. I was really convinced by Maria exhorting us to pray for an easy delivery, as I hadn't with my first & it hadn't been easy! So this time I got ready spiritually, desperately claiming promises from His Word.

TWO DAYS AFTER MY DUE DATE I felt slight twinges in my abdomen in the evening that continued all the next day. Around midnight I felt like I should go to the clinic as the contractions were coming a little stronger. So Paul went to get Hodiah who had offered to help me thru' the labour. Literally just as they walked in the door my contractions changed completely in nature becoming much stronger.

ONCE IN THE CAR THEY CAME FAST & HARD. At 1:30 a.m. we arrived at the clinic with the baby's head crowning! And before we could get out, Hodiah caught her as she slid out. I could hardly believe my labour was already over! Then the doctor came out & finished up & took her into the clinic. Then I

saw him frowning & looking very worried & asked him what was wrong.

HE TOLD ME THAT THE BABY HADN'T CRIED YET, & as I looked over to where he had been taken I saw the midwife & 3 nurses looking nervously at him. Then someone from the resuscitation team came into the delivery room & gave him the kiss of life & a heart massage.

WHILE ALL THIS WAS HAPPENING, Jean-Paul ran out to tell the family to pray because the baby was not alive. There was a spirit of real panic in the delivery room, but we just prayed & prayed.

IT WAS 4 MINUTES BEFORE WE HEARD PHILIPPE DAVID'S FIRST CRY, & we thanked the Lord as we breathed a sigh of relief. He had answered our prayers. PTL!

PHILIPPE DAVID WAS BORN WITH THE UMBILICAL CORD AROUND HIS NECK—He was not breathing & had no heart beat. That is why the midwife cut the cord so quickly when she became aware of the problem.

NOW WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION & BIRTH OF our beautiful baby boy we feel like crying. He is so special to us now.

THE LORD IS SO WONDERFUL & MERCIFUL! Glory to His name! (Amen! TYJ! He never fails!)



"Miracle baby" Philippe David (2 months old) with Christine & Jean-Paul.

was helped in. So the baby made it to the clinic first—a quick Gemini for sure! And as we glorified God thru' it, it was quite a testimony to the doctor, who has been delivering a Family baby about every 6 weeks!

Determined Prayer Overcomes Difficulties!

The birth of Isamu, Feb. 18th, 1980, 1st to Mark & Dorcas in Japan:

THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE BIRTH. First, he was born in the posterior position, like Tech, face up, Heavenward. Also the cord was wrapped around his neck twice which can be very dangerous.

DORCAS WAS PUSHING FOR SEVERAL HOURS but because of the tension of the cord, the baby would retreat each time. At one point I overheard the midwife say that if the baby didn't come soon, on the next push, it might be too late. I finally decided to tell Dorcas what the midwife had said, as I felt it might help her to be more desperate in prayer.

SHÉ REALLY GOT ON THE ATTACK & prayed, "Lord, I don't care what happens to me but let this baby live!" Three pushes later out popped our little fighter. It really broke our hearts to think that he'd come from Heaven to help us but had to go thru' all that just to get here. It took a lot of courage, so that's what we named him—Isamu, Japanese for courage. —Mark.

A "Stop the Train!" Birth

The birth of Ben & Ruth Rico's 3rd child; Latin America:

IN MY 2ND & 3RD MONTHS OF PREGNANCY I BLED OFF & ON & was afraid I might lose

I WAS REACHING THE

Straight From Heaven!

—God takes care of His own in miraculous births of His children of love! (AMEN!)

so light they weren't helping much. So the doctor stepped out to get an injection to make the contractions come stronger.

WE ALL PRAYED FOR THE LORD TO BRING THE BABY.

Then with the next contraction she finally turned & started to come. The nurse yelled for the doctor to come back, & he ran back in amazed! With the next push Mercy Iman was born! Hallelujah! Riphath & I wept for joy. It was truly one of the most wonderful moments in our lives! PTL!

Prayer Overcomes Drug Effects!

The birth of Sharrle Romance, Oct. 11, 1979, to Samuel & Jerry; U.S.A.:

FOUR HOURS AFTER JERUSALEM BEGAN LABOUR, I came down with a bad case of asthma so that I couldn't even get near her for my sneezing. I got down to desperate prayer, because I really wanted to be with my wife when the baby was born. Like Cindie I had a long labour (17 hours) with severe back pains. I really wanted to have my baby naturally, but because my blood pressure was so high my doctor insisted on giving me an injection of pethidine. I felt the drug did me & the baby more harm than good, making me very sleepy during labour.

RIGHT FROM THE START SHE WAS A SLEEPY BABY. We were sure it was the effect of the drug, altho' the doctor tried to reassure us it couldn't be. In 7 days she lost 13 oz. & would hardly nurse, always falling asleep at the breast & sometimes not even trying to suck. Several times they had to feed her thru' a tube to give her the nourishment she needed.

ON THE 7TH DAY WE GOT REALLY DESPERATE in prayer & asked the local Church of Love to have desperate prayer for her. An hour after their

man, but do you think you can have this baby naturally?" I promptly answered, "Yes!" to which the doctor asked, "What makes you think that?" I said, "Well, if God can get it in there I guess He can get it out too!" The doctor just started laughing & said ok, we could try.

THE DOCTORS WERE SO PLEASED WITH OUR FAITH, work & calm & turned from quite skeptical in the beginning to really favourable, even asking Dian to help them & one doctor lifting me up from the too flat bed to help me to push. It was such a beautiful experience, TYJ! & Ester was born after only 3 hr. 40 min. of labour. By the way, it was all done for free tool! PTL!

"And a time to die..."

From Ruthie & Jonathan Trusting; India:

OUR LITTLE SON TIMOTHY WAS BORN & DIED May 2, 1980. We just know that the Lord wanted him "in a more favourable climate to grow". We were so sad to lose him only 4 hours after having him. It's broken our hearts & made us want to love others so very much more & be more yielded to Him.

I HAD A VISION THE NIGHT AFTER HE DIED: First he was 16 or 17 yrs. old, working hard close to the Lord. Then I saw him as a shepherd, learning so much compassion & mercy. Then he was a mighty king on his throne, then a judge, very astute & wise. Then I saw him last as a new arrival in Heaven, crawling & playing with a wonderful future ahead of him.

WE PTL FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING HIS PARENTS, to launch this new soul into such a great ministry ahead! Certainly we don't feel like teenagers anymore (we're both 19)!—And PTL. He's promised I'll soon be pregnant again, Hallelujah!

The Lord Gives Power for the Hour!

The birth of Isabelle Angelina, Jan. 8, 1980, 2nd to Jonathan & Mirth Trust; India furloughers:

BY LATE AFTERNOON AFTER ABOUT 12 HOURS OF LABOUR I was getting very tired with strong contractions. Finally it was time to go & start pushing. I pushed for nearly an hour but I just could not seem to muster up enough strength for the pushes needed to expel the baby.

I WAS REACHING THE