

Straight From Heaven!

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

Pushing With Prayer Power!

The birth of Mercy Iman, 17 Aug, 1978 1st to Riphath & Cyprus; now in S. America: I HAD MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS to give birth in our field of Lebanon, but when I was 8 months pregnant, heavy fighting broke out. At 8½ mo. pregnant we travelled overland to Jordan praying all the bumpy way that the baby wouldn't come before her time. When we arrived at our destination she surprised us again by coming 10 days late.

THE HOME THERE HAD A VERY GOOD DOCTOR who allowed us to have our babies naturally & with as many Family members present as we wished. I started having contractions on & off for 2 days before the birth. At one point we went to the hospital for a check & I was only 1 cm. dilated, but the doctor was encouraged that the head had finally engaged, as the baby had been in an oblique position & was still not engaged at my last check-up, & he thought he might have to do a Caesarean.

THE NEXT MORNING, WE LEFT AGAIN FOR THE HOSPITAL with contractions lasting longer than a minute. When he checked me I was 7 cm. dilated & said I could start pushing in an hour. We all went up to the delivery room (Riphath, 2 other sisters & I). The doctor came & broke the water-bag & soon it was time to push. BUT THE BABY'S HEAD HAD ENGAGED SIDEWAYS, or transverse, & all my pushing was futile. I pushed for almost an hour & there was no progress & my contractions had gotten

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 BRAY 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 Maria to Michael & Rachel; New Zealand: AFTER READING "HANDICAPPED" I wanted to share our testimony of the miracle the Lord did for Maria after she was born. Like Cindy 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 this

prayer the nurse brought Maria to me to nurse. A miracle!—She sucked & sucked & sucked! In fact she ate so much she had stomach pains afterwards. From that day on she had a good weight gain & was not sleepy anymore. We certainly got what we prayed for. It showed us how united desperate prayer really changes things, PTL!

Hubby's Help Invaluable During Birth!

The birth of Sharrie Romance, Oct. 11, 1979, to Samuel & Jerusalem; 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. It was a miracle, because just before the prayer I was completely sick & afterwards I was completely healed, PTL! AT 1:30 P.M. WE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL, with Jeru having strong contractions 3-4 minutes apart. It took another 12 hours to go from 3-7 cm. But at 3 a.m. the next day she went into transition which lasted 3 contractions & little Sharrie was ready to be born. Two contractions later little Sharrie Romance popped out. WHAT REALLY HELPED HER DURING HER LONG LABOUR WAS "THE LOOK OF LOVE". I breathed each breath with her & when she started to tire I always told her to look into my eyes & it always gave her strength & confidence. After the birth Jeru was praising the Lord, a real witness to the Jewish obstetrician. Later he said, "I've never seen a couple work so well to

saw him frowning & looking very worried I 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! TYJI He never fails!)



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

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 HIS 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 Nasheli (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 RU! GRY!)

PRAYERS START BABY'S HEART BEATING!

From Christina; Europe: GRY! We love you so much

gether 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 gynecologist who said the only way she could hold the baby was to stay in the hospital under observation, taking hormone shots & trying to sew 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-

& pray for you. We want to share with you all the testimony of the birth of our miracle baby Philippe David, & we pray it will encourage many sisters who are patiently waiting & praying to have a child.

WE WERE TOGETHER FOR ABOUT 2 YEARS BEFORE OUR BABY WAS CONCEIVED. For a long time we wondered why we were not having any children, even though we were doing our part. So, I went to see a midwife to get a check-up. Apparently my reproductive system had been messed up by taking the "pill" for 3 years in the System.

TO FIND OUT MORE, she asked me to take my temperature every day before getting up in the morning & to record it on a chart to see when it would rise. After one month my temperature did not rise, showing there was no ovulation, so I went back to the midwife. This time she prescribed a hormone treatment to make me ovulate. I continued to take my temperature for 3 months while I was taking the treatment, but to our amazement it still did not rise!

JEAN-PAUL & I REALLY GOT DESPERATE WITH THE LORD as he laid hands on me for the Lord to heal my womb & give us a baby in His time. I threw away my medicine & put my faith in the Lord instead! TTL! "It'll either cure you or it'll prove that it can't—& then you'll have to trust the Lord!" (599:24)

SO ABOUT 3 MONTHS LATER WE DISCOVERED I WAS PREGNANT! PTL! My pregnancy went well, & the day of delivery we saw again how the Lord really is in control.

WHEN I SAW THE BABY COME OUT I was surprised to see that the midwife had already cut the cord, but I thought nothing of it as I lay back exhausted after a hard labour. I looked at Jean-Paul who was next to me, & as I

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; Midwest:

AS THE BABY'S ARRIVAL GOT CLOSER & CLOSER I read the Tehi Letters over & over again. I was really convicted 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

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. 16th, 1980, 1st to Mark & Dorcas in Japan:

THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE BIRTH. First, he was born in the posterior position, like Tehi, 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 desperately in prayer.

SHE 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 BLEW OFF & ON & was afraid I might lose

the baby. But the Lord gave me a promise that He had strengthened "the bars of my gates" & then I had peace that the Lord was in control.

IN MY 6TH MONTH OF PREGNANCY WE STARTED TRAVELLING with a camper the Lord had provided. I had to do most of the driving & never had any problems, TYJI! A month before the baby was born we stopped to get ready. The Lord supplied everything including free hospital delivery.

THE DUE DATE CAME & PASSED & ONE DAY I ASKED THE LORD WHY the baby hadn't come yet. He brought to mind the verse He gave me months before & also the little story of "Stop the Train". So I asked the Lord to loosen the bars of my gates & that night with a mighty rush my water-bag broke.

WE WENT RIGHT TO THE HOSPITAL where I was able to get a good night's rest in the air-conditioning. When I got to the last stage of labour, it was pretty short & they rushed me down to the delivery room. With 5 good contractions out popped our newest model. She is so beautiful & taking care of her is like taking "temple time". TTL, He's in control. Glory to God for His blessings! —Ruth.

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

END OF MY STRENGTH & was getting faint in heart, mind & body. I felt like giving up, & Jonathan & my little angel of a midwife, a black woman from Guinea, kept encouraging me & really speaking faith. "You can do it!" they kept saying. I felt I couldn't do it & knew it would have to be the Lord to give me the strength.

WELL, WHEN IT SEEMED DARKEST THE LORD AT THAT MOMENT DID A MIRACLE & all of a sudden I felt my body give a supernatural push & out came the head; one more push & the rest of the body. It's a girl! All glory to the Lord who did it all! Thank God for Jesus & all His promises & help in every time of need. It always seems darkest before the dawn, but Jesus never fails & comes thru' every time if we keep trusting! Isabelle is healthy & beautiful, just like the Lord had told us she would be! —Mirth.

Natural & Beautiful Despite Breech!

The birth of Ester Rose, Dec. 12, 1979, to Hannah Snow; Europe: TWO DAYS BEFORE MY DUE DATE IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE BABY WAS IN A BREECH POSITION. I had been planning on a home delivery with a midwife but in the case of a breech birth this is not lawful in this country. So I had to go to the hospital.

THE LORD RAISED UP 2 PRECIOUS DOCTORS who allowed me to have it as naturally as possible, allowing a sister, Dian, to be by me all the time helping me with breathing & quoting me Scriptures, which was an invaluable help. I had to have only a local anesthesia for the incision.

WHEN I ENTERED THE DELIVERY ROOM, THE DOCTOR ASKED ME, "You are a big wo-

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 top flat bed to help me to push. It was such a beautiful experience, TYJI—Ester was born after only 3 hr. 40 min. of labour. By the way, it was all done for free too! 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!