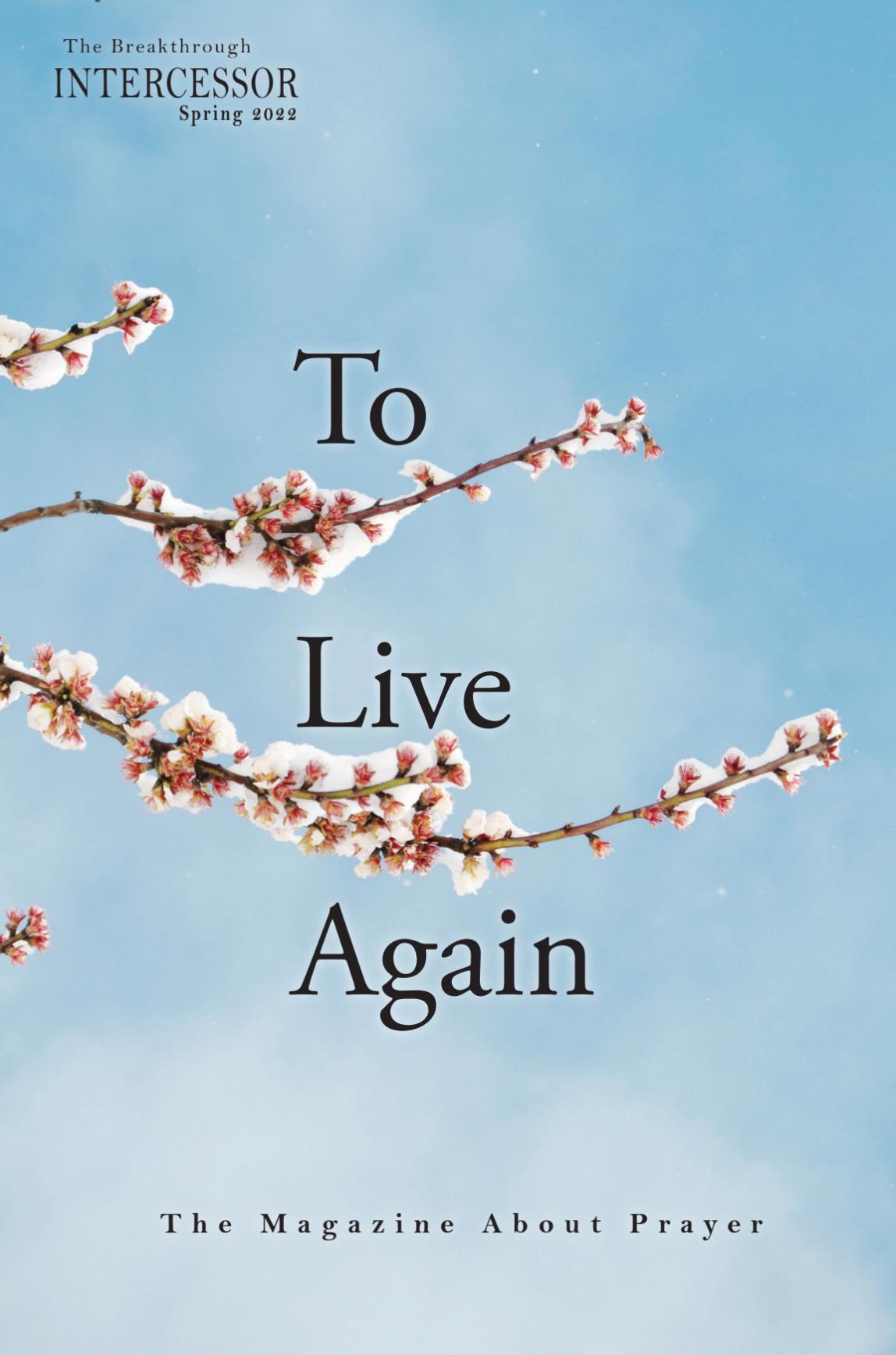


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The Magazine About Prayer



FROM THE EDITOR

Faithful Intercessors,

The title of this issue comes from Catherine Marshall's book, *To Live Again*, in which she describes dealing with the death of her first husband, Peter Marshall, and how God restored her life afterwards. When Catherine found herself in the depths of grief and despair, she stretched her hands through the darkness and instead of finding desolation, she found God. Her story reminds us that when we suffer in body and spirit, we may find sweet peace in beatitude with Christ. For this life is but a passing moment, and we know that even the "least of these" and the "poor in spirit" are blessed (Luke 6:20-23), "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3-12).

In this issue of *The Breakthrough Intercessor*, we wanted to provide encouragement and support, so that you may be better able to bear your daily crosses, and know you are not alone. Since Breakthrough's founding in 1980, intercessors have dealt with similar pain and struggles that many of us are facing right now. We hope that through reading their stories, you may find strength, healing, and renewal.

In Christ,

Rachel Cochrane

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Bringing together anonymously those needing prayer and Christians willing to pray for them; calling, equipping and encouraging people for this work.

OUR MISSION

Breakthrough Intercessory Prayer Ministry is here for anyone who wants prayer. Prayer requests may be sent to us by mail, phone, email, fax, or through our website. Your prayer request is sent anonymously to six of our nearly 4,000 intercessors around the world who agree to pray for 21 days for each request they receive. (Prayer requests are identified by first name only, and are never sent to intercessors in the same geographic location as the prayer requester.) You will have your own prayer team of dedicated intercessors holding your needs up before the Lord.

People often report an increased sense of peace during the prayer period. As you read this magazine, you will learn about many prayers that have been answered.

Catherine Marshall was given the inspiration for Breakthrough over 40 years ago. She was a best-selling Christian author who became concerned about the many prayer requests sent to her by her readers. At the same time, other readers were writing to tell her that they longed to be used by God but had no idea what they could do.

God gave Catherine the vision of matching these two groups of people: those with prayer needs and those Christians who wanted to be part of a ministry. Thus Catherine and her husband, Leonard LeSourd, began the Breakthrough ministry.

The 21-day prayer period was chosen based on the story in Daniel 10. Daniel prayed for three weeks before the angel of the Lord was able to come and help him. The angel had been detained by spiritual forces from the first day of Daniel's prayer. Our intercessors may receive scriptural insights from God for the prayer requester. Those messages, in the form of Scripture verses, are sent to the office and then forwarded to the person requesting prayer. In turn, prayer requesters send their answers to prayer to the staff, which are then forwarded to the intercessors as encouragement for their faithfulness in praying.

We want to hear from you. Pray about becoming one of our intercessors. It is a small expenditure of time compared to how greatly it will impact your life and change the lives of others. As you read this magazine, think of your own stories of answered prayer that you would like to share. Our editorial committee will consider them for publication in *The Breakthrough Intercessor*. Remember also to send us your prayer requests. It is our privilege and joy to pray for you.





The theme for this magazine is regrowth and restoration. An example of regrowth would be when someone takes chemotherapy for cancer and loses their hair—it will eventually regrow back. An example of restoration is when a person is demoted in their work, but the boss decides it was a mistake and restores them to their previous position.

The common theme between the two is that there is an event or series of events preceding the restoration that do not appear on their face to be beneficial. These events would normally be viewed as trials or tribulations.

James, the brother of Jesus, speaks to this issue and tells us what the result will be when a Christian goes through trials: regrowth and restoration. James 1:2-4 says, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

When we go through the trials of life, if we will be patient and steadfast through it all, continuing to trust Jesus that all things will be worked out for our good, we will become perfect. Not that we haven’t or won’t sin, but we attain spiritual maturity, which leads to wanting nothing.

The key to regrowth and restoration is continued faith in Jesus through the trials. Eventually and inevitable, we will be restored to a greater relationship with God than before. This is true regrowth and restoration.

Thank you for faithfully supporting our ministry!

J. Michael Smith, Esq.
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Smith".

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How This Work Began

BY CATHERINE MARSHALL

One morning last fall I awoke with a very heavy spirit. The acute needs of many people were on my mind and heart, a large portion of them coming through the mail. It seemed we were all under assault amid a growing spiritual warfare that appeared to be heading for some gigantic climax.

As I prayed for help in answering these letters, a vision began to take shape in my mind. It was composed of two parts. One was of this huge group of people, wounded, thirsty, frightened sheep who had lost their way and were reaching out, frantically asking for help.

The second was of a picture of a growing number of Christians—the retired, the handicapped, those with the time and the desire to do something for others. In letters I

receive from some of these, they are forever asking, “How can I make my life really count for something? I’d like to serve Jesus in some way but I’m so limited in movement,” Or, “All around me in the nursing home there are such needy folks—needier than I am. My heart goes out to them. Yet how can I help them?”

In the vision I saw these two parts (need and supply) coming together through some central, coordinating effort. The passion in Jesus’ heart has always been “feed My sheep.” Those asking for prayer were often so lonely and isolated. They had such desperate need of knowing that Jesus loved them. Jesus’ way is to demonstrate His love to these hungry ones through His people so that they may know that another human being cares about them.

On the other side, the retired, the bored, the handicapped often had time on their hands—time to care, time to write letters, time to telephone, time to pray.

During this same period, certain books and pamphlets had come into my hands stressing the fact that intercessory prayer is the most important work there is in the kingdom. In fact, so important that the Pioneer and Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ Himself, “ever liveth to make intercession” for us (Hebrews 7:25).

Having accomplished our redemption on His cross, the glorified Lord’s chief work before the Father’s throne is intercession for us. He is our perfect High Priest (Hebrews 2:10, 17, 18).

But to complete His work, He also needs some of us on earth to share His concern, His passionate caring. And to be His hands, His feet and His voice in co-intercession. Only then is the circle completed from heaven to earth and back to the Father’s throne again.

This article was taken from the first issue of The Breakthrough Intercessor in 1981.

But let’s admit it, intercession is work. It means caring about others as much as ourselves, as well as sacrificing our time.

And if I am anything like the typical Christian, I know all too little about the “how” of praying for others. So in my vision I saw that some teaching about intercessory prayer would be necessary, including sharing fresh insights and discoveries. All for the would take regular communication through a printed newsletter like this.

“It seems like a big order, Lord.” I protested.

“Are not My dreams always big ones?” Came the gentle reply.

And the dream lingered on and on. It would not leave my heart. Even the name was deposited there. Simply, “The Intercessors.”

Please pray for us as we begin this work.



A Walk of Intercession

BY LEONARD LESOURD

Last month I learned a new way to pray for others.

A group of us—eleven men—were in Jerusalem, about to leave for a nine-day trek through the Sinai Desert; we intended to follow the footsteps of Moses as he had led the Israelites toward the Promised Land. Along the way, we would shoot film for a television documentary.

Our departure date was to be Monday, October 11th. The Saturday morning before, a car stopped in front of the Jerusalem Baptist Church at 1:00 am, an inflammable substance was poured on the front entrance of the sanctuary and lit. The small church burned to the ground in minutes.

The leader of our group, Jamie Buckingham, had been invited to preach the sermon in the Baptist church that Sunday. The service was not cancelled. Amid expressions of outrage from both Christian and Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, a praise and prayer gathering was announced by Pastor Robert Lindsay for 10:00 am

that Sunday morning in the open courtyard of the Baptist church.

Our group attended that service, but not in the usual manner. Because tensions were high, we sought a way to show our love for the people in this fractured community.

A Walk of Intercession was our answer. Shortly after 8:00 am on Sunday, nine of us left the Finnish Mission School, where we had been staying. We walked slowly, in silence. Our steps took us along the same paths the disciples used in their ministry to others nearly 2,000 years ago. “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) was the command I seemed to hear.

Each person we encountered on the sidewalk was lifted in prayer: an old man bent almost in two from some crippling ailment, a young Israeli soldier with a carbine slung over his shoulder, two small Arab children, a Jewish mother carrying her baby. “Lord pour Your love and healing touch on these people.”

We passed a jewelry store that had



been burglarized the night before: shattered glass from a broken window covered the sidewalk. The distraught owner was inside, bemoaning the assault. “Lord, comfort this man in his loss.”

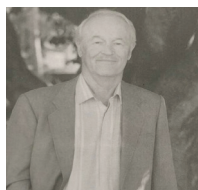
And so it went for the mile and a half walk. When we arrived at the church, we had saturated numbers of Jerusalem people with prayer.

The church service continued this theme. Prayers were offered for the arsonists. Forgiveness expressed. Fifteen hundred people jammed every space in the courtyard to show support for the church, including the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek.

This article was taken from the fifth issue of the second volume of The Breakthrough Intercessor, published November 1982.

In his message Jamie Buckingham stressed, “A church is not a building, but a fellowship. Today this church fellowship has never been stronger. Terrorists can never destroy the work of the Lord.”

The Walk of Intercession is a new way for us to reach out to others. “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God” (Romans 8:26-27).



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leonard was instrumental to the founding of Breakthrough. He was an author and publisher who was also the former editor of *Guideposts* magazine.



Why Breakthrough?

BY BOB HOLLINGSHEAD

The one thing we learn from the writings of Catherine and Leonard is God wants a two-way conversation with us. We are frequently provided the opportunity to read Catherine's conversation with God. Within it He defined His vision for how Breakthrough was to be developed. Think of this ministry as a triangle. A person in need seeks prayer. An intercessor prays, and listens for God's Word, which creates a "message of insight" to be sent to the person seeking prayer.

photo of Catherine Marshall

How was Catherine able to know God was speaking to her when she heard His voice? She was able to listen to Peter Marshall's sermons and prayers, thus providing the background for her book, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master." Consider Peter's sermon of the same name. I believe one line spoke clearly to Catherine, e.g., "Suppose God were to reveal Himself to us – here and now?"

This one line from an old sermon may be one of Peter's best questions for a Breakthrough intercessor. Think about it this way. Breakthrough has sent forth millions of prayer requests since Catherine's original conversation with God. Suppose God had revealed Himself to each of the six intercessors through His Word. And, each of those intercessors had responded with a "message of insight." God's Word would have reached over six million people around the world.

Years ago, I was looking through a collection of "prayer requests" that I had not responded to with a "message of insight." They were old. Opening my Bible, I set out to answer the "suppose God... question." And He did. Several months later a lady walked up to me and said, "I got the 'message of insight' you sent. I quickly attempted to deny I was saying God spoke to me personally. She stopped me: "Its arrival was perfect. And, He was not speaking to you, He was speaking to me. You were just like the Samaritan woman at the well, you were the messenger."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bob is a former Chairman of Breakthrough's Governing Board.

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Is Anything Too Hard for God?

BY ERIN KASCHUB

“Look at God! Won’t He do it?” My charismatic friend loves to repeat that phrase anytime someone gets a prayer answered. Her phrase resonates in my mind each time I read *The Breakthrough Intercessor* magazine.

If you are in need of a faith boost, please look through past editions of the magazine at the “Answers to Prayer” section. The columns in the back of the magazine are faith fuel. They remind me of the song lyrics, “It is no secret what God can do. What He’s done for others, He’ll do for you.”

Is anything too hard for God? Not according to my cousin who was sent home from the hospital to die 30 years ago. Today, he is still alive and healthier than ever despite the doctors saying that there was nothing more they could do.

And, not according to my neighbor’s sister who was diagnosed with stage four cancer 40 years ago. Today she is in her 80s and has been free of cancer for more than 40 years!

Nothing is too hard for God according to the woman who spoke about delivering her husband from a lifetime of porn addiction. The row of women at church who have been set free from alcohol and drugs can also shout that nothing is too hard for our amazing God!

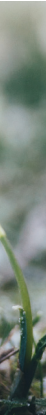


One of my closest friends would tell you that if God could bring her wayward child back to church, then nothing is impossible for Him. Her child was at the point of having everything taken away and still she ran from God. Then, one day a miraculous change took place in that child giving hope to the rest of the women with children who had gone astray.

Can I get an “amen” because nothing is too hard for God? According to my family members who received job offers at just the right time, or sold a house to the first person who looked at it, or those who were supernaturally protected, nothing is too hard for God.

One friend witnessed her husband get a raise just before their home was foreclosed on. That raise prevented foreclosure on their house. Another found a desperately needed friendship after nine years in the same church. A coworker watched as her grandson was miraculously healed from a spinal injury that had permanently paralyzed him. Another had her \$30,000 bill cancelled.

Two of my friends had their wombs supernaturally opened after being told they could never have children.



Both of those women had twins, proving that God is in the business of doing exceedingly, abundantly, above anything we could ever ask, hope for, or imagine.

Dogs have been found after being lost for days. Money has come to friends at the moment needed. Husbands have come home to their wives. Debts have been wiped clean. And so many more answers to prayer have occurred all around me.

Is anything too difficult for God? Not according to testimonies from people in the Bible...

“But God raised him from the dead” (Acts 13:30).

“But God sent me here” (Genesis 45:8).

“But God said, ‘No. Your wife Sarah will bear you a son’” (Genesis 17:19).

“But God was with him” (Acts 7:9).

“But God comforted us”

(2 Corinthians 7:6).

And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning (Job 42:7-12).

What about you? When you look at the world around you, what has occurred that showed God’s divine hand at work? If writing a list of God’s wondrous displays is a difficult task for you, just begin with your Bible. The entire Bible is full of God’s goodness, mercy, and grace. You might want to begin in Hebrews 11 and then work your way through the scriptures. You, too, will be able to come up with a simple answer to the title question.

Even if we have seen difficulties or unanswered prayers, there is still a simple one-word answer to the title question. The answer begins with the letter “N” and ends with the letter “O.” Remind yourself of things God has done and then you can confidently answer the question, “Is anything too hard for God?”



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Erin enjoys teaching Sunday school to fourth-grade girls at her church, as well as talking about all the wonderful things God has done. She has been an intercessor for over ten years. She lives with her family outside of Atlanta.

Portrait of an Intercessor

BY BETTY MALZ

My first encounter with an all-out “prayer warrior” came when I was at a young, impressionable age. My Uncle Cecil, a World War II pilot, was seriously injured when he crash-landed his plane in England. The moment the cablegram arrived, I heard my parents say, “Let’s call old Warhorse Buckland!” The call was placed to a location several hundred miles away.

Two days later we got word that Uncle Cecil had regained consciousness and would recover. He went on to make a career in the Air Force, is now retired and serves on the advisory board of Douglas Aircraft.

Months later a distraught woman knocked on the door of our house late one night. When my father

opened the door she sobbed, “Ralph has gone wild again, Pastor.”

My Dad put on his overcoat and barked an order to mother, “Call old Warhorse Buckland.”

I don’t know what happened other than that my father counseled the woman and her troubled husband—plus the prayers of “old Warhorse Buckland.” Two Sundays later, Ralph came to the altar after church and accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. In the years that followed, he became a loving husband and a responsible parent.

What a powerhouse the “Old Warhorse” must be, I thought. The day finally came when “Old Warhorse Buckland” was coming for



dinner. We children (I was about 10) could hardly wait. I envisioned him as a seven-foot giant of a man, with booming voice and flashing eyes who might even ride to our house on a large white horse.

“Old Warhorse” arrived in a small car. Dad hurried down to the street to help her out of the back seat, and she tottered up the porch steps. She was small-boned, petite in size, and plainly dressed.

I was terribly letdown until I looked into her face. She had gray hair; a firm, resolute chin; a patrician nose; and character lines creasing her forehead like rivulets. But it was her eyes that held me. They flashed determination, tenacity, power. Flecks of fire seemed to emanate from the gray irises of her eyes.

This article was taken from the first issue of The Breakthrough Intercessor in 1981.

The label “Old Warhorse” came afterwards. She figuratively rode horses to battle as she interceded for others in prayer. Her prayers were not loud; they were intense, prolonged—in fact, unceasing. “Old Warhorse” didn’t need to leave her house to wage her battles. When Uncle Cecil was near death, she prayed for his recovery, even though he was thousands of miles away in a foreign hospital.

She also prayed for Ralph to be restored in right relation to his family. This “little” woman keeps praying after God has answered her initial prayers. Too many people are forgotten after their victories because we forget to keep them in prayer.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Betty Malz was an intercessor during the early years of Breakthrough.

No One Has Ever Prayed for Them

BY JAMIE BUCKINGHAM

I've been stretched by a fascinating prayer assignment recently—to pray for a tiny village of unbelievers deep in the New Guinea jungle. It came about this way...

At the request of Wycliffe Bible Translators, I flew from my hometown of Melbourne, Florida last summer to speak to their Indonesian branch at Irian Jaya in western New Guinea. The final part of the journey was a 200 mile flight in a single engine plane over impenetrable jungle to a tiny airstrip, hacked out of the trees, where the missionary compound is located.

While at the mission compound, I read a survey report, submitted by a team of translators, who had just discovered a never-before-known tribe of people deep in the heart of the Indonesian jungle. These tribal people—who called themselves “Doa”—live on a small river hundreds of miles from the mission compound where I was staying.

A pilot had spotted their tiny village one day while flying over an uncharted section of the jungle. He had reported the discovery to Dr. Dick Hugoniot, the director of the Indonesian branch of Wycliffe. Dick, in turn, had sent out two men to see if they could reach this unknown tribe. The survey team had traveled several days in a dugout canoe up a small jungle

river. When the river became impassable because of rocks and logs, they carried their canoe through the snake-infested jungle until they could put it back in the water. It took almost two weeks of traveling and searching before they found the tribal village.

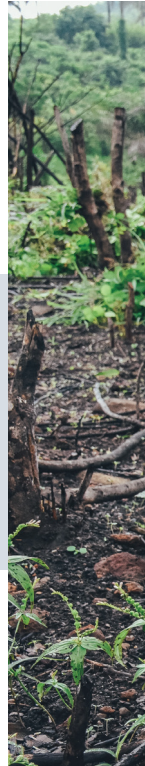
The “Doa” people, they learned, had no alphabet, no written language, and had never been exposed to the outside world. Their entire tribal population was less than 300—and only two of them had ever seen a white man before. They stayed alive by hunting with bows and arrows, and fishing in the river.

Tragically, they had never heard about God, much less about His Son, Jesus.

“When will it be possible to send a translation team to the Doa people?” I asked Dick Hugoniot.

“It will be years,” he said. “There are more than 200 tribes in Indonesia, all of whom speak different languages. We have workers in only 17 of those. The Doa people will just have to wait.”

When I returned to the States I couldn't shake my burden for these 300 individuals who lived in such spiritual darkness. I had never met any of them. I hadn't even seen where they lived. But the “bur-





den” was on my heart to pray for them—to intercede on their behalf.

I wrote Wycliffe headquarters in Huntington Beach, California, to ask if anyone was praying on a regular basis for the Doas. A Wycliffe worker wrote back that no one was praying for the Doas. She sent me a little card which I taped over my desk that read: “I am praying daily for the Doa people of Irian Jaya until they have God’s Word in their own language.” It was accompanied by a verse of scripture from Psalms 65:2: “O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.”

I confess, I was both excited and frightened over this commitment. I had never prayed for a tribe of people—especially people I didn’t

know. Then there was the factor of daily prayer. Could I discipline myself to pray every day? The card was taped right beside my word processor where I go to work each morning. It takes about 30 seconds, after I turn on the machine, to “boot up”—that is, to load my program into the computer. Normally that is “dead” time. I just sit there each morning while my disk drive whirrs and whines—waiting for the screen to light up and indicate it is ready for me to go to work. I decided to use those 30 seconds to pray for the Doas.

But something happened. Each morning as I prayed during that “boot up” time, I began to receive little “visions.” I could picture those little grass huts on the sandbar

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along the river. In my mind's eye, I could see the brown-skinned people wandering around the tiny village. Children were playing along the river. Women were working with the materials their men brought in from the jungle. Men, with their bows and long arrows, were roaming the jungle or paddling their dugout canoes in search of food.

Then I saw them afraid at night—afraid of demons, afraid of the snakes and crocodiles, afraid of the dark. I could see the witchdoctor trying to use his power to hold back the spiritual darkness. Often my 30-second prayer time went to five, sometimes ten minutes. On several occasions, I actually began to cry as I prayed for those unknown people—lost and without hope.

I asked God to send a Bible translator who would learn their language, translate the Bible, and teach them to read the Word of God.

Six months later, I was in California to speak to the combined

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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***Note: photo above does not portray a member of the Doa tribe.*

boards of Wycliffe. During one of my sessions, I mentioned I was praying for the Doa people.

At the close of that session, a man from Indonesia came forward. He was excited. "Just last week," he said, "Peter and Mary Jane Munnings, Wycliffe members from Canada now living in Irian Jaya, entered the Doa village as translators. They were years ahead of schedule, but when the word came that the Doas wanted someone to move into their village and live with them in order to translate the Bible, the Munnings just happened to be available."

Now I have a second card taped to the wall. It reminds me to pray for Peter and Mary Jane Munnings—whom I have never met. But they are helping my friends the Doas—they need my intercessory prayer support also.



Lesl

BY LEO CARDEZ

Fear is the devil's handcuffs on our soul—only Jesus offers the key to unshackle us.

Fear is the devil's most powerful tool. It is used to steal our ambition, if we let it. It is the mortal enemy of change and feeds off killing our new ideas.

No one can pretend to be truly fearless—not really. The devil is always lurking in the shadows of the secret chambers of our hearts, but we can decide how much we will allow him to influence our lives. We must accept God's Word as truth to overcome fear. We have to stop caring what the world has to say about us; refuse to cower behind social stigmas seeking to dehumanize us and focus on the only opinion that matters: His.

Stop worrying about challenges and obstacles. Simply decide to follow Jesus, with your whole heart, and start making the life we want. Follow our faith. Let the Holy Spirit guide us. If something truly excites us (say, taking a class, helping another, starting a prayer group) trust that the Lord will bring it to us. We must do our part; everything within our natural ability—then allow God to do the supernatural. The Bible records countless examples of God smiling on persistent hearts.

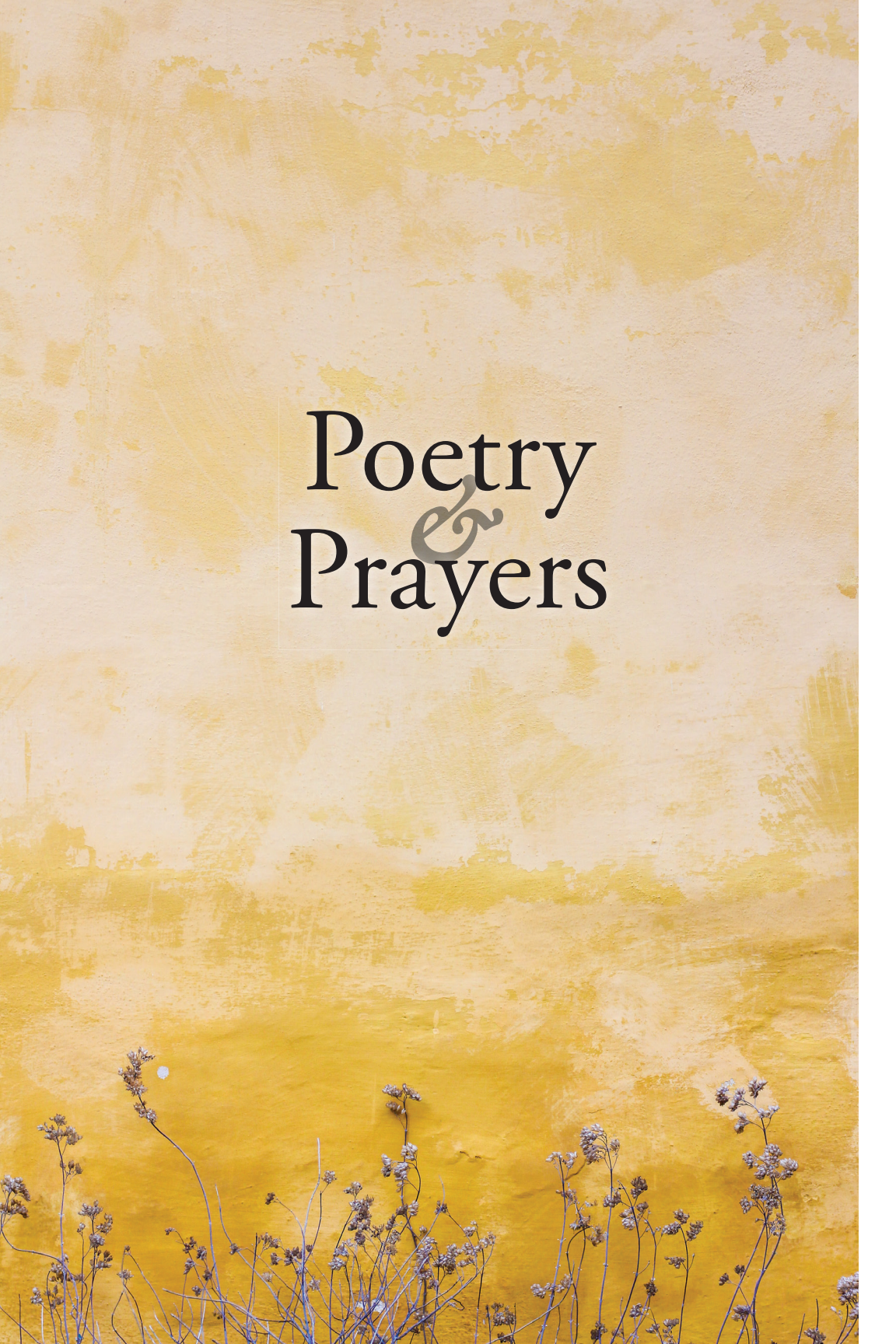
Losing fear will be liberating, and we will join the ranks of those who refused to listen to the devil's whispers to temper our enthusiasm.

God does not want us to ever compromise or settle for anything less than our full potential. If you agree, make today the day you start living your life in a fearless relationship with God. It is not the most expected path, nor will it be the easiest, but not all pain is bad. Freedom can be found through pain.

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The background is a textured, mottled yellow and orange, resembling aged paper or a painted wall. At the bottom, there are several thin, dark stems with small, dried, light-colored flowers or seed heads.

Poetry & Prayers

Choices

BY JEWELL JOHNSON

When I don't know what to do,
what to say,
where to go.
I go to the One who knows.
I talk to the all-knowing One.

When I don't know the answer,
the path is not clear,
my mind's in a muddle.
I go to the One who planned every day of my life.
I talk to the all-knowing One.

When the choices are many,
I don't know what door to open.
I can't see the end from the beginning.
I give my burden to Him.
I talk to the all-knowing One.

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What if Joy?

BY PETER CALIGIURI

When pain pulls down the window shade
Through which our hope might see
What if joy might be the path by which
Our feet must walk today?

Till God in grace bends down to lift
Our earthward looking eyes
So we could see the mountain peaks
Over which His wings can fly

So, no hiding in a corner or
Sailing far across the seas
Don't miss the path of joy by which
Our faith in laughter leads!

*God is faithful and He will not let you
be tempted beyond your ability*

*but with the temptation He will also pro-
vide the way of escape*

that you may be able to endure it.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13B





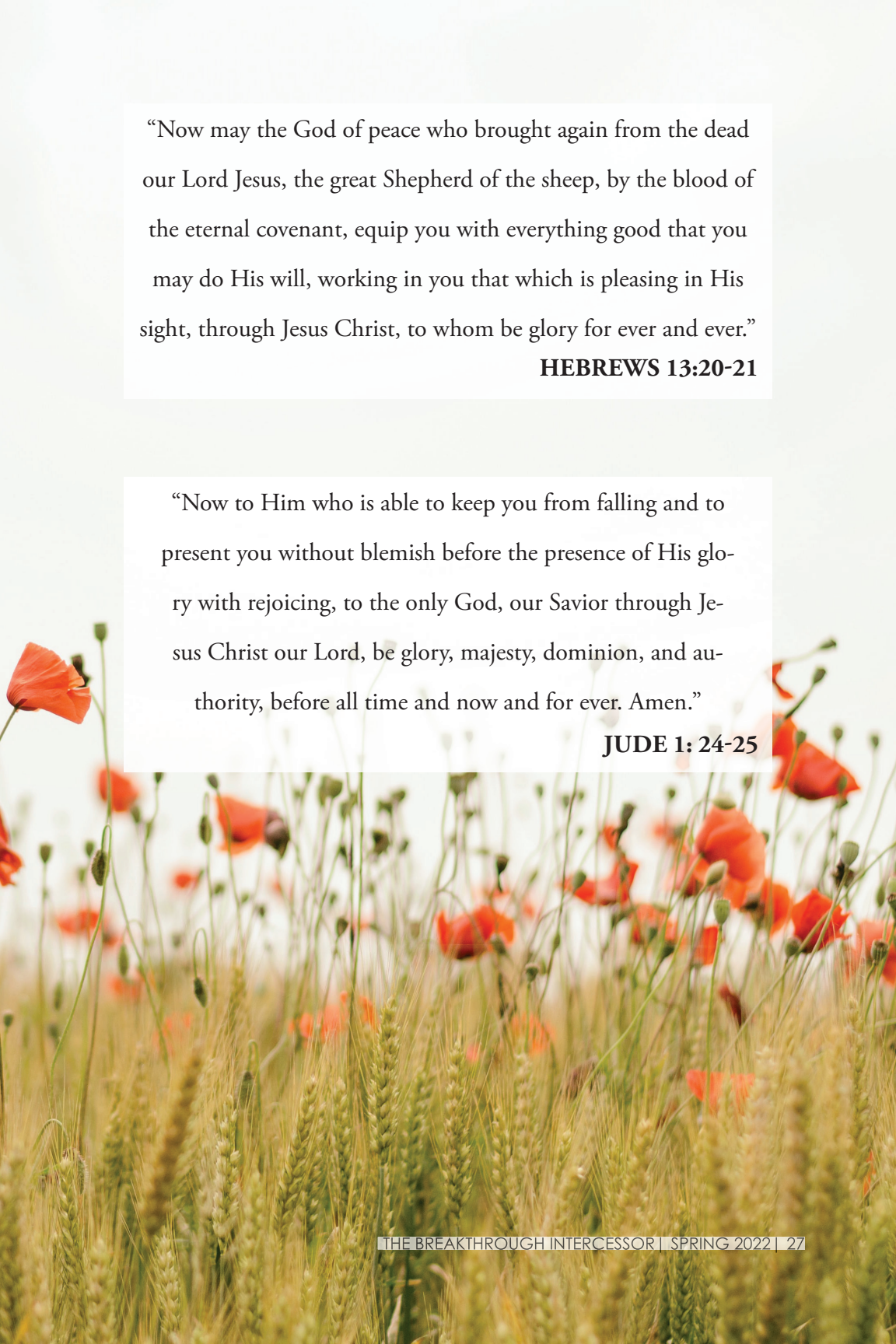
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Prayers for Strength & Healing

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 PETER 1:3-5



“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.”

HEBREWS 13:20-21

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.”

JUDE 1: 24-25

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

I have requested God's blessing for my health, financial, and emotional situations, and have learned that He is FAITHFUL!

- Claire

After being separated for 1 1/2 years, my husband and I are back and things are better.

-Michele

Depression and anxiety are less.

- Carrie

My daughter is recovering from leukemia, praise God.

- Gerald

My son who is a police detective has been divinely protected through your prayers.

- Allison

I survived COVID. Not completely strong yet, but getting there.

- Victoria

God has helped me through grief over loss of husband.

- Anonymous

I had a rash on my whole body due to stress and now it is healed.

- Patricia

Success with employment, thank you!

- Teri

A whole family and their dog have found housing; we shout praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord!


- Mark

My daughter graduated this spring with great distinction.

- May

R- delivered a healthy little girl!

- Robin



**We found a home to
move into!**

- Donna

**I was concerned for my husband's heart
condition, given the possibility of him
being sent to a large city. God provided a
way so that he didn't need to go.**

- Anonymous

**I was in a serious car accident. My car was
totaled but I didn't get ANY injuries!**

- Cathy

**The son of the mission-
ary in Mongolia accepted
the Lord.**

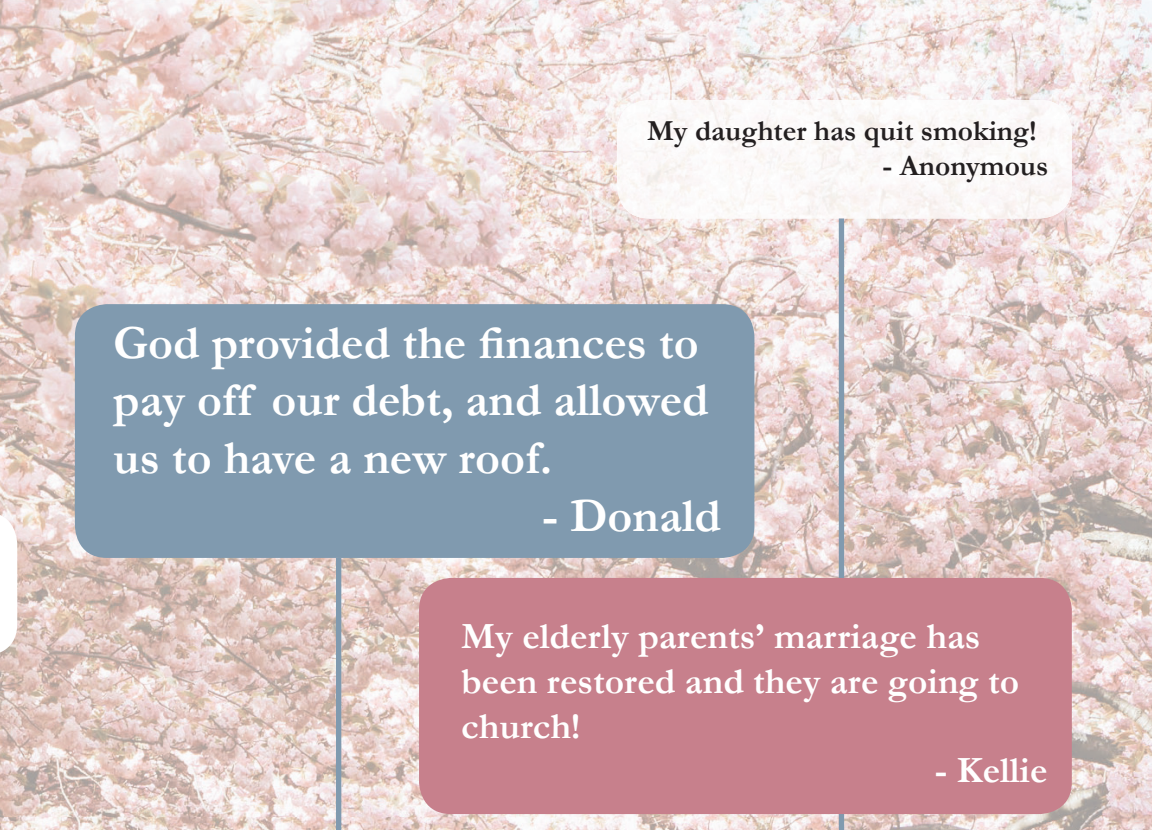
- Chap

**Sister S-'s MS is stable and she has had no re-
lapses.**

- Debbie

**My brother had severe health problems
and couldn't walk. Now, he is healed
and can walk and got his driver's license
back.**

- Cathy



My daughter has quit smoking!
- Anonymous

God provided the finances to
pay off our debt, and allowed
us to have a new roof.

- Donald

My elderly parents' marriage has
been restored and they are going to
church!

- Kellie

Since requesting prayer,
my left leg injury has
been gradually healing.

- Wanda

Baby was born and there were
no issues with her blood pres-
sure. She seems healthy!

- Patti

My granddaughter's cancer is
shrinking and she is feeling
more healthy.

- Anonymous

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