

# Make hope visible

This months collection of inspiring stories of hope and healing though Answered Prayers.

## Homeless and hopeless

#### #26271

My year had gone from bad to worse, my son and I had been kicked out of my mum's address and we were sofa surfing. I was praying for God to provide, to pull something out the bag and provide us a home. I asked so many others to pray too. For some stability for me and my son. I'd spoken to Housing and had been told to expect a long road before finding somewhere and that it would likely be in a small village miles from school, work and family. However, in less than 3 months my prayers had been answered. God provided us with a home, a

roof over our heads, somewhere for just the 2 of us. And amazingly still, which just shows how good Our God is. During our 3 months of sofa surfing, God repaired a fractured relationship between me and my father. God's plan might not be ours, but it is ALWAYS something better.

## Remembering to include Jesus in the planning

#### #26266

I am in the process of restoring a 1970s car. One job I had to do was upgrade the headlights, rather than the basic "candle in a jam jar" effect. I planned all the rewiring, new fuses and relays required. Removed the old headlights, fitted the new only to have half of them working. It was then I remembered to pray for wisdom. Jesus gave me clarity to retrace the 36 new wires and sort it out promptly. My next job was to tackle a coolant leak.

This time remembering to pray first I replaced a part. Although that in itself caused another leak over the course of a couple of hours it was properly fixed. God has a sense of humour which keeps us humble. I'd recently been sharing with friends about the need to have a conversational relationship with Jesus. Giving thanks through the day as well as praying for help. Clearly I don't always remember. Thank You Lord for Your grace.

## 3 lumps in breast disappear after prayer

#### #26276

A lady was encouraged to come for prayer as she was diagnosed with 3 lumps in one of her breasts and at least one of them was cancerous. I prayed for her commanding the lumps to disappear. The next morning she was having a shower and noticed there were no lumps. She screamed for her husband.

A few weeks later she went for a follow up appointment. She was re-scanned and saw 4 separate medics. The lumps could not be found. They said it had to be a miracle. She has the written proof.

## My grandma prayed for me

#### #26270

My grandma was praying with a friend for me. I didn't know she was praying.

Around that time I received a Gideon new testament at school and started to read it and became curious about Jesus. I kept reading and wanted to know more. I tried a local church but was more confused. My friend then invited me to her church (she didn't know what I was doing or that I was interested). I went and the speaker explained about Jesus death for me. It just all fell into place like a jigsaw and I was

overwhelmed by his love for me. Since then I have followed Jesus, He's been my closest friend, he's answered many prayers and he's shown his love throughout my life in good and hard times.

## Rescued from an abusive marriage

#### #26269

I was married for many years to someone who was emotionally abusive and controlling. I could handle most of the difficult behaviour, but I always said to him that the line in the sand for me was if he got involved with other women, and I prayed, just once, and asked God that if that ever happened, that he would text me by mistake! Anyway, some years later, that is exactly what happened. He texted me when he was meaning to text another woman, which got the ball rolling and enabled me to finally escape the abuse. Praise God.

His timing is always perfect.

### Rescue available

#### #25779

When we were early in marriage and struggling to meet the bills we couldn't afford car emergency cover. Not essential, yet with a young baby, wanted. We prayed and left it with God. The next day a letter through the mail came from my wife's friend who had moved miles away due to her father's job.

This said that for a few days she felt that we needed money so had sent this cheque in case. The amount was the exact amount needed for the cover.

We got the cover and just over three weeks later the head gaskit on our car engine destroyed the engine. We were on the motorway with the child when this happened.

### God delivered me

#### #26272

I wanted a promotion at work. The office environment was hostile. I prayed for salvation for everyone. Things seemed to get worse but God always turned it for my good according to Romans 8:28. After 3.5 years of trusting the Lord Jesus, Jesus granted me a promotion and I moved to a new city. I praise the Lord for answering my prayer and delivering me.

### Jesus present

#### #26264

I was serving in the RAF and was in a military hospital for tests having contracted kidney stones. One morning the chief medical officer came round and, it seemed to me, told one after another that they would be medically discharged.

I was convinced that one day that would be me. To say I wasn't ready for this ending of my career would be an understatement. That evening I went to the hospital chapel and laid the whole matter before the Lord in prayer. I had the most overwhelming sense that Jesus was here with me and that everything would be OK, and so it proved. I had surgery to have the stones removed, I wasn't medically downgraded and was able to extend my engagement.

## Jesus carrying me through miscarriage

#### #26243

I had been trying for a baby for some years, had gone through a lot of heartache and illness, but eventually found myself pregnant. Yet almost immediately I was rushed into hospital threatening to miscarry. While I was in hospital waiting for the result of tests, I was so distraught that I could pray no further than "HELP".

In the middle of the night I woke up feeling a presence next to my bed, then sensing it was Jesus coming right inside me and filling me with overwhelming peace and joy. At that moment I knew that the baby had gone, but it didn't matter. I just wanted to burst out singing 'Praise my soul, the king of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?' That was the answer to my prayer: What really mattered was that I had been ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven. There would be another chance to have a baby.

Next morning the nurse came in just to say, 'Your tests have been negative. So you'll be going to theatre.' As I lay on the operating table, the surgeon read through my notes and said, 'Poor thing, after all that!' and I wanted to shout out, 'No, I'm the luckiest person in the world, I have been ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven!'

I was eventually given two healthy children, but also had another two miscarriages.

## Community project saved from flooding

#### #26241

Workmen on the roof of our sustainability education hub broke a water pipe sending gallons of water rushing through the building. It was like heavy rain through all the light fittings.

We weren't allowed in the building due to fear of ceilings collapsing, so I got on my knees and prayed and asked friends to pray; when we were allowed in the next day to assess the damage after the water had been cleared, we couldn't believe it – virtually no damage to anything and we could open up again a day later! It's as if God had just held His hand over the project to hold back the water and said 'I've got this'. We are so so grateful for his protection from what could have been permanent closure.





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