

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 MEN. THESE BECAME MY HUSBAND. 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.

ANGELICALLY 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 TEMPTED 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 SHALLOWING 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 STOOLED-STAINED BUT SHE WAS ALIVE. The umbilical cord was not only tied in a knot, as in Tech'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- RAGES 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, memorizing, 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, so 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 & MEMORIZED WORD--not others, not Lamaze 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. 30:17, 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 Emanuela; 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 FN #30 the marvellous testimony by Charren about her newborn's graduation. GBH!

A FEW MONTHS AGO I PASSED THRU A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE & hard lessons, but neverthe- less, 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 6 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.

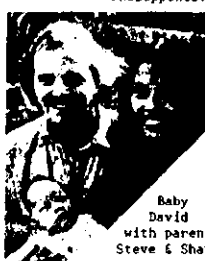
THESE VERSES GAVE ME SUCH STRENGTH. How much can the Word do! I kept on quoting it, & it gave me a security so that during those days spent at the hospital I could encourage other mothers who, altho' they had their newborns in their arms, had so many problems in their lives. (The unsaved--Ed.)

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!

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 INFIN- ITE 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

WHILE SHARON WAS IN LA- BOUR, WE PASSED THE TIME AT THE HOSPITAL reviewing the letters from Maria on having a baby. We also were able to read letters from Dad on faith & some Bible as we kept praying for an easy & quick delivery.

AT MIDNIGHT SHARON WAS 4 CM. DILATED & at 6 a.m. the Lord gave us a little baby boy named David. TYJ! It was an easy delivery! Hallelujah!

BUT LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT THE LORD STILL HAD A VERY IMPORTANT LESSON to teach us thru Grandmother & Dad about healing & faith. We had brought Grandmother's book "The Hen of His Garment" with us to the hospital, & while we were reading it,

both were able to read the book.

THE NEXT DAY WE NOTICED THAT THE BABY HAD A RED RASH on the upper part of his legs. After the doctor checked it & took some lab tests, she said she would have to take more tests & give the baby injections of medicine for three days or more; she said that the red rash was caused by the baby's blood not clotting well enough.

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, "LET IT BE FAITH", & it really encouraged our faith. We also read over again "The Hen 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 MIR- ACLE, & cleared up the red- ness, & 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 WON- DERFUL MIRACLE THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US RECENTLY--the birth of our first child, a precious little girl named Analek. TYJ!

TO BEGIN WITH, WHEN I FIRST MET LINDA A YEAR AGO, SHE WAS ALREADY A MOTHER OF 3 & had a very serious heart & lung disease.

SET FOR THE BABY as she nurse to the doctor. 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 desper- ately to the Lord to do a miracle & bring forth the baby safely & quickly.

THE DOCTOR USED FORCEPS 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 over so slightly. (PG! TYJ! WLY! D.)

IT WAS THE MOST INCREDI- BLE FEELING WATCHING THIS TINY BABE 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 preg- nant. So, we committed it

AFTER PRAYING ONE NIGHT & REALLY GETTING DESPERATE, we promised the Lord that if He blessed us with a child, we would dedicate him to the Lord's service & a MONTH LATER NAOMI WAS PREGNANT. Now Abby, our daughter, is almost 1 year old & is a real joy to our lives. As a matter of fact, it seems as if our blessing has doubled--another one might be on the way! TTL! TYJ!

HOME DELIVERY AT 6 1/2 MONTHS!

From Leah & Meguido; Europe:

HERE IS THE BIRTH TESTI- MONY 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 en- couragement 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 WOKED 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 mu- cous from its mouth & nose. We wrapped her in a blanket & put her on my stomach, & Meguido called an ambulance,

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 hospi- tal, 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 re- member being really encour- aged 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 TESTIMONY OF HOW OUR THIRD CHILD WAS BORN RIGHT IN THE BACK OF OUR BUS!

WE WERE PREPARED FOR A HOME DELIVERY, as we'd had some bad experiences with our other two children be- ing born in hospitals. Obed had watched our last birth, & had also taken classes, so God gave us the faith & burden to just have the baby naturally in our little heavenly bus. It's a good thing too, because he barely had time to wash his hands



Adopted daughter of Morning & Abel.

GRY! 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 coun- try. She was born to a wo- man 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 child- ren under 2 years old wait- ing 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 re- ceived quite an honour as well as many gifts. A thou- sand 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 PROGRESSED AS MY 2 PREVIOUS ONES HAD-- long & slow--& then, just as I was almost fully di- lated, 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 UMBILI- CAL 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 EAR- nest for the baby's heart-beat.