

before the baby's head started crowning.
45 MINUTES AFTER THE WATER-BAG BROKE, JOHN DAVID WAS LYING PEACEFULLY ON MY STOMACH ASLEEP. We waited for the cord to completely stop pulsating (30 minutes) before I cut the cord to tie it off. The after-birth we caught in a big bowl to take to the hospital for them to make sure it was all out.

AFTER A LITTLE NAP & BREAKFAST, we drove the bus to the hospital to get a birth certificate. It was quite a scene & really "freaked them out" that we did it "ourselves". Ha!
WHAT A WITNESS WHEN WE TOLD THEM IT WAS ONLY PRAYER & JESUS THAT DID IT ALL! It was such a heavy testimony & inspired a lot of them (doctors, nurses, etc.) with more faith in God.

I REALLY FELT GREAT & WAS WALKING AROUND & FEELING OFFINE. They could hardly believe that I'd just had a baby that morning. I never felt better at any of the previous births.

I HAD TORN A LITTLE BIT, & A COUPLE OF DOCTORS WANTED TO PUT STITCHES IN. With my other children, the stitches were more uncomfortable than the labour, so I really prayed & asked God if the stitches were really necessary. I got the verse about "He that hath begun a good work in you shall perform it until the end." At last I found a doctor who would agree that it would probably heal fine without stitches if I kept it really clean. And it did! It healed up just fine.

THE BABY WAS IN GREAT SHAPE & was even the biggest baby in the nursery--so big, in fact, that the nurses were afraid something was wrong with him. But there wasn't, & Mommy & Daddy are so happy. He weighed almost

9 lbs. at birth.
WE SEND OUR LOVE TO ALL OF YOU (especially you, Mo & Maria). I know this was a little unorthodox, & we're not trying to say everybody should have their babies at home, but I hope it encourages our brothers & sisters who want to. With prayer & God (in His will!) all things are possible! **WLY! (AMEN!)**

MIRACLE BABY DESPITE CANCER OF OVARIES!

From Ava & Mark; British Isles:



3-month-old Daniel discussing "The Elixir of Love" with Daddy Mark.

THIS BIRTH TESTIMONY JOINED THE FAMILY. I had contracted cancer of the ovaries & was going to have to have them removed. So, I prayed & asked the Lord to cure me, because I loved the Lord & believed that He loved me too.

THE DAY BEFORE THE OPERATION, I asked the doctor to do an X-ray, as I felt sure the Lord heard my prayer & healed me. But the doctor thought I was crazy to believe any God would take away that much decayed cancer. However, the doctor did do a test which uses a tiny camera to look into the abdomen. Usually they only make one hole to do this,

but in my case they made holes in 3 different places. They just could not believe that a tumour of that size could actually disappear!

WELL, PTL! HE SAVED ME TO DO HIS WORK FOR THE FUTURE. We now have a miracle baby named Daniel who is so healthy & cute -- And to think that I would have lost my ovaries thru cancer if it were not for the Lord!
THEN, WHEN DANIEL WAS 3 MONTHS OLD, he became seriously ill because he was allergic to eggs. He got very bad diarrhoea with vomiting & large red spots all over his back. His face even swelled up to twice its size, & he nearly went into convulsions. So, we prayed & begged the Lord for help.

MARK THEN WENT TO CALL THE DOCTOR, & one-half hour before the doctor came the baby returned to his normal, happy, smiling self. When the doctor examined him he could not believe that the baby was ill at all. It was a good testimony for the doctor! **(PTL! GBY! TYJ!)**

THE LORD HAS WORKED A LOT OF MIRACLES IN OUR LIVES UP TIL NOW, & we pray that he will go on doing so! **WLY!**



Healthy, happy & peaceful Daniel, dreaming heavenly dreams: It all proves that "God is the best physician."

Straight From Heaven!

MORE MIRACLE BIRTHS OF KNOWN DISCIPLES!

A FLOOD OF BLESSINGS!

From Ammi; S.E. Asia:
"WHEN THOU PASSEST THRU THE WATERS I WILL BE WITH THEE," & thru the rivers they shall not overflow thee." Amen! What a fitting description of the birth of my 2nd Jesus baby & 1st girl! She was due at the height of this country's rainy season when the city where we live was very heavily flooded.

I HAD PLANNED TO HAVE THE BABY AT A VERY NICE LITTLE CATHOLIC HOSPITAL about 40 minutes away, but as the time drew near, the road to the hospital became so heavily flooded that parts of it were almost impassable except by bus or truck. Taxis would sometimes fill up almost knee-deep on the inside & often stalled in the deep water.

MY PLAN WAS TO CATCH A BUS AT THE VERY FIRST SIGN OF LABOUR & therefore arrive at the hospital before the contractions got very strong. The baby was 12 days overdue (rather unusual but both baby & I were quite healthy) when I finally felt those first little cramp-like pains. I told the Family that labour had begun & hurried to get dressed & ready to go.

BEFORE I COULD FINISH, I felt like I couldn't make it thru waiting at a bus stop & the slow bus ride, so we asked Mark to catch a taxi for us. Meanwhile, Isaiah came to see if I needed anything, when suddenly the baby was in the birth canal with her head crowning! And I had only had one contraction that was hard enough to use special breathing! In 2 quick pushes she was com-



Ammi with little Maria Rose.

having lasted only 90 minutes from start to finish. **ALTHOUGH DEAR ISAIAH HAD NEVER SEEN A BABY BORN BEFORE,** he was really calm & a great help. I got to hold her as she was coming out & immediately noticed a knot in her cord! I slipped my fingers thru it to hold it open while Isaiah held her till she could catch a breath, which she did right away! **PTL! GBY! D.)**

WE WERE SO THANKFUL THAT WE HADN'T VENTURED OUT BY BUS or, worse yet, by taxi, as she surely would have been born in the dirty car, & wading thru the water in the dark we might not have noticed the knot! Thank the Lord she was born calmly & safely in a nice clean bed with loving brothers & sisters near for help & prayer.

BY THAT TIME ONE OF THE GIRLS HAD PHONED THE HOSPITAL for an ambulance. They arrived 30 minutes later in a huge landrover, as they were afraid their ambulance

flood. Unfortunately, I did tear, so Mark came with me to the hospital to hold my hand & talk to me while the doctor stitched me up. This was a real encouragement for me, though I'm sure it wasn't very pleasant for him. GB such sweet & helpful brothers--what a wonderful Family we have! TG for the Tech series & Maria's informative lessons on her delivery. Here are some helpful tips from Erma Wright's "The New Child-birth" on what to do in such a case:

"DON'T TRY ANYTHING FANCY, the baby has got itself this far & needs no assistance from you. Your wife(sister) does need to be reassured that everything is going well.

"IF YOU CAN SEE THE BABY'S HEAD do remind her not to push. The baby is probably getting born without assistance from her tummy muscles. (This is very important because the girl in labour may not be able to decide for herself if it's time to push or not, especially in the midst of big contractions, & pushing too early can cause a tear.)

"DON'T TRY TO TIE, CLIP OR CUT THE CORD."

"DO COVER THE MOTHER & BABY. Make sure the baby's face is not covered.

"THE PLACENTA WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW SOON. Cover the placenta for aesthetic reasons (we put mine in a clean plastic bag) but don't try to separate baby & placenta.

"GO & TELEPHONE THE AMBULANCE IF YOU WERE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL & didn't make it, or the midwife if she was supposed to come. Then tidy up a bit & make a cup of tea for both of you!"

AFTERWARDS I WAS ASKING THE LORD WHY I TORE when everything else went so miraculously & smoothly in spite of many possible difficulties. I got the verse: "If

no thorns, they must not be roses!" Hallelujah! She's a genuine little rose for sure, & so I named her Maria Rose! We love you!

COUNTRY DOCTOR SENT BY THE LORD!

From Saffron; U.S.A.:



Saffron holding David.

AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE I RECEIVED PRE-NATAL CARE, the staff seemed so incompetent & ungodly, but we couldn't find a doctor or midwife who would deliver the baby at home because it was my first baby & I had had a miscarriage previously.

AFTER RE-READING "WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE", I lost all faith for the hospital, & we decided to have the baby at home, even if Jacob had to deliver it. The Lord warned us though that there would be complications & our faith would be tested, so we still tried to find a doctor.

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL, & ON THE DAY BEFORE MY DUE DATE, while hitch-hiking to the clinic for my supposed last pre-natal visit, a man picked me up & told me about an old country doctor that delivered his wife's baby at home & charged about 1/10 of the hospital price.

I VISITED THE DOCTOR, & he was sympathetic & even agreed when I shared with

him about Dad's views on American hospitals. He said that the baby would be a couple of weeks later than expected, & he agreed to deliver it at our home. Hal!

WELL, IT WAS FOUR WEEKS LATER THAT I FINALLY WENT INTO LABOUR, & after 12 hours of labour my bag broke & the contractions got very close. The doctor was there within 15 minutes, just in time, & after only 4 pushes little David's head popped out.

BUT I ONLY HAD TO LOOK AT JACOB'S FACE to know that something was wrong. We both prayed desperately as we watched the doctor quickly move to tie & cut the umbilical cord, which was wrapped 3 times around David's neck. It was so tight that the doctor couldn't lift it over, so he had to cut it. TG that he knew exactly how to handle it, even though he later said that he had never before seen anything like it.

IT THEN TOOK A FEW SECONDS FOR DAVID TO START BREATHING (it seemed like hours), while Jacob & I continued with our prayers. TTL David was a big and healthy baby, so he was able to quickly recuperate.

WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR THE EMERGENCY THAT OCCURRED, & without professional medical help, David wouldn't have made it. We hope that anyone considering a home delivery will be reminded by this of how the Devil will fight God's children from coming into the world. TTL for His protection. We love you! **(Amen!)**

BABY GETS NAME IN A DREAM!

From Zorah Rabbit; Europe:

WELL, TO BEGIN WITH, OF COURSE WE WEREN'T EXPECTING A GIRL, at least not getting our hopes up after 3 boys & the Lord's promise before we

were married to give us "mighty men of David". So a couple of weeks before she was born, when Keren said she had a dream that we had a tiny girl named Grace, we didn't take it too seriously (although I must confess we were hoping it was true!). Besides, we really didn't like the name Grace (not the meaning, but the sound of it).

ANYWAY, A FEW DAYS LATER AS THE DUE DATE APPROACHED I happened to look at the Daily Light for the due date, just to see what it had to say. When I read the opening verse I had to laugh--"Of His fullness have all we received, & grace for grace"--ha! So then I began to take Keren's dream more seriously.

I FINALLY SAID, "OK LORD, IF THE BABY IS A GIRL & IF SHE'S BORN ON THE DUE DATE, then we'll take it that Grace is Your name." Those were our conditions, our fleeces. So the next morning, the due date, I woke up with strong contractions. Then, less than a half hour after arriving at the clinic she was born, weighing 2.1 kg., small but very healthy.

THE MOST FAR-OUT THING ABOUT THE BIRTH WAS THAT I DIDN'T TEAR or need to be cut, a real answer to specific prayer. PTL! While the doctor was examining me a month before the birth he had said something like, "Oh it looks like you've had stitches before... Chances are you won't need them this time."

HE SAID ALL IT WOULD TAKE WAS SUPPORTING THE BABY'S HEAD as it came out so it wouldn't tear the perineum (the space between vagina & anus, which is where I tore three times before). Wow! and sure enough I did not tear! PTL! It really felt like I was stretching to the limit though. It's a good thing she was so small!

BY THE WAY, WHEN SHE CAME OUT we both received the name Anaik or Ana (which also means Grace!). so we gave her that middle name. So even though our natural minds didn't like the name Grace, it reminds us how she is definitely His child first before ours!



Grace Ana, bright-eyed & happy at six months. Photo by Daddy. (How about Grace's? D.)

BIRTH MAKES NEWSPAPER HEADLINES!

From Rachel Sweetarts; U.S.:
WHAT A SURPRISE THE LORD HAD IN STORE FOR US when we prayed for the birth of our second child to be a good testimony of His love & care for His children!

BECAUSE THE BABY WAS IN A BREECH POSITION, the doctors informed us that they would probably do a caesarian section if the baby didn't turn. Needless to say, Benjamin & I got down on our knees & asked the Lord to change the position.

WE CLAIMED HIS PROMISES, & HE WAS CERTAINLY FAITHFUL TO KEEP THEM. About 3 a.m. I woke up with an uncomfortable feeling in my abdomen, thinking it was just the baby kicking & causing pressure. Then at about 3:30 I felt a strong contraction & knew I was in labour.

THINGS STARTED HAPPENING SO FAST that after about 3 more contractions the baby started coming out. Benjamin ran to the neighbours &

phoned the emergency service, & when he got back he delivered the baby right there in our home & feet first at that. I couldn't believe how easy it was, especially for a breech birth!

BY THE TIME THE AMBULANCE CAME, little Analisa & I were doing great. Another funny thing about it was that the birth took place on Father's Day, & "father" got to deliver his own present! Ha! Praise God for His love & goodness toward His children!

SOME FRIENDS LIKED OUR TESTIMONY SO MUCH THAT THEY REPORTED IT to a local newspaper which printed the story. **(Hallelujah!-GBY!)**

GOD GIVES WISDOM TO MIDWIFE!

From Manuela; Europe:

WHEN THE MIDWIFE GAVE ME A CHECK-UP she said the baby could be too big to pass thru my small hips, & that I might have to go to a clinic. However I prayed for a home delivery without having to be cut, & I believed that God did not make a mistake by giving me a baby "too big".

WHEN THE CONTRACTIONS STARTED TO BE REGULAR we called for the midwife, & when she checked me she found that the baby would be born breech. She had never performed a delivery like that before, so she wanted to take me to a clinic where they would have done caesarian for sure since it was my first child.

BUT GOD ANSWERED PRAYER AS HE ALWAYS SO FAITHFULLY DOES: A brother prayed with the midwife for wisdom to find God's perfect will, & she decided to do it in the home with the help of God. **(GBH!)**

SO, SARAH WAS BORN WITHOUT A CUT, without a tear, after short labour, all healthy & happy. TYJ! "Faith doesn't

(Faith & Healing) really helped me as well as "It's so because God said so."

THIS WAS ALSO A GREAT TESTIMONY TO THE FATHER OF SARAH who is a fish with "bloody unbowed head". But there are no impossible cases with God. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Gen. 18:14). And the Lord gave me so much milk for the baby that I can help a sister here who hasn't enough milk for her 6-week-old baby, so she doesn't have to feed him formula.

SO THANK GOD FOR THIS GIFT, a little baby, & thank God for Mo & the Family. We need you all. **ILY! GBYACTMYATH!**

A HOME DELIVERY AT THE DOCTOR'S HOME!

From Gentleness; L. America:
AS MY DUE DATE APPROACHED I'D HAD SEVERAL FALSE ALARMS, & I'd been 2 cm. dilated for weeks. I would have lots of contractions & then they'd stop. Then the due date passed & I was really having a battle. I was so afraid that I would have the baby while Jerry was gone because he was going to have to go out of town soon. But it wasn't until I got the victory that the Lord began to move.

JERRY WAS PLAYING ME THE "FAITH & HEALING" & "PSALMS OF DAVID" tapes for several days, & I knew that God was trying to speak to me. So, I claimed the verses, "who hath delivered, who doth deliver, & who will yet deliver," & "God's delays are not denials".

THEN, SURE ENOUGH, I WENT INTO LABOUR WHILE JERRY WAS GONE. Gideon took me to the doctor, & Sara stayed with the kids. My contractions were not that strong but were steady, & since we lived out of town we didn't want to take any chances.

WE GOT TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, but there had been no