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MISSIONARIES



MIRACLES IN THE MOUNTAINS

A HEART FOR

HAITI



Four-year-old Daryl (DAHR-ill) sat quietly near the end of the pew. The church service was over, and Daryl peeked over the end of the pew to watch the missionary man walk down the aisle. He spoke briefly with various church members as he moved in her direction. Daryl thought hard about the stories the missionary couple shared during the service. When the man reached her, she made a decision. She delighted the missionary by stating firmly, “I’m going to be a missionary when I grow up!”

The desire to be used by God followed Daryl through her growing-up years. At age eleven Daryl told God the same thing. After hearing a compelling missionary message, Daryl told God she was willing to serve Him as a missionary if that is what He wanted of her. At fifteen Daryl responded to a powerful missionary song by begging God to let her go to the mission field. “Please,” she prayed, “let me share Your love with those who have never heard about You!” God smiled on that deep desire and continued leading Daryl in that very direction.

College brought Daryl the opportunity to learn about missionary nursing. The program she completed required her to take a missionary trip, and Daryl chose Haiti. The precious people of Haiti stole her heart and set the course for her life’s work.

Daryl has lived both in Haiti and the United States, and she has kept the souls of the Haitian people at the forefront of her ministry, loving and serving them through nursing. Even now she cares for Haitians in Florida through her work at a medical clinic and makes several trips to Haiti each year. God has blessed many hearts through one small girl who decided to let God use her as a missionary.

SURPRISE TRANSPORTATION

Instructions

Use the following words to fill in the blanks in the story below. Then find the small pictures of each word in the large picture to the right.

boulder, father, Haiti, heart, helicopter, Rose, soldier, tears, tree trunk, truck, twenty (20), United States, village

MIRACLE HELICOPTER RIDE

While living in _____, Daryl learned her father was very sick and needed an important surgery. Because of the seriousness of the situation, Daryl and her daughter _____ decided to make a trip to the _____ _____ to see him. The big city airport was an eight-hour drive away from their _____. Three hours into their journey, a _____ _____ and _____ roadblock made it impossible to go any further. As the driver turned around, Daryl's _____ sank. There WAS no other way to the airport. With _____ Daryl began praying and telling God how much she longed to be with her _____. Only God could answer this prayer.

Suddenly, the driver stopped, got out of the _____, and walked through a field to a beautiful _____ that was just... sitting there! Could this be their answer? The _____ on the Russian copter explained why they had landed and that they were there for only fifteen minutes. They agreed to help Daryl. Within _____ minutes, she and her daughter were at the airport. What an awesome miracle from a powerful God!



MEMORY VERSE

With men it is impossible, but not with God:
for with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27



A MIRACLE FOR TONY

“Help! Help! Can you help? Please?!” Daryl heard the frantic screams and dashed to the door of the Haitian medical clinic. Running straight toward her was a man holding a small child wrapped in a sheet. Tears sprang to Daryl’s eyes when she saw how badly precious little Tony had been burned. She immediately began using all her nurse’s training to save the boy’s life.

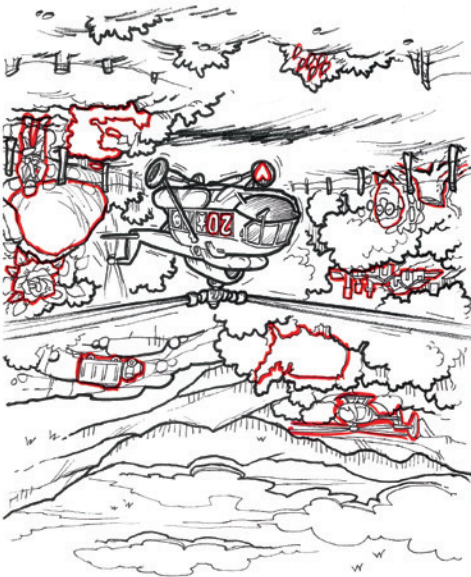
Four-year-old Tony received many burns when a kerosene lamp caught his shirt on fire. Neighbors heard his screams and carried him to the clinic four miles up the mountain. Daryl had never seen burns as bad as Tony’s were. Though she could give him food and medicine and keep him free from infection, she knew he needed more help than was available at the little clinic. Daryl began praying for a way to get Tony to a hospital.

Poor little Tony! Treatments included painful baths to help get rid of the burned skin. Heartbroken for his agony, Daryl cried as she cared for him. When they finally found a ride to the hospital, the jostling of the truck was extremely hard on Tony. He begged them to “stop shaking the truck!” But God was on their side, providing grace for them all and even a new road around a washed-out area.

It was soon clear that the Haitian hospital could not help Tony. Once again, God took care of things and helped Daryl get Tony to a burn hospital in the United States. This well-equipped hospital took excellent care of precious Tony and the missionaries.

On Sunday, Daryl went to a church near the hospital. After learning about Tony, the church people surrounded them with love. They offered to care for Tony when he was released from the hospital. At no charge to his family, Tony stayed in the United States for six months, continuing to receive the treatment he needed. God worked many miracles for Tony! He is alive and doing well today because of God and His miracle-working power.

ACTIVITY ANSWERS



While living in **HAITI**, Daryl learned her father was very sick and needed an important surgery. Because of the seriousness of the situation, Daryl and her daughter **ROSE** decided to make a trip to the **UNITED STATES** to see him. The big city airport was an eight-hour drive away from their **VILLAGE**. Three hours into their journey, a **TREE TRUNK** and **BOULDER** roadblock made it impossible to go any further. As the driver turned around, Daryl's **HEART** sank. There was no other way to the airport. With **TEARS** Daryl began praying and telling God how much she longed to be with her **FATHER**. Only God could answer this prayer. Suddenly, the driver stopped, got out of the **TRUCK**, and walked through a field to a beautiful **HELICOPTER** that was just...sitting there! Could this be their answer? The **SOLDIER** on the Russian copter explained why they had landed and that they were there for only fifteen minutes. They agreed to help Daryl. Within **TWENTY** minutes, she and her daughter were at the airport. What an awesome miracle from a powerful God!



Louie's treehouse Lair



Mark the Miracles

Our faith grows when we hear of miracles. Try creating your own record of miracles with this two-part project.

Part 1 – Listen: Ask elderly relatives or church members to share miracles they have seen. Record their stories for future encouragement.

Part 2 – Watch: Look for God's hand at work around you. List what you see that only God can do (create new life, design a flower, paint a sunset).



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