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Outstanding Miracles

I was praying for a Nepali lady on the platform when the 'Hallelujahs!' caused me to look up. A group of students in the crowd were jumping and leaping and praising God! Among them was one who seemed more excited than the rest. What had the Lord done?

It was the second night of our crusade in Kathmandu. The colourful stage had been erected in the grounds of a 'wedding palace', a walled half-acre of red dirt in front of the hall we had used for the School of Healing. Around us rose a gaggle of three and four storey balconied buildings, dotted with half a hundred eavesdroppers. The main crowd rose to over 1,000 on the second night, and the two nights together had seen at least 500 come forward to make a decision for Christ. The people responded so openly to the wonderful message of the gospel it is a miracle that the whole of Nepal is not already saved. But the church *is* growing rapidly.

I had been in some trepidation, not knowing for certain whether I was supposed to be preaching in the open air in this Hindu dominated nation. But I trusted that our organisers knew what they were doing, and that the police who appeared on the first night were for us and not against us! (My fears were groundless – the Minister of Health himself had agreed to attend, and only failed due, ironically, to a bout of jaundice.)

We had had a successful School of Healing with 250 delegates from all over Nepal, an equal number being turned away through lack of space. This was the first ever such event in the country and they were hungry for the teaching. 'We have been praying for the sick,' I heard more than once, 'but not much happened. Now we know what to do!' We had seen eyes made whole, deaf ears hearing, a goitre disappear, and many pains and sicknesses leave. A soldier testified that his damaged knees had been totally healed – he had feared he would need an operation.

On the crusade ground that night, we had them put into practice what they had learned, and now this group were shouting, 'Hallelujah!' A young man among them was trying to walk and jump. He took four steps, and then fell. I watched his friends help him up, and he took 10 more steps. He then jumped about 5 times, before falling again, all the while shouting 'Hallelujah!' himself. His friends, clearly very excited, brought him to the platform. By the time he reached me, he was walking almost normally. He was a boy of about 16, and apparently well-known to the local Christian community. He had been both dumb and unable to walk, having been carried into the meeting. His friends trusted God for his healing, prayed for him, and God did the rest! This is one of the most outstanding miracles we have seen anywhere (awaiting picture), and we thank God for this supernatural breakthrough.

But of course to each person receiving, their own healing is the most outstanding of all, whatever their affliction – as I left my hotel, I fell into conversation with an American couple. She confessed to a frozen shoulder, and I offered to pray for her. Right there and then God touched her, and she went on her way rejoicing, lifting her arm high. 'I haven't been able to do that for two years!' Wherever we go we are light and God is faithful.

The crown of this excellent event was that Nepali TV attended both nights, and a few days later were due to broadcast a report of the meetings on the main national TV channel throughout the whole country. Nepal will be left in no doubt that Jesus saves and heals! Praise the Lord!



Over 1000 attended the final night, and about 500 made decisions! Below Healed of deafness by her two friends.



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Into the ghettos

Pakistan had many surprises. The first was the friendliness of the people. After the bureaucratic logjam of Kathmandu, the smiling faces and efficiency at Karachi and Lahore airports were a blessing. I was scooped into a brand new 8-seater, and we sped the two hours up the smooth toll to Faisalabad. The Indus & Chenab plains are vast and laser flat, the only 'hills' being bridges over the die-straight irrigation channels, & the off-ramps. Skinny trees sprinkled the patchwork of green as far as the eye can see.

8-million strong, Faisalabad sprawls across the northern wheat-plains, low, crowded and dirty. My contact lived along with 40,000 others in the Christian quarter, or should I say, ghetto. Down ever narrowing side streets, we squelched through 6 inches of black mud, inching past donkey carts, auto-rickshaws, street vendors, and general small-shop overflow. Parking in the mud, I was given a royal welcome. Poverty seems to be an inevitable consequence of Hinduism, but here, among the Pakistani Christians, it is contrived. Every believer should spend a few days here, seeing how their brothers and sisters in Christ are forced to live, and their astonishing resilience. I was both awed and angered at the same time.

The School of Healing was not due to begin for another day, so my first was spent visiting homes and villages. Out of town, buffaloes grazed from putrid streams, green fields of wheat, sugar cane and lucerne were dotted with white-clad groups of unemployed men playing cards, and brick-factories – soot-black chimneys, squat and belching, beside acres of clay moulded into grey rows by Christians for a dollar a day. Needing the income from both parents, their children are left in the streets for the day, no education, few clothes, and no hope. It is here that our host plans to build a school beside a tiny, white-painted church among the forlorn, dung-rendered walls.

Behind rude wooden doors in the nearby town, thin courtyards house a buffalo or cow, a pair of goats, or a few fat-tailed sheep, supplementing the tiny income of the slightly better off. Lucerne was being chopped by chaff-cutters for the stock – do they have their own land, I asked. 'Oh no!' I was told, Christians couldn't afford land.' Many of these so called Christians have, over generations of persecution, become nominal or like Joseph of Aramathea, 'secret'. But still their welcome was humbling.

School brings new light

Finally the School came and we made a good start with over 200 delegates being given the Manual in Urdu (which goes backwards, like Arabic), and people were healed from the first moment. God led me to call forward two gentlemen both of whom had suffered from arthritis for three years. I prayed for one, while a 'beginner' prayed for the other, and within a few minutes both were healed, all their pain gone! God is so good!

On the final day we sent them into the streets, and were touched to see our delegates going from door to door throughout the neighbourhood. They had really got the 'bug', and returned rejoicing, having seen many healed, and at least 5 decisions for Christ. This is what the School is all about! One lady testified to having seen a lady with arthritis healed in the street, while another man watched a blind girl receive her sight!

This was a breakthrough for the churches of Pakistan. No one had ever taught them that the 'ordinary' believer can heal the sick. They took to it like ducks to water, and will never be the same. This message badly needs to spread throughout the churches



The tiny church in the village of the brickmakers - their only hope
Below Christian quarter in Faisalabad





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here, many of which are doing wonderful work already. How much more fruit will they see as they learn to heal the sick!

Two more 'firsts'

My host church had just launched their own cable TV channel, and although still in its infancy with unbelievably basic equipment, they filmed the whole School and transmitted it throughout the network. Hundreds of homes will have had the chance to see it.

Then on Saturday I was given an 'extra'. Already over-tired, I wasn't sure if I could make it, but as it was a chance to preach the gospel in a new situation, I went. Thank the Lord that I did! I was showered with rose petals in the traditional Pakistani greeting. Less traditional I suspect were the fireworks and AK47 escort! About 400 had gathered in the Agriculture University grounds in a miracle of last-minute organisation (permits can take weeks – they got them in 24 hours), and I preached with all the energy I had left! Almost the whole crowd made a decision to call on God as their Father, and we went home exhausted but rejoicing! I was told that no foreigner had ever preached there.

It is sad that so much of today's 'news' reports little more than trouble in countries like Nepal and Pakistan. Without doubt they have it, as do we all, but the consequent fear keeps away many ministries that could bring a beleaguered church the encouragement and support they so desperately need. The churches here are poor, very poor, and the needs huge. I found no opposition official or otherwise, in fact quite the opposite. Both countries are wide open – golden opportunities waiting for those with a heart for the harvest. If you are in ministry, please pray about how you might help. God is challenging me personally about a ten-fold increase in the scale of what we do. Could such a thing be possible? Nothing is impossible with God.

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