

Global Wonders

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I plead guilty! There are times I go around humming and even singing a worship favorite. It just flows. It happens in the shower. It overcomes me on the way to the office. It creeps up when strolling down an airport corridor. It sticks in my mind, and manifests through my voice, on the way to or from church. It just has a way of sneaking out increasing my faith. It could be any song. Sometimes it's a new song. The words just come from deep within. Most of the time, it's an old one. Like, "You are great. You do miracles...so great. There is no one else like you..." Sometimes, it even gets older: "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take Him at His Word. Just to rest upon His promise....Jesus, Jesus, How I trust him. How I proved Him o'er and o'er....O, for grace to trust Him more." Then, my mind starts pondering the great things my great God is doing around the globe. No wonder Moses and God's children, after crossing the Red Sea, broke out in a song of praise, "I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously...The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God....Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15: 1-2, 11). He is the God of miracles. He is doing wonders. Here is a short sampling of a few of the great things He is doing around the globe:

Dan Barkley, Chile, writes concerning a sister that had undergone dialysis three times a week, for two years. At a youth prayer meeting she felt the touch of the Lord in her body. She testified, "I know God touched me." She stopped taking medication and the dialysis. It has been over two months and she is fine. God is still a worker of miracles. Brother Barkley also reported, "In the last two or three weeks, we have seen fifteen people go down in the wonderful name of Jesus. What an awesome privilege to see a person enter the water with a heart stained by sin and with the mention of a Name, those sins are forever washed away! It never gets old, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.'"

Yes, I still count the salvation of a lost soul to be the greatest miracle God does in a person's life. Stan Scism, India recently received news where Ramesh (who was baptized in Jesus name last year and received the Holy Ghost this winter) gathered thirty-three Trinitarian pastors and persuaded twenty-five of them to be baptized in Jesus name. Another minister, Sathish, came to do the baptizing. He has now baptized 202 pastors in Jesus name since early last May.

Chris Richardson, Madagascar tells of eighteen fulltime evangelists that work across the island. They have reported that during revivals held in 2009 a total of 5,722 people were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Evangelism Department sponsored three crusades where 419 received the Holy Ghost and 110 were baptized in Jesus Name.

Albert Stewart, Liberia, rejoices over fifteen to twenty thousand people attending a four night crusade. A total of 1,206 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Phil Tolstad, Uganda, reported that during the national conference forty-four received the Holy Ghost; twenty-two were baptized including seven pastors from other denominations. A total of 133 pastors were commissioned to preach the Gospel throughout Uganda.

Michael Sponsler, Argentina confirmed that over 275 received the Holy Ghost during a recent ladies conference. One lady stood and testified how doctors had given her up for dead because of cancer. When prayed for, she was healed completely.

Kevin and Jeanine Blake, Faith Promise Ministries told of a young couple that had prayed in the previous year's Faith Promise service for a miracle baby. This year they proudly showed them their little miracle boy! God honors the faith of His people in supernatural ways.

I wholeheartedly agree with what the Psalmist said, "You are the God who performs miracles: you display your power among the peoples" (Psalm 77:14, NIV). God is doing great things around our world. Recent annual reports show we have over 891 missionaries, thirty nine-regional missionaries, 17,020 ministers, working in 192 nations among 24,947 churches. We are quickly approaching two million constituents with over 100,000 people being baptized and receiving the Holy Ghost every single year. It is a tremendous honor for us to be working together with Him. For, He is great. He does miracles, so great. There is no one else like Him!