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# June eNewsletter



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## It's God!

### Diverse stories testifying to this truth

Online from New York with B4P Brazil at 9pm, the memory of the sweltering heat and persistent humidity in Fortaleza made me want to wipe my forehead. Heat makes Fortaleza lockdown more difficult, but the singing to God, the praising of His Name, and the scriptures of hope coming from B4P Brazil would make one think life was a continual Holy Spirit party. In fact, God's goodness was so evident in our B4Peacer Ferdinand's life, that his friends told him he was "really lucky".

Twenty something year old Ferdinand is a B4P in-country missionary and a regular on our online B4P

meeting. Big, handsome, Ferdinand, always with a joke and a ready smile -no one would imagine he suffered from depression. After the lockdown, Ferdinand felt the need for medication. During a B4P Brazil online meeting, he asked for prayer and then told his distressing story. "The doctor made a mistake. He prescribed a dosage that was too high. I became addicted. The doctor was gradually reducing the medication to a safer dosage. And then he died from Corona." We prayed God's consolation for the doctor's family and we also understood why Ferdinand was visibly anxious. He needed to

be proactive, which is not easy when your mind is not clear and your heart is heavy. He did not have the medication his body had been relying on. To find a doctor in Brazil is a challenge and particularly difficult in the current atmosphere. Because the area is riddled with drug abuse, to find a doctor who believed Ferdinand and didn't think he was trying to obtain recreational drugs was another obstacle. To obtain prescribed drugs is difficult and even more so during shortages created by the pandemic. The next week on our online meeting, Ferdinand shared, "The day af-

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ter you prayed for me (at our B4P online meeting) I found a doctor. He understood my situation and prescribed medication. He is working with me to reduce the dosage. And I got the medicine immediately. My friends said to me, 'Man, you are really lucky.' But I told them, 'It's not luck, it's God!"

Powerful and true words. Faith-filled words from a wise young man. His words echoed in my mind, insisting to be expressed. It became a B4P theme. I invited people to participate and share their stories, "It's not luck, it's God. Forty eight hours later I had received so many testimonies! I cannot even fit all the stories I have heard in two days about what God is doing now within the pages of this newsletter!

### From NY June 19<sup>th</sup>

The day I introduced this topic of "it's not luck, it's God" my friend saw me on Facebook live. She sent a message the next day. She reminded me that I had given her a desktop inspirational calendar. You flip the page each day and the date plus an encouraging message is on display. The encouragement for that day was: "GOOD THINGS DON"T JUST HAPPEN—GOD MAKES

THEM HAPPEN." She wrote, "That wasn't luck either. It was God!"

### **Jobs Provided**

"At the beginning of the COVID crisis I, my husband, and my son lost our jobs, which was pretty devastating. I was talking to a friend who worked for a cleaning company and she said she might have some work for us. Within days the three of us had jobs!

"Many people said how "lucky" we were, but we knew it was not luck, it was God! How did we know it was God and not just luck? Because we know and believe in His Bible promise that says He will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory." (Philippians 4:19)

# Debilitating, Reoccurring Migraines Healed

I have to add in the continued benefits the Lord pours out by sharing this email testimony of what God continues to do for Laura who had been suffering with headaches since 2006. "It was Saturday April 7, 2018. We were just closing out our B4P meeting, a beautiful time of praise, worship, and thanksgiving. Susan asked, 'Can we pray before we end? Someone needs prayer.'

"Annette asked, 'Who?' I have to admit that I was very curious. To my surprise, Susan pointed at me and

said, 'She does.'

"I couldn't think of why I'd need prayer and then I knew it was for headaches that I had been suffering with since December 2006. I had CT scans, MRIs, was taking pain meds and muscle relaxers when the headaches were overwhelming and I couldn't function. My muscle spasms began from the back of my neck, over my entire head, and all over my face. I had at least one headache, if not more, each month. I had up to twenty "lesser" headaches every month (not as severe, but still unbearable.)

"I saw a specialist for about five years. I was on a low dose of seizure medication that seemed to help, but that didn't last. On to pain management which consisted of an EEG, trigger point injections (three times), injections in my occipital nerves, physical therapy, and so on. All this lasted for about another three years —until...

"Nina and Annie prayed the most glorious, powerful prayer over me. I could feel the Holy Spirit relaxing and stretching my muscles and cervical spine. It was as if I were being "floated" without leaving my seat. I felt so light and weightless.

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"I testified to my specialist that I'd been healed through prayer and didn't need to come for our quarterly visits anymore:) He didn't quite believe me and left his door open for me to return if the headaches did. I haven't returned, because since that day I've had maybe twenty headaches in TWO YEARS! I don't keep track anymore! Any headache I've had has been completely normal due to changes in barometric pressure, etc. I am PRAISING GOD when they come. They are a reminder of the grace and mercy of God that unfolded that day when He spoke and healed me through the faithful ministers of Bridge for Peace!"

—Laura Latoraco

B4P Int'l Primary School, Uganda
All schools in Uganda were on lockdown, our own included. I received a
message from the gentleman who
set up the B4P computer lab. He
said, "...Information Technology is
the way to go. In Uganda they are
also emphasizing online learning and
video conferencing. We are lucky at
B4P Kasese, Uganda. We already
have the computer lab installed with
internet." That was not luck! That
was God.

### Faithful in Times of Grief

"A family member, Robbie, was being put in hospice and he was to go to a nursing home. He was nonverbal and had dementia, therefore unable to advocate for himself. My husband and I couldn't sleep for two nights thinking of him in this nursing home with no visitors. But we were afraid to bring him to our home. We wanted to do God's will, but couldn't discern it clearly, both of us afraid of different things. I received prayer after sharing this one day at the B4P online prayer meeting. One of the people said, 'You have to grieve first, then everything will be clear.'

"After the prayer I went to my husband who hadn't heard the prayer. I began to share some of the scriptures from the prayer meeting earlier. He began to weep and so did I. We cried in each other's arms for a little while. When it seemed that the tears stopped, I looked at my husband and asked him how he felt. He looked me in the eye and said, 'I think Robbie should come here and we'll take care of him.' I agreed wholeheartedly and we felt lighter.

"It was the best decision, though hard, because it was a God decision. We couldn't have done that on our own. Now is that a coincidence that my husband began to sob and grieve right after that prayer? No. It was totally God and I am forever grateful for His faithfulness." —Julie

### **Unharmed in Australia**

"...when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not harm you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 43:2) That morning as my husband prayed this verse that hangs on our wall he added, "And you'll come out and you won't even smell like smoke." (from Daniel 3:47) That afternoon when I came home from work, our house was on fire and the fire brigade was there! But as God promised, my whole family was unharmed. The Word prayed that morning and fulfilled that afternoon. That was God.

### Footprints on the Lawn

Lockdown in Australia and her four lively children were all at home. A wonderful gift but, at times, trying. "I'm a 'mad' gardener," she said. (In America we would say, "I'm 'crazy' about gardening.") The landscaping around her home is glorious. During lockdown, at a particularly taxing moment, she looked out her kitchen window on what she describes as "a very large lawn." And there, in the middle of her perfect gardens, foot-

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prints were formed by patches of dead grass across her beautiful lawn. "I must have tracked an herbicide across the grass while wearing my gardening boots."

Immediately she thought of the poem "Footprints in the Sand." The poem relates a dream experience. The dreamer walked the beach with the Lord leaving two sets of footprints in the sand. The dreamer noticed at the lowest points of life, there was only one set. The dreamer asked why He wasn't there at the times of greatest need as He had promised. God answered, "When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

This young mom was reminded of those words as she gazed out at the footprints. She felt God's love and took strength from the scene. She asked her husband, "Can we somehow preserve them? Maybe paint them into the lawn?" That wasn't luck—or unlucky—as some might think, that was God.

### **Bridge for Peace Prayer Suites**

"The Lord placed it on my heart to thank you...to share with you my transforming experience after entering B4P Prayer Suites. (I was) directed to the prayer suites...they prayed over me to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and suggested I read Scripture daily as Jesus's love letters to me, and journal what He was telling me. I began this the next morning...transforming...changing my attitude and letting go of fear and doubt...taking baby steps, but as I open myself more to Jesus, the more hopeful I become and the more I am trusting in Him and allowing Him to lead me...Praise Jesus!" That was God!

Not all of testimonies received could fit into this newsletter, but thank you to all who testified! God deserves the glory, thanks for being sure that He receives it!

Let the world know: 'It's not luck, it's God!'

—Annette



### **Ongoing**

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- B4P Prayer Suites

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