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The Prayer Group Is **EXPANDING!** Thank You, Partners!

I want to thank all our Partners and friends who planted seeds to help expand the Abundant Life Prayer Group. As we grow, we're able to handle more and more calls. Right now, the phone lines are still maxed out, but we're able to take more calls now than we ever have before because people just like you have been helping us during this time of growth. And we are already seeing a harvest on the seeds that our Partners have planted!

I believe that when you sow a seed so that others can receive miracles in their lives, miracles will begin to break forth in *your* life. I believe that with all my heart, because the Bible says in Galatians 6:7, "Whatever you sow, you'll reap." And when you give into the lives of other people, God will multiply it back, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over" into your life (Luke 6:38).

Speaking of sowing, I encourage you to read the touching testimony of internationally-known author and speaker Myles Munroe on page 8. He shares how

his mother's faithful seed planting into the fertile soil of this ministry produced a mighty harvest for all 11 of her children! Not only that, every time Myles and his family picked up the telephone and called The Abundant Life Prayer Group through the years, they would receive a word they needed from God—a healing word, an uplifting word.

The Abundant Life Prayer Group is now 50 years old, and that prayer line has been a lifeline to people all over the world. We've received more than 22 million phone calls for prayer! Our phone lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we get a minimum of 3,000 phone calls a day. But we want to expand the prayer lines, and add even more powerful prayer partners to the Prayer Group to minister to even more people. Just read these powerful testimonies and you'll understand why.



Prayer requests and praise reports are posted on the walls of the Prayer Group.

Richard Roberts

"I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group to pray for my wife. At the same time, I had been dealing with pain in my back and legs for a week. I listened to the Scriptures* being played while I was on hold, and I was healed by the time the phone was answered!"

—David from Michigan

"I was experiencing pain in my teeth and gums, and the pain radiated to my neck, causing swelling and a lump. So I called the Abundant Life Prayer Group. While the prayer partner and I agreed for healing, I laid my hands on my neck. Afterward, I began to move my neck and feel for the lump, but it was gone! The swelling had gone down too, and I no longer felt sore. The healing happened fast. Hallelujah!"

—Antonia from Florida

"About two months ago, I had a fluttering in my chest. I was planting your program about planting a seed for your need. So I planted a seed. The next day, the fluttering quit. It hasn't happened since! Thank God for healing, and thank you for praying!"

—Elsie from Arkansas

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For Such a Time as This...

Abraham seemed like an unlikely choice to father a nation. But when God wanted to bring forth faith, He brought forth Abraham. Abraham was at first unfamiliar with the ways of God...and apparently too old to bring forth *anything*—especially a child—when God decided His time to birth a nation had arrived. And so God made a change in Abraham’s life that would impact generations to come (Genesis 17).

Esther was a girl living in a remote area where no one seemed to notice her. That would soon change, because she was born for “such a time as this” (Esther 4:14), and through her, God would release an anointing to save the nation she so passionately loved.

When God wanted to change the heart of a wicked king, he brought forth Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3). These men were thrown into a fiery furnace for their belief in God, but God brought them out unharmed so that a nation could be freed from the terrorist king of their day.

When God wanted to change the face of healing evangelism, one of the men He called was a man named Oral Roberts. In spite of Satan trying to make a mockery out of God’s plan by afflicting him with tuberculosis at age 17, God’s Word on healing came forth anyway, and the world has been forever changed as a result. Now I believe it’s time for change for Richard Roberts.

I was born under unusual circumstances. When I was due to arrive in this world, my father, international healing evangelist Oral Roberts, was conducting a healing crusade in Dallas. God had blessed that cru-



Richard, at age 19, helping his father at a healing line in a crusade.



Twenty years later, still by his father’s side, Richard lays hands on people in need.

sade mightily and so many people were getting saved and healed that the sponsoring pastors prevailed upon my dad to extend the meetings.

My dad’s heart was touched with the needs of the people, and he called my mother and asked her to agree with him that my birth would be delayed until his crusade was finished. Imagine the faith of my mother who agreed with my father! My parents set my new due date as November 12, the day for my dad to

Thousands of people are blessed at the Richard Roberts healing rally in El Salvador in 2008.



OUR MOMENT FOR CHANGE

BY RICHARD ROBERTS



Richard and Lindsay minister to a large crowd at a healing rally in South Africa in 1984.

return from his crusades. As God would have it, late on November 12, 1948, I was born.

As a child, I had the privilege of being at my dad's crusades when he took his tent cathedral around the world. By age 19, I had joined his ministry full time. And for many years, I've had the opportunity of going around the world to places such as Russia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Haiti, Indonesia, Singapore, the Philippines, Australia, the Ivory Coast, Niger, and El Salvador...and many others...preaching the Gospel in my own healing rallies. But now God is saying to me, "Change, change, change."

God is calling me to become even more intense with this ministry in light of all that's happening in the world today. I believe with everything in me that you are on God's heart today more than ever and we must partner together as the body of Christ. When we do, I believe miracles, signs, and wonders will follow, and together we can take the message of hope and healing to a crying, dying world.

Just as Abraham carried an anointing, there was also a specific time for it to be increased and released.

Esther carried an anointing, but it was only at a certain level until the time came for her to be released into her kingdom anointing and kingdom authority. Oral Roberts was called by God from birth, yet the time that the anointing was released came years later.

Each particular part of our anointing has a specific timetable—our "for such a time as this" moment. It is the season of change for the old anointing, the old mantle, to come off, making room for the new anointing to come forth. Well, just as God has spoken to me over and over that change was coming forth, now I believe that change is here.

I believe it's the season for a prophetic word to be released in my life. Recently I was visiting with my dad in California, and while he and I were talking, he got unusually quiet. Then our conversation suddenly switched to prophecy. **My dad said God told him to tell me that beginning at age 60 and continuing over the next five years, I would see the greatest anointing in my ministry that I have ever known. God is releasing this end-time anointing that has been there all along,**

My dad said God told him to tell me that beginning at age 60 and continuing over the next five years, I would see the greatest anointing in my ministry that I have ever known.

just waiting for God's proper timing and season. He told me this new level of anointing that God is releasing in me is especially for the nations for healing...and that I was born "for such a time as this."

Then God reminded my dad of something he had said to me when I was a teenager. At 19, I was extremely sick with the flu, and my mother called my dad into my bedroom to pray for me. As he went to lay hands on me, suddenly the spirit of the Lord came over him in prophecy.

My dad said that my 19-year-old body, bedridden with the flu, seemed to disappear, and he saw me as much older. I was standing on a platform, preaching in large, open-air crusades in stadiums around the world. He saw large crowds coming to hear the Gospel and waiting with great expectation for God to save, heal, deliver, and set them free. When he saw the huge crusades and miracles, he was overtaken with emotion at what the Lord was revealing to him.

At that time, I wasn't even a Christian yet! I was simply a 19-year-old with the flu. But nine months later, I gave my heart to the Lord and accepted Jesus as my Savior.

Now, many years later, my dad was reminded of the vision that God gave him 41 years before. The Lord was speaking to him once again, saying the time for the release of that particular anointing in greater measure for the nations has now come, and it would be evident from age 60 to age 65 through my ministry. He told me to be very aware of this anointing over the next five years. We both shouted and rejoiced and praised God!

A few days later, I returned home to Tulsa and I received a word from the Lord from a very well-known prophet of God. It stated nearly exactly the same thing as my dad had told me. My dad and this man had never met and had no idea of each other's words concerning my 60th birthday. This man referred me to Isaiah 60, which says,

"Arise, shine, for the light is come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you."

The man proceeded to say that when I turned 60, a new and greater level of anointing would come forth from God especially for large crusades in stadiums overseas. He also told me I was to look for an increase in anointing in crusades, in conferences, and on television, and that invitations would come from government leaders, church leaders, business leaders, and even unexpected places as God releases this new mandate for my life.

He also said there would be a new and unique level of support as people saw God's vision for healing. Individuals from the medical profession would come on board in a greater way than before as they saw what God was doing overseas. God was declaring healing in a greater magnitude in the areas I would go to.

After I read this gentleman's prophecy, I immediately phoned my dad and read it to him. As I shared each word with my dad, I could sense the presence of the Lord on him growing stronger and stronger. He began to shout and rejoice and praise God. He told me that was exactly what he saw in the vision from God when I was 19 and again when he prophesied a few months ago. He said, "Richard, I have been around for a long time and I know the true prophet from the false, and this is a true prophet of God. Change is coming and it is good, and it is for the healing of the people!"

And I believe we are going to reap the harvest of the increased anointing on this ministry.

And I believe even more miracle testimonies of God's goodness working in the lives of His people will come pouring in. I encourage you to tune in to *The Place for Miracles* and *Make Your Day Count* to see the changes that God is making to the ministry and in the lives of our Partners. Praise the Lord. This is such an exciting time! ☺

My Mother's Giving Goes On

BY MYLES MUNROE

For more than 60 years, Oral Roberts Ministries has been changing lives. Well-known minister and author Myles Munroe shares how his mother's decision to make a connection to Oral Roberts Ministries transformed his life—and how a similar decision can transform yours!

I grew up in a home that was strongly tied to Oral Roberts Ministries, and I am so thankful for that connection. This ministry has been blessing my family since I was a little baby growing up in the Bahamas!

My mother and father lived in a little wooden house in a very low income area. They had eleven children; I was number six. I remember crawling around and playing on the floor as a child.

I didn't know we were poor because we never went without food, clothing, or shelter. My parents cared for us with one salary, yet we always had what we needed. I remember my mother saying, "Your father's salary is not our source." And I know why she believed that.

You see, every month, my father would go to the mailbox and bring in a magazine. There would be a man pictured on its cover, praying for someone or preaching in a big tent. The man was Oral Roberts.

As a little boy looking at those pictures, I was impressed. I wondered, *Who is this man?* I knew he was special somehow. And as I grew up, my mother constantly told me and my siblings, "That's the man of God. We must support him. When we support him, then our church and our home and our family will be prosperous."

Every month, my mother would take money from the little that we had, and she would send it to Oral Roberts Ministries. She consciously tied our family's well-being to her giving and said, "I'm sending this gift to Oral Roberts Ministries to keep our family healthy and provided with food. If I give, our family will always have enough."

Today, 54 years later, I can testify that my mother was right. God has been very good to my family and me. All eleven of us children know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. We all have great homes. Each of us is prospering in our own way because our mother supported Oral Roberts Ministries.

Over the years as my mother gave to this ministry, she didn't know that I—the little boy playing on the floor—would become one of the leading authors in the world. (And neither did I!) Yet now my books have been translated into 17 languages and distributed in 112 countries. My mother didn't know I would become a minister who reaches 89 nations and impacts 1.2 billion people weekly. She simply gave and faithfully believed God.

My mother has since gone on to be with the Lord, but my 84-year-old father is still with us. Every week, he sits on the front row of my church in the Bahamas. I am my father's teacher now because my mother gave to Oral Roberts Ministries years ago.

Through this ministry, I learned about the Holy Spirit. I learned about seedtime and harvest, and I am seeing that principle manifested in my life. It's now operating in my children's lives. All that I've achieved has been a result of Oral Roberts Ministries' impact on my life.

I am not the only person who feels this way. I go all over the world, and everywhere I travel, people know about Oral Roberts Ministries. They tell stories about how this ministry has impacted their lives and their families. People know the power of the work being done by Oral, Richard, and Lindsay Roberts.

That's why I believe this ministry deserves my support. When I look at the changes Oral Roberts Ministries brought into my life, I'm thankful. And so today I'm

giving into this ministry on behalf of my children's future. I know that if giving to this ministry worked for my mother, it's going to work for me and my children.

I thank God for the legacy, the work, and the power of Oral Roberts Ministries! And I want to encourage you that this ministry is here for you, just the way they have been here for me and my family. This ministry is here to transform lives—including yours.

I encourage you to call the *Abundant Life Prayer Group*. Let them know what you want to see God change in your life, and let this ministry impact you right now, where you live, through the power of prayer! ☪

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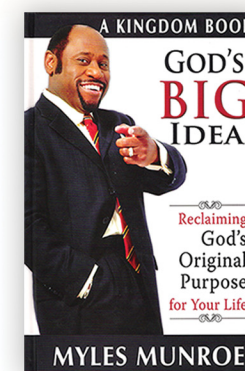
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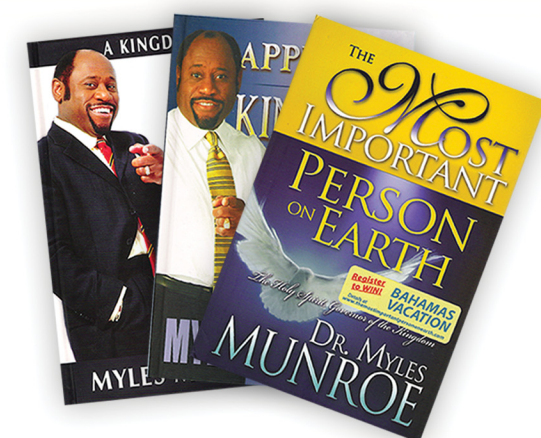
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What America Needs Most

BY MARILYN HICKEY

During this election year, the word “change” is the battle cry of liberals and conservatives alike. Each presidential candidate is proclaiming to be the best “advocate” for change. However, the change that’s needed the most in America can come from only one man, Jesus Christ, and the promises found in the Word of God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only power dynamic enough to change our nation. Christians must embrace the fact that the Bible has given us authority over spirits of fear, greed, speculation, anxiety, terrorism, and every other demonic force impacting our nation. Proverbs states that the tongue has the power of life and death in it. When we “speak the Word” over our nation, things can change!

Secondly, when Christians “purpose in their hearts” to serve God—no matter what—God will begin to do some very significant things in our nation that will bring godly order back into our schools, homes, businesses, and government.

We must also have faith in the Gospel and believe that God can do the miraculous. Through the power of the name of Jesus and our prayers we can reestablish order in our nation and make the changes God wants! Second Chronicles 7:14 says, “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,

then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” We must pray in order to open the door for God’s divine intervention into our nation’s affairs.

Today, more than ever, the Body of Christ must also be willing to stand in the gap for our nation and her people. In a spirit of unity we must say, “Satan, you will not do that to our nation. In Jesus’ name we’re drawing a line and you cannot cross it. We are one nation under God.”

God has a very special plan for this nation that involves you and me. As a nation we must not give up the dream so eloquently spoken of by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said, “I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.” Only the power of the Gospel can make this dream a reality in America. ☩



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God imparts supernatural abilities to those who cry out to Him in faith.

Changed Into a Different Person

BY J. DON GEORGE

It was a dark day for the nation of Israel. There was no king to lead the people. The pagan neighbors of Israel were stealing her harvest and abusing her people. Israel cried to God for divine assistance. God responded to her cry by speaking to the prophet Samuel.

Samuel was in the twilight years of his ministry. Even though Samuel was old, he remained sensitive to the voice of God. God gave a clear word of knowledge to Samuel concerning Israel’s need for a king (1 Samuel 9:16). God told Samuel that within 24 hours he would meet a young man from the land of Benjamin whom He had chosen to be king of Israel. God’s instruction to Samuel was that he should anoint this young man to lead Israel.

Samuel heard God say to him concerning Saul, “Anoint him leader over my people Israel; he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me” (1 Samuel 9:16 NIV). God always responds to the desperate cry of His people. Speak His name in the darkest hour of your life. He will hear your cry and respond to your need.

Through God’s providence, the very next day Samuel met Saul in the gate of the city. Saul was from the land of Benjamin, Israel’s smallest tribe. From a human perspective, Saul was a most unlikely candidate to become king of Israel. Nevertheless, Saul was God’s choice. Samuel greeted Saul in the gate of the city. He then took a flask of oil and poured it upon Saul’s head before giving him a profound word of prophecy.

As the anointing oil flowed over Saul’s head, face, and clothes, Samuel said to Saul, “The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy...

and you will be changed into a different person...for God is with you” (1 Samuel 10:6-7 NIV). On the day of Saul’s anointing, God dramatically changed him into a different person. The anointing of God’s Spirit in Saul’s life made the difference. God instantly gave him supernatural gifts and abilities of leadership that he could have never acquired without God’s enablement.

You, too, can be changed by God’s touch upon your life. You may feel inadequate and incapable of fulfilling the purpose of God for your life. Still, God imparts supernatural abilities to those who cry out to Him in faith. God has promised you in His Word, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you” (Ezekiel 36:26 NIV). God changed the life of Jesus on the day of His baptism. From that day forward, the earthly ministry of Jesus was characterized by many miraculous works. The anointing of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost changed the lives of the disciples. Timid, feeble, and inept men became mighty instruments of God’s power and mercy as they evangelized their world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Do not doubt. Do not be dismayed. Stand firm in faith upon the Word of God. Today, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you can be “changed into a different person.” ☩



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It's Always Time for a Miracle

Partners Share News of God's Goodness

Over the years, Oral Roberts Ministries has encouraged people to have faith that God is good and that He is a healing God. Rejoice with us as we celebrate how God is healing our ministry Partners!

Doctor Confirms Tumor Is Gone

I'm a single mother of five children, so any sickness would be a problem for me. In the past, I'd always been healthy. But not long ago, I started to have back pain. Eventually, it got so bad that I couldn't walk.

When I went to the doctor, I was shocked to be diagnosed with cervical cancer and a tumor on my spinal cord. That's why I was in so much pain. The whole experience really threw me because I'd never expected anything like that to happen to me. And yet it did.

I took a lot of medication for the cancer treatment and for the back pain. But my problems only grew worse. The radiation treatments ended up causing nerve damage in my legs. I literally became sick from head to toe.

The pain was unbearable, and it began to take a toll on my family. I was so immobilized that I couldn't pick up my baby. I couldn't bend over to hug my children.

I was also dealing with a lot of fear. I had to continually keep my trust in God, but it was hard. So I called the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* for prayer.

Then one night, I was watching *The Place for Miracles* when I heard Richard give a word of knowledge that God was healing someone with a tumor. As soon as he said it, I knew it was for me. That was my healing! I immediately stood up and received that word. And I was healed from then on.

Soon, I went to have another MRI on my back. But I knew what was going to happen even before the doctor told me the results.

I even told the nurse I was healed. When the doctor came in to tell me the results of the MRI, I asked him about the tumor. He said, "There's no tumor." It didn't surprise me at all. The very second that God spoke through Richard, I knew I was healed, and I received it. Now I'm back to playing games with my kids. I know that God healed me, and my children know it as well. I'm here today—alive and healed—because of this ministry. And I'm so grateful for it.

For all those out there who may have doubts or don't believe in healing, I have a special message for you. You are worth it for God to heal you! No matter what someone says to you, no matter what you read, no matter what the enemy tries to tell you...**God wants to heal you, because you're worth it!**

—Sheila P. from Ontario

He Sent His Word and Healed Me of a Stomach Ulcer.



I found out about Richard and Lindsay's program, *The Place for Miracles*, a few years ago, and I've been watching it ever since. I'd always been very interested in healing, but I had been having my own health challenges.

At the beginning of this year, I started having stomach problems. I had continual pain, no matter what I ate or what I abstained from. Eventually I went to the doctor. He sent me in for all kinds of stress tests, but

everything came back negative. So he decided it had to be an ulcer and scheduled a test to confirm it.

Before I went for the test, I happened to be watching Lindsay on TV. She said the Lord had been dealing with her to pray for people who were having ulcers. I knew immediately that her word from the Lord was for me, so I claimed my healing.

Afterward, I also claimed Nahum 1:9: "The affliction shall not arise a second time." I stood on that, and all the symptoms went away and stayed away.

The ulcer tests went as scheduled, and when the results came back, the doctors couldn't find any ulcers. Since then, I haven't had any problems with my stomach. Today I'm pain free!

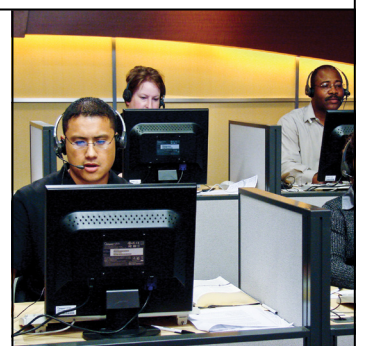
I will continue to call the *Abundant Life Prayer Group* because I know the power of the prayer of agreement. And I'm also a partner with the Oral Roberts Ministries, because I can't imagine my life without it. I know I'll eventually reap all the benefits of the anointing on this ministry because I'm in partnership.

I also know how important it is to share with others what God has done in my life. When you hear someone else had a problem and stood on the Word and the Lord healed them, it strengthens your faith!

—Marg P. from Ontario

What are *you* facing today?

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EL SALVADOR'S

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REPORTED BY ORM STAFF

“THIS WAS A TRIP TO REMEMBER.” *That’s how Richard Roberts described his recent ministry trip to El Salvador. The trip began with an invitation from Antonio Saca, president of El Salvador. And from the moment Richard stepped off the plane, he was hard at work, spreading the Gospel. His feet had barely hit the ground when he was whisked away to TV and radio stations and from there to a national press conference.*

“We started off in an absolute whirlwind,” said Roberts. “I was interviewed on two major Christian stations in the country. Then we went on national radio. Seems like we just ran from one place to another.”

During the television appearances, the Lord gave Richard several words of knowledge regarding specific miracles that were happening as he spoke. Excitement was in the air at each station as Richard saturated the airwaves with the Good News of the Gospel. In fact, when he spoke about bringing food to the hungry, one local pastor drove to the radio station to thank Richard personally. Tears rolled down the pastor’s cheeks as he explained how serious the physical needs of his people were and expressed his gratitude for all the ministry was doing.

All the love and aid that was given to El Salvador was given as a seed. “I came to give myself to the nation,” Roberts said. “I paid my own way here. I’ll pay my own way home. I came with my Bible, and I’ll go home with my Bible.”

Touching Pastors with Prayer

Much of El Salvador is a paradise—ancient palm trees, lush vegetation, mountains peeking through clouds, crystal blue waters. But when you take a closer look, the great needs of the people are all too apparent. Still recovering from 12 years of civil war, many people don’t have enough to eat. They don’t have clean water, proper sanitation, or access to healthcare. The Oral Roberts Ministries team came prepared to give aid and encouragement to this beautiful country with its precious people.

With the help of our faithful Partners, Richard and his daughter Jordan brought food, doctors, medicine, and the life-changing message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jordan, Director of Hunger Needs a Voice®, the humanitarian outreach of the ministry, took 500,000 meals to hungry El Salvadoran families. Along with team leader Adrian Compton, Jordan also visited two orphanages and brought gifts of washing machines, pillows, and sheets to orphans in need.



Richard Roberts preaches to thousands in El Salvador.



Richard laid hands on 750 pastors.



Jordan Roberts and the ORM singers lead the crowd in worship.

Before the crusades began, Richard met with local pastors. The meeting was packed; 450 pastors were expected, but 750 came, hungry for the power of God. Richard shared with these men and women of God some of the spiritual wisdom that had been imparted to him through his father Oral Roberts. As the service ended, Richard personally prayed for each pastor.

Setting the Stage for Miracles

God is such a good God, and He showed Himself alive in El Salvador each night of the healing rally. The ORM team worked side-by-side with local pastors and prayer counselors. Dove Award Nominated Spanish Language of the Year Artist Julisa ministered in song before the healing rallies began. Jordan Roberts and the ORM singers also blessed the crowds of about ten thousand people each night with praise songs sung in Spanish.

Richard set the stage for the rallies when on the first night he echoed the words of the Apostle Paul, “I did not come with the enticing words of men, but I came in power and with demonstration of the mighty acts of God” (I Corinthians 2:4). And the people weren’t disappointed. God showed His power each night through miracles, signs, and wonders.

Changing Lives Forever

Seeing a miracle firsthand can change your life forever. After each night’s message, people rushed to the stage to testify to God’s miracle-working power.

A little girl of about eight who had never spoken uttered her first word. Another girl with a deformed ear heard for the first time. Even Dr. Jose Coto, El Salvadoran physician and head of the medical outreach teams, was amazed as two of his patients came to share their healing miracles:

A woman with a “dead” retina could see. A man with a serious shoulder problem could raise up his arm.

People were drawn to the miracle power of God, and thousands came forward when Richard gave the invitation to

receive Jesus Christ as Savior. In fact, one broken young man came down and wept near the altar even before the invitation was given.

Making a Difference

The impact Richard, Jordan, Oral Roberts Ministries and its Partners made on El Salvador is clear; Richard Roberts has already been invited to return. Adrian Compton, ORM team leader, noted that a frequent comment he heard among the pastors, leaders, and radio and TV personnel in El Salvador was, “This ministry has come with a heart of love for our people.”

Not only has Richard received invitations to return to El Salvador, but he’s also received invitations from the Evangelical Alliance in Nicaragua and from pastors in Guatemala who heard about what happened in El Salvador.

Every person who sowed a seed of finances or prayer helped with this El Salvador trip. It could not have happened without the generous gifts of our Partners. According to Proverbs 28:27, the person who gives to the poor will suffer no lack. God will multiply the seeds sown back to him or her good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. There are people whose lives have been changed forever through ORM’s outreach to El Salvador. “I know that I will never be the same again,” said Richard. “Our team members will never be the same, and I believe El Salvador will never be the same.”



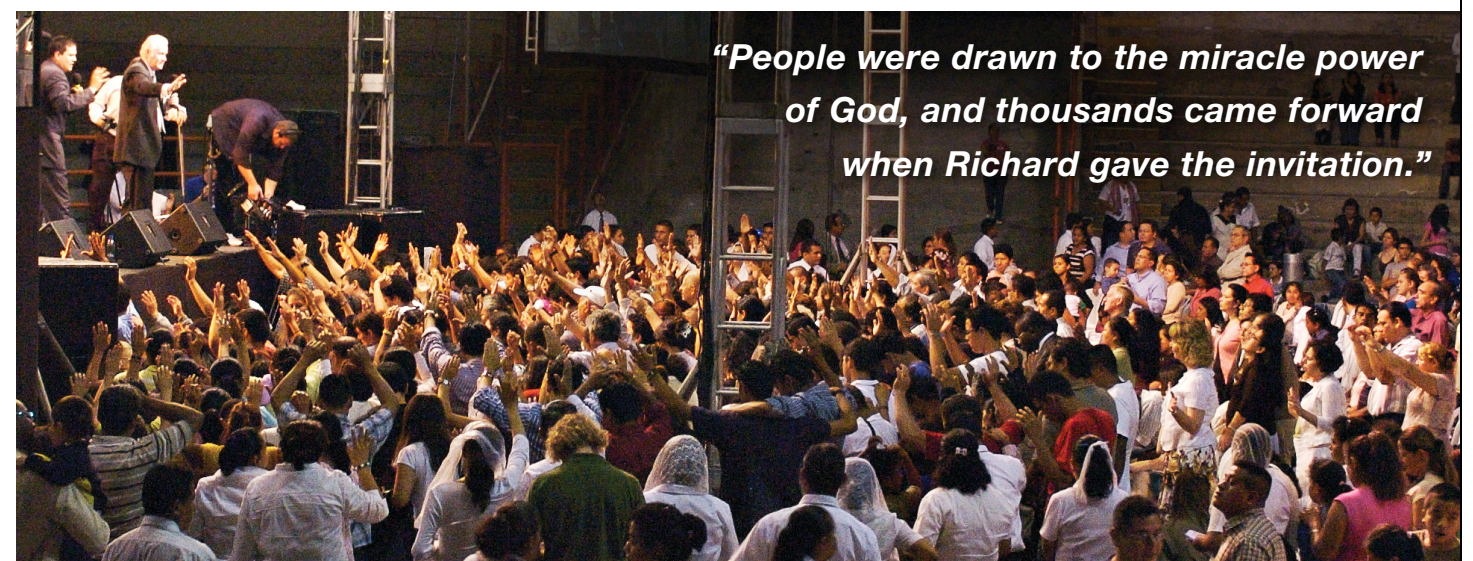
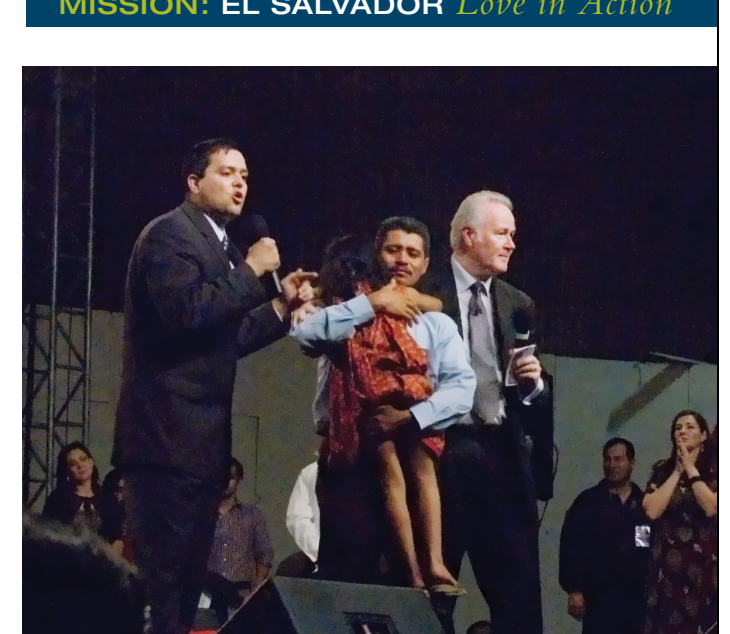
This man was the first to come and give his heart to the Lord.



TOP LEFT: A woman with a “dead” retina can see after God’s healing touch.

TOP RIGHT: A man and his daughter embrace after she was able to hear for the first time from a deformed ear.

RIGHT: Dr. Coto’s patient raises his arm, after being unable to do so. **BOTTOM:** Thousands rush to the stage to receive salvation. What a joy and an honor to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to this city of San Salvador.



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From Cardboard Cities to Streets of Gold

The Oral Roberts Ministries medical outreach team was God's love in action at the free medical clinics in the city of San Salvador.

Isabel lay in a hammock at her home, too ill to move. When her family heard about free medical clinics being set up in their village by Oral Roberts Ministries and local doctors, two of her sons rushed to the clinic and begged doctors to come to their home to help their sick mother. And like Jesus leaving the 99 sheep and going after the one in distress, ORM team member Dr. Stephanie Gillette made a house call.

When Stephanie and other medical team members arrived, they learned that Isabel had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her breast 18 days earlier, but had not received follow-up care afterwards. The staples from the surgery had not been removed, and the site was infected.

Dr. Gillette knew the situation could get serious quickly. She cleaned and drained the wound, and trained Isabel's family to do it themselves so that they could care for Isabel.

As Dr. Gillette finished ministering to Isabel, she noticed Isabel's husband Fernando standing in the doorway. By the urging of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Gillette

asked Fernando if he'd like to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior. Fernando said he would, and Dr. Gillette prayed for him and led him to the Lord right there in his own home. And even though he may live in a cardboard city today, someday he'll be walking on streets of gold!

Nothing Is Too Hard for God

Isabel and Fernando live in a semi-organized community called a cardboard city with about 1,500 other families. Their homes don't have doors. They're made of scrap metal, wooden poles, cardboard, and plastic tarp tied together with string. These people have no electricity or running water, and they live with improper sanitation. When it rains (as it often does in El Salvador), the community turns into one muddy mess.

Everyday life is difficult for these people, who are unemployed or underemployed and do not have enough food to eat. ORM's team of doctors and nurses, working with El Salvadoran volunteers from several

churches in the area, came to bring health to these people who are desperate for a touch from God.

Medicine With a Mission

Organizing a medical outreach clinic for the needy is a huge undertaking. Fortunately ORM knew the man for the job. Dr. Jose Coto is not only a well-respected surgeon in El Salvador, but he also works to improve public health for coffee plantation workers and still finds time to conduct several Bible studies a week.

With the assistance of an El Salvadoran medical team, Oral Roberts Ministries medical personnel held medical clinics for people who needed medical care but had no money to see doctors. And for three days, over 300 people a day were able to receive much-needed healthcare.

The doctors involved in the medical outreach donated their time, leaving busy medical practices to treat people in need at no cost. Not only that, Partners of ORM helped bring thousands of dollars worth of medicines to El Salvador.

Three stations were set up at each clinic. After the patients saw a doctor, they were sent to spiritual counseling. Team members prayed for whatever needs the El Salvadorans were facing, and they were able to lead many to the Lord. Then the people were directed to the pharmacy to pick up their prescriptions. Packed along with their medications were food packets containing enough food to feed an entire family, thanks to Hunger Needs a Voice®, the humanitarian outreach of ORM.

The Marriage of Medicine and Prayer

Sometimes the needs of the people were so great, the doctors didn't have the right medicines or equipment to treat their patients. In those cases, the medical team merged medicine with prayer and God performed healing miracles right in front of everyone's eyes.



Richard at the medical clinics in El Salvador.

One of those miracles was a little boy who had fallen and hit his head a few days before. Stitches and bandages had been applied to the injury, but he was limp and listless. He had to be carried to the clinic. Doctors and nurses couldn't do much for the boy, but nurse Deborah Nord found Richard and asked him to pray.

"Dr. Roberts came, laid hands on the boy, prayed, and believed that he would be healed," Deborah said. "Within a couple of minutes, the boy's eyes started to open brightly. Within an hour or two, I saw the boy running around the courtyard, playing with the other children. I thought, 'Is that the same boy?' And it was!"

Even after the medical clinics were shut down, God was still performing healing miracles.

A precious mother had rushed home to pick up her 7-year-old girl and take her to the medical outreach. The little girl had already undergone four operations for cysts up and down her spine. She was in incredible pain and the cysts were starting to affect her nervous system to the point of paralysis. All the mother wanted was something to alleviate her child's pain.

But when she arrived, the medical clinic tents were already closed. It was too late.

Then Richard Roberts drove up.

Dr. Coto brought the weeping mother and her child to Richard and said, "Please, Dr. Roberts, will you pray for this little girl?" Richard immediately prayed and believed for the little girl's complete healing. Dr. Coto went back to check on the child a few weeks later, and reported that she is totally, 100% healed!

Partners of the Oral Roberts Ministries were so generous with their financial gifts to the international medical outreach efforts. Those gifts and prayers allowed us to bring Jesus to the people. By joining together, ORM and its Partners made a lasting impact in El Salvador. Mission accomplished! 🙏



Dr. Gillette lovingly treats Isabel's wound.



Dr. Clay Powell writes a prescription for this woman.



LEFT: Richard lays hands on the little boy who injured his head. The same boy was seen later playing happily. **RIGHT:** This little girl was healed of painful cysts in her spine after prayer.



LIVING in GOD'S KINGDOM... HERE on EARTH

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

Many Christians struggle to enjoy the salvation Jesus purchased for them with His blood. They live poor, lonely, defeated lives. But God wants us to walk in health, abundance, joy, and peace. And He has given us the key to enjoying abundant life! It's found in understanding His kingdom.

During my life, I've lived in different places within the continental United States. I know what it's like to be an American citizen who lives in a democracy.

I've also traveled to places outside of the U.S., some of them kingdoms. I've seen kings and queens, heard them speak, and observed how they act. But I don't know firsthand what it's like to live in an earthly kingdom, because I've never lived in one.

Chances are, you could say the same about yourself. Like me, you may have never lived in a country that is ruled by a king or queen.

However, as Christians, you and I are sons and daughters of Jesus Christ, the King of kings. And since Jesus is a King, then He has a kingdom. You and I belong to that kingdom. We're citizens of heaven!

You and I have a Bible right to enjoy our heavenly kingdom citizenship. But for us to be able to do that, we need to understand how God's kingdom operates. When we understand how the kingdom works, we can get into agreement with God and start to enjoy the blessings He has for us.

On Earth as It Is in Heaven

God wants us to know there is a way of living that we should enjoy as citizens of heaven. Matthew 6:33 instructs us to seek out, learn, understand, and take time to know the kingdom of God. We are to seek out God's kingdom and His righteousness above anything else. This means seeking out His ways of doing, being, and operating.

How does God's kingdom work? Jesus describes this for us in Matthew 6:10 NKJV: *Your kingdom come. Your*

will be done on earth as it is in heaven. God desires you and me to experience His will here on earth, *exactly* as it is done in heaven. Whatever is God's will in heaven, it is supposed to work that way on earth too.

That means it's vital for us to know how God operates, and for us to operate as He does. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus makes it clear that the things we need and desire to live well on earth will be added to us *when we operate according to God's kingdom principles*. We are to adopt God's way of being and doing. Then the things we all seek—homes, debts paid, good jobs, cars, peaceful relationships with family and friends, and every other good thing in life—will be added to us.

No Sickness, No Sorrow, No Fear, No Lack

In Matthew 16:19 NKJV, Jesus says, *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

A key is a tool that empowers us to open and shut doors, or bind and loose chains. The *kingdom of heaven* is God's royal power, His dominion, the right and authority to rule. Jesus gave us the tools to exercise His right and authority to rule on earth, as it is exercised in heaven.

What are we to rule? We're to rule over the circumstances of our lives. And how are we to rule? We're to use the keys Jesus gave us. We're to loose what should be loosed in our lives and bind what doesn't belong.

We can identify what is to be bound and what is to be loosed by looking to heaven as our example. Remember, we are to have things *on earth as it is in heaven*—the same structure and system on earth that exists in heaven. Heaven is a place where the walls are made out of jasper, the gates are made out of pearl, and the streets are made out of gold. It's a place where only good exists. There is no sickness, no sorrow, no fear, and no lack in heaven.

Unlawful in Heaven Means Unlawful on Earth

Anything that wouldn't happen to you in heaven should not be happening to you on earth. The devil may try to get you to accept things on earth that don't exist in heaven. But as a Christian, you don't have to put up with his schemes. You don't have to permit any unlawful thing into your life.

In other words, since there's no sickness in heaven, then you have a right to refuse sickness in your body here on earth. You can use the authority Jesus gave you and say, "I bind sickness in the Name of Jesus. You are powerless against me, according to God's Word!"

Since there's no fear in heaven, then God doesn't want you to be afraid here on earth. You don't have to live with fear. No! You can resist the devil, according to James 4:7, and say, "I refuse to accept your work, Satan. Stop it! That's enough! According to God's Word, you have to flee from me!"

You can also use the authority Jesus has given you to open up the doors to heavenly blessings.

Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive" (Matthew 7:8). It is time for us to ask for the things of the kingdom—heavenly blessings such as health, provision, peace, joy, and love. God wants us to operate according to His kingdom principles and bring forth a good harvest for Him. And as we do, He'll add to us all kinds of good things and meet our every need! ☪

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—Matthew 16:19





Total Salvation: The Amazing Freedom We Have in Jesus!

As Christmas approaches, we celebrate the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ. But more than that, we can also remind ourselves of the power of His salvation in our lives. And we can reach out to others to share the great message that God has shared with us in His Son—through Jesus, we are set free from every evil thing, including sin, fear, and sickness!

Editor's Note: This article was adapted from a longer version titled "Jesus—A Mighty Savior" that appeared in *America's Healing Magazine* in September 1955.

In Matthew 1:20–21 KJV, when the mighty archangel Gabriel delivered the message that the Son of God was to be born, he told Joseph, "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

The name *Jesus* literally means *Savior*. Jesus was sent into this world to save the human family—and that includes you and me!

Jesus saves us from sin.

First and most important, Jesus is our mighty Savior from sin—the evil monster from which springs sickness, fear, and all other troubles.

Sin is the destroying power that blasts our characters, ruins our souls, and makes us lower than the animals of the field. Sin's awful power brings hate into our

hearts and revenge into our minds. It fills us with inner conflicts, frustrations, torments, and fears.

Simply put, sin is the power that turns us against God and against our fellow man. It ruins people, and if it is not dealt with, it sends us to hell.

But Jesus is a mighty Savior from the power of sin! He is the One who can deliver us if we will call upon Him in faith.

Jesus saves people that nobody else will look at. He picks up people who have fallen. Consider the woman in the Bible who was caught in the act of adultery. (See John 8:1–11.) The religious people didn't catch her to save her. They wanted to cause trouble, so they brought her to Christ and said, "What do You think we should do with her?"

Jesus said to her accusers, "Which of you is not guilty?" They all slunk away.

Then He said, "Woman, where are your accusers?"

She said, "I know not, Lord."

He said, "Woman, I don't condemn you either. Go, and sin no more."

When she stood up, she was a woman saved by Jesus, as clean as God can make a human. That's what Jesus does for sinners. *He is a mighty Savior!*

Jesus saves us from fear.

When John the Baptist was born, the Spirit of God came upon his father, Zacharias, and he gave one of the most beautiful prophecies recorded in the Bible. (See Luke 1:68–79.) Zacharias said, "God will deliver us from our enemies so that we may serve Him without fear all the days of our lives."

Through Jesus, we can live without fear. Nobody can take fear from you, keep you free from it, and enable you to live totally without it, except Jesus.

I remember a woman in a wheelchair who came to one of my meetings. Her face was etched with suffering, her hands knotted with arthritis. When I walked up to her, she grabbed my hands and said, "Brother Roberts, six months ago, I was a well and normal woman, but tonight I cannot walk. This is what my fears did to me."

I was delighted to present to her Jesus, the mighty Savior from fear. That woman was healed. She came out of the wheelchair!

But how was she healed? She was healed by believing Jesus to take fear out of her mind. And Jesus can take fear away from you!

Jesus saves us from diseases.

Matthew 8:17 KJV reminds us that Jesus "took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Jesus was whipped for the healing of our diseases.

Acts 10:38 KJV says, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Jesus can destroy the sickness in your body. Do you believe it?

The woman in the Bible with the issue of blood believed it. She said in Mark 5:28 KJV, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." She touched Him and believed. Immediately, healing power went out of Him, and He said, "Who touched Me?"

The disciples said, "Nobody touched You. Everybody is jostling up against You."

Jesus said, "This was a different touch, for I felt healing virtue go out of Me." The woman knew she had been found out, so she ran up and said, "Lord, I touched You."

He said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; your faith has made you whole."

I want to let you know that Jesus is *full* of healing virtue! Jesus is brimming with healing power, and to touch Him is to be healed. To have Him touch you is to be healed.

Perhaps you have been healed at some time in your life by Jesus. I have. I was healed of stuttering. I was healed of tuberculosis. I'm healed today.

Friends, it is so very wonderful to know Jesus as your mighty Savior—to know that you are saved by the blood of Christ! It's good to have a strong body, a clean mind, freedom from fear, and healing from disease. I don't know anything in the world as wonderful as to be saved by Jesus. Jesus is the sweetest name I know! ☺

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." – ACTS 10:38 KJV



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