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Greetings dear friends. Our last few issues all seem to have had something to do with God's blessings and financial supply, among other interesting things as well. To wrap up this set of the last 4 WCFs, here is a testimony, really from 40 years ago. I pray it's a blessing and the Lord will use it to bless your life. Love Jerry

## Arriving in Antigua

(Taken from the book: Shake off the Dust' by Jerry Finch. Available on Amazon Kindle)

One of the most interesting and exciting afternoons and evenings of my life happened when my wife and I and our small children arrived in the beautiful island of Antigua, in the Caribbean in the spring of 1980, I believe it was.

We had set out from our base in Puerto Rico (USA) in March, 1980, to spend at least 6 months 'following up' and feeding various 'new-born' Christians the Word of God in six

different islands. However, the Lord had led us also to Antigua and we knew virtually no-one there. We also, as explained before, had almost no money with



us. However, we were full of confidence and anticipation at what the Lord would do for us in this interesting and delightful island. Praise the Lord.

We exited the tiny airport at around 4pm, which was situated at some distance from the capital of St. John's.

After we left the small terminal, we stopped outside the airport gate with the children and held hands together in a circle and prayed for the Lord to supply the money we needed to rent a hotel and to start our one month's ministry there,

also to lead and guide us and encourage us.

The children were full of faith and excitement (ages nine and five).

No sooner had we finished praying and opened our eyes that we saw in the distance some pieces of paper in the sky, blowing in the wind. It was quite a windy day, although pleasantly warm. I looked up and as the few pieces of paper drew nearer. I had this feeling it was paper money.



The 'paper' landed to earth directly at our very feet! We jumped up and down for joy as we picked up about 100 US dollars in a few different denominations, one being a

fifty! What a miracle! Wow! This is a miracle of the first order! (This amount of money also being a reasonable amount of 'spending' money in those days of the 1980's in that part of the world!)

God loves to answer children's prayers, I have always thought and believed. I am not making this up, my friend, and this was truly awe-inspiring!

How great is God and how wonderful Jesus is!



We should love Him all the more every day, seeing He is well able to completely work outside the framework of human capacity and human history.

I am so thankful our children and that of many other Christians who grow up believing and expecting God to do a miracle in any given situation. They will never forget it and (should) surely pass it on to their children. Praise the Lord.

Now we just needed to find a taxi and proceed into the city, or town that St. John's was in those days. We had previously been referred to a woman who was sympathetic to Christian missionary work on the edge of the city. Having her address, we went directly there.

We spoke with her explaining we would like to stay a month there on the island and could she furnish us with a room either free or at a generous discount. She looked at us with interest and said,

'Look, here in Antigua we have had a drought that has been going on for some months. There has been no rain, everyone is suffering and the whole land is brown and barren now. It's a terrible situation. If you and your wife, as men and women of God will pray and there comes rain tonight, I will be more than happy to let you stay free for a month!' she looked at us with some hope.

Mmmm! How interesting to be presented with a severe situation like this to test our faith! No rain for two or more months in Antigua and rain must come tonight in order to qualify for a month's free rent. 'Sounds good to us', we thought and we agreed to her conditions.

Some of you may know that in previous and perhaps present times most roofs in the Caribbean or West Indian islands were made of corrugated iron or some other similar metal. When it rained therefore it was a noisy affair if you lived inside such a building. This lady had a very nice wide guest house in good verdant and rich land with many fruit trees around her. The ground, as she said, was barren now, the land was brown and we could easily tell as she had said that 'no rain had fallen' for a good while there.

***My wife and I went to bed that night, and we prayed! We prayed very desperately for God in the name of Jesus to send rain, not just any old rain, but a real 'gully-washy', abundant rain, enormous rain, beautiful and wonderful and refreshing, delightful and joyous rain!***

We went to sleep - nothing happened. We were so tired from such a long day. The children were all now happily sleep-

ing. Somewhere around one or two in the morning I awoke with the sound of a metallic 'ping' in fact a few 'pings'. The pings increased and I began to real-



ise in my drowsy condition that it was starting to rain. A few minutes passed, and as is normal in the Caribbean, that small beginning turned into a virtual deluge of thunder and lightning and torrential, abundant, enormous, beautiful and wonderful and refreshing, delightful and joyous rain!

I began to praise the Lord with laughter and with my wife who was by now also wide awake. We were just amazed at how loud it all was, how thrilling the lighting was as we went to the window and looked out at the night sky and saw it lit up with lightning and heard the crashing of thunder. Somehow the children all slept through it without waking up. After all, they didn't really need to at such a young age. They would see even greater miracles of God as they were to grow up. This was something that would only faintly if at all register in their consciousness. It was for us and the landlady and for whoever she might tell in the future. And of course, it was for Antigua and for all the Christians there who had already earnestly prayed for rain in the name of Jesus.



Psa\_107:25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

Job\_28:26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

Job\_37:3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

Job\_38:25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

We spent an exciting month there; we shared the Word of God with the

President of the island, President Bird, and many people were healed through our witness and of course, the dear landlady let us stay completely for free!

We all stepped outside the next morning in almost flood-like

conditions! I cannot describe the joy in my heart that night when that heavy rain began. I will never forget it!

Thank You, Jesus!

Is there something in your life or your family's or friend's or church's life like a drought? Has there been no rain for many months? Pray as if everything depended on prayer. **Ignore the wisdom of man** and the prognostications of others and you will see the flood of God's answers and blessings in your life for healing, Pray also for your children, and even for your children yet to be born.

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