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2013! Good News

What better way to start a year than with GoodNews. We are at such a great crossing point at the start of every year. We can look back at all God has done the previous year and yet look forward to all the things He is going to reveal to us this year. It is also important for us to move on from this crossing, not to dwell too much on the past and not get so stuck in the future and forget to live now. For us 2013 is all about the now, letting go of all our plans and comforts and relying on His plans and the Holy Spirit's comfort. Take up the challenge this year and place yourself in positions for God to use you, even if you don't know how or what is going to happen. That my friends is always how the greatest stories are made. Whenever He calls this year, go! He is the comforter, provider and

protector, all you need to do is be the willing vessel. 2013 is going to be a big year with a lot of new adventures and an abundance of His presence.

We have seen God breakthrough in so many people's lives last year. Healing was not just in the church, but in the market place, at expos, on the streets and in people's homes. We have seen friends leave the comfort of this first world country to go serve in various third world countries of the world. They brought light to those living in poverty and discovered more of our Father's heart. Miracle babies were born and there was a boom in weddings, bringing together Godly people. I am sure all of you reading have much more to add to this list, but no matter what hard things you faced last year, there was definitely

a lot to be joyful about. Our prayer is for 2013 to knock 2012 out of the ball park. Let the blind eyes open and the lame walk. We want to hear the stories of the people who touched the lepers and saw them restored. We want to go into the darkness and see the light of God shine through. The dead will rise, the mute will speak and many will come to Christ. What are you contending for this year? It took us a while to get back into the swing of things this year after a month away, honeymooning in Mauritius and spending time with the family in South Africa. While in South Africa and speaking with my Grandmother we heard a few inspirational stories of old and we would like to start off by sharing a few with you.

Angelic Brakes

This story was shared to my grandma's church. On a long road trip, a couple was driving along a twisted road, scarcely wide enough for two cars to fit side by side. A truck was travelling in the opposite direction towards them and they were only just able to drive past when an unexpected vehicle pulled out from behind the truck to overtake. The vehicle was heading straight for this couples

vehicle. The husband did the only thing get could do and spun the steering wheel into the bushes next to the road expecting the car to roll. Incredibly the car didn't roll but just missed the other car and swerved back onto the road. The husband was struggling to keep control of the steering wheel, but still the car never rolled but seemed fixed to the road. Hearing a loud scraping sound the wife looked back to inspect what was happening. And that's when she saw it. A large Angel was gripping both hands onto the back of the car. He was pushing down on the back, keeping the car from

flipping and the sound the women heard was his wings scrapping the ground stabilizing the car to the road.

Do you have an amazing story of an angel saving your life?

Saving Strangers

Years ago a Christian couple started a children's hospital in a quiet desert place in Africa. They ran the hospital for many years saving hundreds of Children's lives. Years later a woman was taking her child on a camping trip near that hospital one weekend when the child's appendix burst. Knowing about this hospital the mother loaded her child into her car and headed straight for the hospital. About half way unexpectedly her car broke down! Frantically she jumped out the car and opened the bonnet, but knowing nothing about cars all she could do is just stare at it. This is when an elderly couple arrived on the scene. She didn't take note where they came from or what car they were driving, but they were willing to help. Within no time the car was running again and she was once again racing to the hospital. At arrival her child was rushed into emergency surgery and the mother was left to in the waiting room.

To pass the time she got up to look at all the photos the hospital had lining the walls, when she noticed the photo of the elderly couple who helped her with her car.

Enquiring one of the nurses she asked 'who is this couple in this photo?' the nurse responded this is the couple who founded the hospital more than 100 years ago!

Have you received an unexpected or unexplained act of kindness?

Light on Fuel

Out in the middle of Africa a young man was radically transformed by Jesus and started ministering to people all over the country. One of the local churches heard about the good things this man was doing and gave him a car to use for his travels. Overcome by the generosity he accepted, yet knowing nothing about cars or even how to operate one. Where he came from cars were not the normal. By trial and error he taught himself how to drive and using the car he travelled to many places ministering.

About six months after receiving this gift one of the pastors of the church visited him to see how things were doing. As they were driving in the car with the young man the pastor asked, knowing this man's money situation, how are you affording fuel? The man looked at him with a straight face and asked what is fuel? The pastor told him that the vehicle needs fuel to run and asked him how often he uses the car, the man looked at him and said, 'everyday'. This man was driving a car for 6 months not ever knowing the car needed fuel, yet never running out. What has God provided you with?

What has God provided for you?

Close to Home

This story was really touching for me to hear. In 2006 my uncle was in a big car accident leaving him broken and in a coma. While in his coma he had a dream of heaven. A beautiful place with a big river filled with gold. My uncle wanted to go deeper into this place, but there was a man that stood in front of him. This man looked like Jesus, holding up his hand and he spoke to my uncle saying for him to wait. My uncle recovered from his accident filled with life and knowing there is still purpose for him here on earth.

Do you know what God is calling you to do?



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Believe in Miracles?

From the 18th - 21st of October this year 29 people from Freedom Life organised and manned a booth for the 2nd year running in the Perth Conscious Living Expo. The expo is designed to gather a wide range of people to showcase alternative health, environment and consciousness. We came and setup in the midst of the psychics, crystal healers and fortune-tellers a booth offering free divine healing. A healing that is not from stones, earth forces, ancestry or a higher state of consciousness but a real tangible healing power that flows from what Jesus has done at the Cross. We were amazed at the amount of awesome encounters we had over the 4 days. Below are some of the results from day 1.

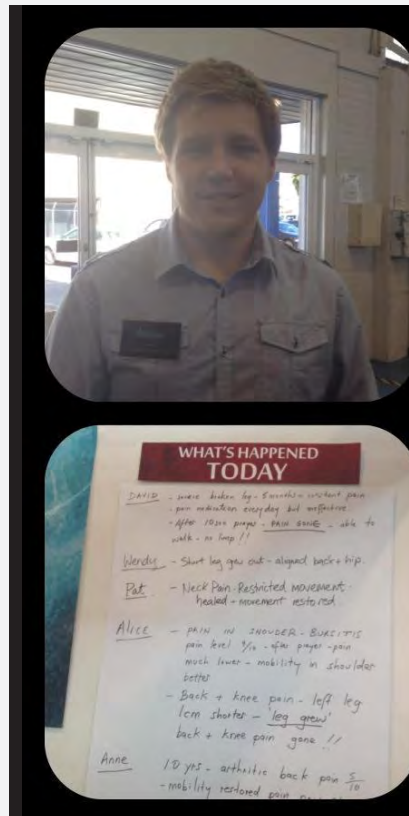
Pat walked in to the booth with neck issues, she had pain and found it hard to move her head around. After we commanded her neck to be normal she explained how she felt something cool like an ice pack from our hands going into her neck. The pain had instantly eased 90% off and she could move her neck freely.

Paul came to us with heart troubles, suffering with Angina and feeling worried and stressed. This day Paul gave his life over to Jesus and was 'born again' his fears gone.

Wendy sat down in the booth and listed her problems, arthritis in her knees, in her hips, her back and one of her legs was a good 1cm shorter than the other. On top of this she also had a disease which causes her to have trouble breathing, similar to hay fever but all year round. After we prayed right there in front of us her leg grew! it shot out to the same level as the other leg. She stood up and checked her back, it was completely healed, no pain. Her breathing was completely normal and she couldn't keep in her joy. Her face was lit up with laughter saying how she feels like she is floating, she feels like she is drunk.

Lavaniya came with severe back pain due to a pinched nerve. She left with radically reduced pain.

Esha has suffered with 25 years of degenerative disc disease and after a simple prayer of faith she went on to explain how she felt what she could only



describe as 'Love' flowing into her whole body. She began laughing and said how she could feel energies opening up inside her and she left feeling incredibly good and light forgetting any pain in her back.

Ingrid was the first person to come in to the booth with pain 7/10 in her foot. She had trouble putting any pressure on her foot. She left with a big smile on her face, the pain had reduced down to a 1-2/10.

Anora cynically came passed the booth saying 'what's this all about?' She went on to say how she has very little pain in her hip joints because of her pregnancy. She said her pain level was 1-2/10, we prayed and she didn't really notice any difference so said her goodbye and kept on walking. After 10 or so steps she turned back with a look of surprise and proclaimed 'wow actually the pain has all gone!'

Ellen came to us in pain with a pinched nerve in her back, the pain was 7/10. After we commanded the pain to leave and the back to be healed her pain level instantly dropped. She left with pain no more than a 2/10 and she said that the pinched nerve seemed to have gone.

Alice walked into our booth with back, knee and arm pain. She explained how she is scheduled to have an operation due to Bursitis and right then her pain level was 9/10 in her shoulder. After prayer her shoulder was completely released! her short leg grew to the same

level as the other and all her back pain had gone.

Anne came in with arthritis accompanied by back and shoulder problems, her current pain level was 5/10. She left completely healed! All pain was gone.

We had the opportunity to pray for dozens and dozens of people throughout the day and not one of them left untouched by the love and joy of God. We prayed for many with diseases and illnesses that we couldn't test to see any change right then and there, but God is faithful and we believe many of them have been completely healed.

Another incredible testimony is about a man called *David* who was healed at a music store down the road from the expo. Tony saw David outside the store hobbling towards his car and approached him to see what had happened with the intention of praying for his healing. He went on to say that he had broken his leg 6 months ago and despite doctors attempts his leg had not healed properly. He explained how he was on pain medication but felt like it did nothing, his pain level was 12/10. David agreed to prayer and instantly after with amazement the pain had gone down to a 2/10. He began walking around with very little limp and rang his wife in excitement to share what had just happened. God loves David and had just healed him.

The cool thing is this was just day 1.



His Love is enough

Our dearest friend Mionette, spent some time last year in Mozambique and we have been amazed and inspired by all the stories she has been sharing with us. We are so grateful that she is willing to also share a few with you:

Always knowing there was something for me to learn in Africa, my trip began with a small desire. I decided to go to Mozambique, formerly known as the poorest country in the world. Most of the organizations I looked to partner with offered comfort and daily outings to poor areas but this just did not sit right with me. I wanted to experience life with the poor people of Mozambique. That's when some friends introduced me to Iris ministries. My research on Iris and the living conditions that would be provided left me thinking a beach house wouldn't be so bad and I really didn't want to go to Bible school. Reconsidering my motives I remembered that what Iris had to offer, living and learning from the poor, is exactly the calling I felt. Completing my application for Iris started with some apprehension, it took me a week to apply with all the intensive questions and my doubts creeping in, but when my application was finally submitted, I couldn't wait to hear the news if I had been accepted! After 2 weeks and the

'refresh' button for my email worn out, I followed some advice to leave it in God's hands. That same day I let go the email came through. I'm going to Mozambique!

Ten of us started off this journey with a mission trip to White River in South Africa. There we met some amazing people with an incredible love for God and a desire to see people come to Him. Our first night we spent with unemployed and homeless people who were given the opportunity to train as fire fighters. During their education they also were introduced to Jesus, their saviour and they all were saved. We spent the rest of our time walking from house to house praying for anyone who would let us, and spent time with children and widows in the feeding program. The Sunday church service went for hours yet I had never felt the Holy Spirit's presence that strong. Another memorable moment was when we were introduced to the man whose resurrection story features in the movie "Furious Love", he forgave the men that brutally killed him! We spent that afternoon in his village and visiting their church. This wood and tin hut had no electricity, no worship team, no big screens or fancy lights, yet there in the candle light surrounded by hungry people I experienced the best service I ever attended. Worship was lead by anyone who felt a song in their heart and once they started, everyone would join in with clapping and dancing. Isn't that what worshipping God should look like?

We arrived in Mozambique very excited and eager to meet the other 290 students. This was the largest intake of students the Harvest School has ever had. I felt very special knowing that out of the 1500 people that applied, I was part of this group, we had no idea what we were in for. A bunch of people from all over the world gathering for three months to learn more about the heart of our Father. There was countless incredible testimonies and teachings

shared over this time, enough to fill a book. We were taught by everyone around us, the speakers, Heidi and Rolland, the Mozambique Pastors, our leaders, the other students, the widows and the children. Every class we were left completely undone. Two hour testimonies felt like 5 minutes, and we wanted more! We became so hungry (spiritually) and yet so full at the same time. God has so many characteristics, and He wants so much to share it with us!

This trip was truly a humbling experience. During a week's conference about reaching the Muslim population, my group and I had the duty to clean the toilet drop. Fifteen toilets shared between 6000 people! In all honesty I didn't do this with a lot of love, but it was still such a rewarding experience. I had the opportunity to learn with no judgment to serve where I was required. On Children's day Iris aims to feed 5000 children, which requires everyone's help. This long hot day included rotating groups of children to game stations, church for dancing and then to the kitchen for their meal. These hungry children would go through rotation all day to get their plate of meat, rice and beans. With so many mouths to feed there isn't always enough food, but Iris has a name for seeing food multiply and we were waiting to see if it would happen today. Much to our disappointment a group of children went home that night with nothing when the food was gone. It's shocking how quickly we can get angry with God. I didn't understand how God could let them go home hungry? With tears we embraced them and walked them home. That's when God spoke to me about how *His love is always enough*



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even though it didn't manifest the way we wanted. God did something in those children's lives that day. They might have left with empty stomachs, but they had full hearts.

On another occasion my housemate and I came across a lady in town. She was lying on a piece of bloody cloth, she had no legs, just one hand, and she was covered with disease and wearing a torn male uniform. Her dark eyes revealed that she had been through the unimaginable. We felt completely hopeless with no car and knowing the hospital had no ambulances. We did the only thing we could do, we prayed, embraced her, fed her and used the little Makhuwa and Portuguese we knew to tell her about Jesus. When we left we felt bitter and broken not seeing God move the way we wanted to. God spoke to me once again about His love and how it is always enough. I learnt more about God in my most challenging and frustrating moments and that's why I wanted to share these moments.

We drove for ten hours on the back of a flatbed truck to get to our outreach village. Here we spent 5 days walking the area praying for people and showing a Jesus film at night. We saw many get saved and countless miracles. One evening, I noticed this drunk lady telling everyone that we were lying about our God. I tried to calm her down, but she had a lot of anger in her heart. Meanwhile, her only son had gone up for prayer in front of the entire crowd, he was both deaf and mute. In a matter of a few seconds, he was completely healed! We also prayed for a lady who was completely blind but didn't see her eyes open. In her dream that same night



two doves appeared and one sat on her shoulder carrying a leaf. When she woke up the next day, she could see! She went to the mosque for answers, but they told her they didn't know what had happened and she should go to the Christians for answers.

Every morning we each received a bread roll and we would also give one to the hosting families. These mothers would take their bread roll and share it with their entire family. The one morning we ran out of bread rolls! Ten mother's sat hungry and waiting while we searched in case we misplaced any. One of the Mozambique pastors grabbed the empty bag and started praying and asking God for a miracle. Soon the silence turned into murmur as we realized the bag was getting fuller! When he opened the bag, there was ten fresh bread rolls! There

were so many other incredible things that happened during the trip; blind eyes opening, ears opening, addictions being broken, pain leaving, diseases leaving and demons being cast out. Just the usual, leaving us in awe of what God has done.

My experience in Mozambique was surreal. God's journey took me to another world to learn from the poor. Now back in Perth I aim to live with the same principles. There are countless spiritually hungry people here. The poorest of the poor and the richest of the rich are all God's people and God has told us to love our neighbours, which is His greatest command.

For more information about the Harvest School visit the Iris Ministries website. www.irismin.org

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