

Title: Amazing Miracle Stories from Kenya

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Greetings all,

Here are a number of amazing miracle stories that long-time friends of Andy's family shared with he and Kristin during their trip.

Blessings,

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**Email from Andy and Kristin Ross, continued:**

After Malindi we went to Tanzania to meet my brother John's friends. I was able to reconnect with Jesse and Trevor Borden, missionary kids I haven't seen in 10 years, and rejoice at how God has worked in our lives. We also visited Gary and Judy Woods who I knew as a child. They have a vibrant ministry of church planting. They told us the following stories of miracles.

1) On their first term in Kenya 87-93, Judy contracted severe arthritis, fibromyalgia, and colitis forcing her to be bed-bound. Around 1993 they left for the US . I remember their departure as a boy. For four years she was stuck in bed with horrendous pain. Many people prayed for her, but her condition remained critical, and she was near the point of death. One day at a church meeting, Gary was with his pastor friend who asked Gary if he could pray for Judy. Gary agreed though he was tired of ineffective prayers. The man said since husband and wife are one he would set hands on Gary and pray for Judy who lay at home sick. As he prayed, Gary felt an electric shock go through his body and knew that Judy was healed. He went home and found her walking and completely healed. Family friends came over to dance around the house with Judy. After Judy's healing they witnessed 13 miracles in their local Christian church in the US . They decided to return to Kenya around 1999.

Upon arriving at their old home their friends began to weep both men and women. Maasai never weep, but they were so happy to see Judy because they thought she was dead. They told her she was supposed to be dead because one of the diviners had placed a death curse on her. Gary suddenly remembered that the pastor had prayed that all curses placed on her in Maasai-land be broken in the name of Jesus. This healing power of the Christian God over the powers of the diviners lead to rapid growth in the church in their home area of Cajiado which is still the strongest church in Maasai-land.

2) The Woods began to travel around Maasai-land and teach courses about having an undivided heart-- choosing to rely completely on God's power and not on the power of the diviners or anyone else. They taught basic things about the Holy Spirit. During the prayer times at these courses they began to see miracles. In one church a local boy who everyone knew had been lame from birth came forward for prayer. A Maasai church leader laid hands on him and he suddenly took off running around the church building. A physical and neurological wonder which is hard to comprehend. The next day another lame boy came for prayer and he also was healed.

3) Another day there was a big community meeting out on the grass where both diviners and church leaders were present. The diviners said that they had been praying and God had told them that it was not going to rain (they believe in one God called Enkai). No big surprise because it was the dry season. The church leaders said we have also been praying and God told us that it is going to rain today and it is going to rain right here. Not only did rain began to fall, but only in the circle where the meeting was happening and nowhere else. That day many people became followers of Christ.

4) Another time a Maasai woman had died and they laid her out on the grass. Her body had already become stiff with rigor mortis. Some members of the church refused to stop praying for her and as they prayed over her, she sat up and walked away alive.

They told us these incredible stories of God's power that I may have had difficulty believing if I had not known the Woods since I was a young boy. I asked Gary for advice about my own faith and asking the Lord for miracles. He said prayers for healing should flow as a natural part of your life. The great commission grammatically should be translated "As you are going into the world preach the good news." He also pointed out that healing crusades often focus more on the miracles than on God. Keep the focus on God and bringing people to the knowledge of God's love and our deep need to love him.