



MIRACLE WORKER

BY MARTHA*, AN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKER SERVING IN EUROPE

After my husband, John, returned from the Regional Alliance World Fellowship Conference and a good, full week of serving, he was exhausted. Happy to be back home, he got off the plane, leaving his bag with his passport and keys on board.

He realized this when he was just about home, so he decided to drop off his luggage and then return to the airport to find out how to retrieve the bag.

Lost passport. Those words are enough to produce a good amount of panic—even more so with an upcoming appointment to sort out our daughter’s legal documents and John’s trip to the United States the following week.

After writing an email, calling several people, and talking to some others, there was nothing left to do but return home and go to sleep. Nothing could be done until the next day.

The following morning, which was Sunday, we heard our son Jeremiah singing “Way Maker,” which we often sing at church. He

kept repeating this verse: “Miracle worker, miracle worker, miracle worker. That is who You are.” We told Jeremiah what had happened with John’s bag and explained that we really needed God to do a miracle for us. Jeremiah prayed, along with many in the Alliance family.

After church, John headed back to the airport. He showed a picture of the bag to an employee at the lost and found, and she immediately recognized it. “Yes! We just got that bag 20 minutes ago!” Everything was still there. In less than 24 hours, John had his bag and passport in hand.

John told Jeremiah the good news. In simple childlike faith, our son said, “Of course. We asked God to do a miracle, and He did.”

Friends, how many times do we hesitate to ask because we don’t think God will answer? Yet how many times do we read in Scripture that He hears us when we pray—and restores what is lost? If He does it for a missing passport, how much more will He do it for a lost person? Pray with us that God will show us the next one in the weeks to come.

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Lost Wallet Opens Door to New Friendship

BY ERIC, AN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKER SERVING IN TAIWAN

A year ago, my wife and I went through a stressful yet providential time when I lost my wallet. The man who had found it, Zhang Yong*, turned it in to the local police station. He also came to our house to make sure we knew to go retrieve it.

Since that time, Zhang Yong and I have gotten together regularly. He has told me openly that although he grew up faithfully attending the Buddhist temple and continues to go with his family during holidays, he feels there is no power in that ritual. Zhang Yong thought he would find more purpose through a job promotion, accumulating wealth, and having a girlfriend; however, they haven't brought him fulfillment either.

His cousin recently died in a scooter accident, leading Zhang Yong to ponder further about how we were created and the meaning of life. He is searching, and we know the Answer. Will you pray that Zhang Yong will find his hope and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ?

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A Missionary's Greatest Need

ADAPTED FROM *TOUCH THE WORLD THROUGH PRAYER*, BY WESLEY L. DUEWELL

An effective prayer life is one of the most important qualifications for any missionary, pastor, or evangelist. But your intercessory prayer supporting

their work is their greatest need. Christian workers must be covered by prayer so that God's presence may be demonstrated in such ways as to bring many to salvation. How can your prayer assist in proving to non-Christians that Christ is God? Let me suggest some ways to pray:

1. Remember daily those laboring in areas where following Christ is costly. Pray that through their ministry, God will convince lost people that Christ answers prayer.
2. Pray for God to be manifest in miracle power. Pattern your prayer after the Jerusalem church (see Acts 4:29-30). When the believers united in praying, God's power shook the place where they were assembled. Your prayer can help shake untold numbers of people and places for Christ.
3. Ask God to keep Christian workers spiritually victorious and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
4. Pray that He will bring to their attention the needs He wants to meet and to open the door for their ministry.
5. Pray for their physical and spiritual protection and for God to guard their families. Satan becomes angry with those God is using and makes them the special target of his attacks.

Your prayer can empower those in front-line ministry. Pray that Jesus' name will be honored and that God will bring the harvest for which He died.

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