

BARNEY WHO?



He's not purple and he's not a dinosaur, but he does love kids and is very popular with them. This Barney is a children's evangelist who is partnering with YMG in their campaign in Luganville, Vanuatu. Rev. Barney Kinard, or "Barney the Kid-helper", has been reaching and teaching kids for nearly forty years in churches, camps, schools, and other kid-oriented events. YMG and Barney are joining forces to bash the devil and bring children into relationship with Jesus. While Julie is preaching in Unity Park in Luganville, Barney and his kid-helpers will be sharing the gospel, kid-style, with hundreds of children from the city. The Children's Campaign will be held in a huge thatched hut, called the nakamal, which belongs to the local chief.

Barney and his wife Sharon make their home in Buena Park, California, which is also

BECOMING MISSION - MINDED

John and Julie are both missionaries to the world. John is a technical missionary, and his job is to give technical and prayer support for the proclamation of the gospel through the work of YMG. Julie is the proclaimer. John and Julie need your help to fulfill their mission. The suggestions below are intended to get you started in assisting these who **GO... to the ends of the earth.**

How can I help Julie and John?

- Have a garage sale, bake sale, or rummage sale. Combine with other people, have fun, and donate the proceeds to YMG missions.
- Become a partner with YMG and make a monthly financial commitment.
- Donate office supplies: copy paper, file folders, inkjet/laser cartridges, envelopes, stamps (call for details).
- Help with housekeeping or yard work at the YMG Ministry Center.
- Cook a meal for Julie and John.
- Host a reception in your home to introduce YMG to friends and associates.
- Get on the prayer list to receive updates for prayer.
- Volunteer to run errands, do word processing, or help prepare mailings.
- Pledge to give a percentage of the monthly profit from your business.
- Fast for a week from your passion: specialty coffee, movies, golf, eating out... donate the savings to YMG.

Do you have an idea that would help people help Julie and John? Send us your ideas - we would like to hear from you.

FAMILY

Thank you for your prayers for our family: our daughter Jessica, our son Matthew, and our daughter Kirstie and her husband Justin. God has blessed us greatly as a family, and we ask that you continue to pray for us.



HOW TO RECEIVE A MIRACLE

By Evangelist Julie Young

Have you ever wondered what it takes to receive a miracle?

We've been seeing a lot of miracles during Young Ministry Group missions. What's necessary in order to see a miracle? Although I don't have all the answers, I would like to share some thoughts.

God is the source of all miracles. It was God's initiative to part the Red Sea for His people. But people, too, have a part to play in receiving a miracle. Moses stretched out his rod in obedience to God and the miracle happened. A person must have faith in the Lord, and lean their full weight on Him. They must obey the promises of God in order for the miracle to happen.

Power and authority belong to God alone (see 1 Chr. 29:11). The first step in receiving a miracle is recognizing that only God is big enough to do what's needed. We need to capture the immense person of our God. God is a big God. Let's not belittle Him to fit into our finite thinking.

But miracles don't just happen in a vacuum. They happen to a somebody. Men and women throughout history have received miracles. They acknowledged God's power, His ability to do what no one else can. They looked up and away from themselves. They saw God as greater. Your journey toward your miracle begins when you look up to God. God is the starting point for your miracle. Your need is the jumping off point.

I have noticed that the people who receive miracles are often desperate people. Bible miracles came to desperate people. The woman with

the issue of blood was desperate. The blind man by the road was desperate. The paralyzed man had four desperate friends. To be desperate means you are fed up with how it is and won't settle for it anymore. We saw this illustrated in Vanuatu. We were having nightly meetings in a church on a mountain ridge outside town. My team and I were asked to come up by the road and pray for someone. We climbed the hill behind the church to find a paralyzed woman sitting on the ground. She had been carried to a van, driven to the meeting, and now sat on the grass in front of us. We prayed for a few minutes, and then I asked the men to stand her on her feet. She took a few steps, and looked at us in amazement!! What doctors could not do Jesus did! That woman walked down the hill, took a seat, and enjoyed the meeting. The next night she was dancing among the worshipers!

She was a woman of desperation and ready for change. Her desperation moved her toward Jesus. She had to convince someone to take her where Jesus was working when she couldn't take herself. Let me ask you, how hungry are you for change? You may be too satisfied with how things are. You will have to get fed up if you want a miracle. You must respond to the gospel message of healing, of deliverance, and know it is for you. It's not enough to want a miracle; you must go further

and get to believing for a miracle. It's no good trying to believe for a miracle all the while telling yourself how unworthy you are to receive it. Many Christians verbally claim a promise from God while worrying themselves sick over it.

In India this year I preached about how Jesus delivers those who are bound by sin, sickness, despair, and addictions. That night 171 men and women responded to ask Jesus to set them free. They came believing it was for them, not for someone else. They came out of need, responding to the declaration of God's will in Jesus to bring change. Many of them were released that night from addictions and bondage. Hindus and Muslims came to faith in Jesus Christ because they saw friends and family set free and healed.

Miracles come because God is moved by the deep needs of human beings. Jesus looks at your suffering and is touched by your pain. But there is no heavenly lottery for miracles. Jesus wants a genuine response from you, from your heart. The people in India responded in faith to come towards Jesus. They moved, physically, towards the team. The woman in Vanuatu went beyond hoping. She did something. That is real faith. Maybe your need

is not for healing, but for a financial situation. God has a part for you to play in obeying him so that your miracle can come. Perhaps your miracle is to see a loved one saved, or a prodigal child returned safely home. God is bigger than your need, and He is able to provide the answer, no matter how hopeless things may appear. Have you situated yourself so that you are ready to receive from the Lord? Have you done your part to get your thinking, your lifestyle, your home, your plans lined up with God's ways, to get your miracle? If you're not sure, pray and ask the Lord to show you how to prepare to receive your miracle. It will surely involve prayer, reading the Word of God, and making some changes. After all, it is through faith and patience that we inherit the promises (Heb 6:12).

The last thought I would offer is that you ought to feed your faith and starve your doubts. An old Eskimo once said he had two dogs living inside of him, a white dog and a black dog. They were constantly fighting, each trying to get the upper hand. A young man asked, "Which dog wins?" to which the old man replied with a grin, "The one I feed the most."

I encourage you to feed your faith. Look up to God, and put your weight on Him. Don't give up, but instead, get desperate. You cannot be in a better position for a miracle!



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