

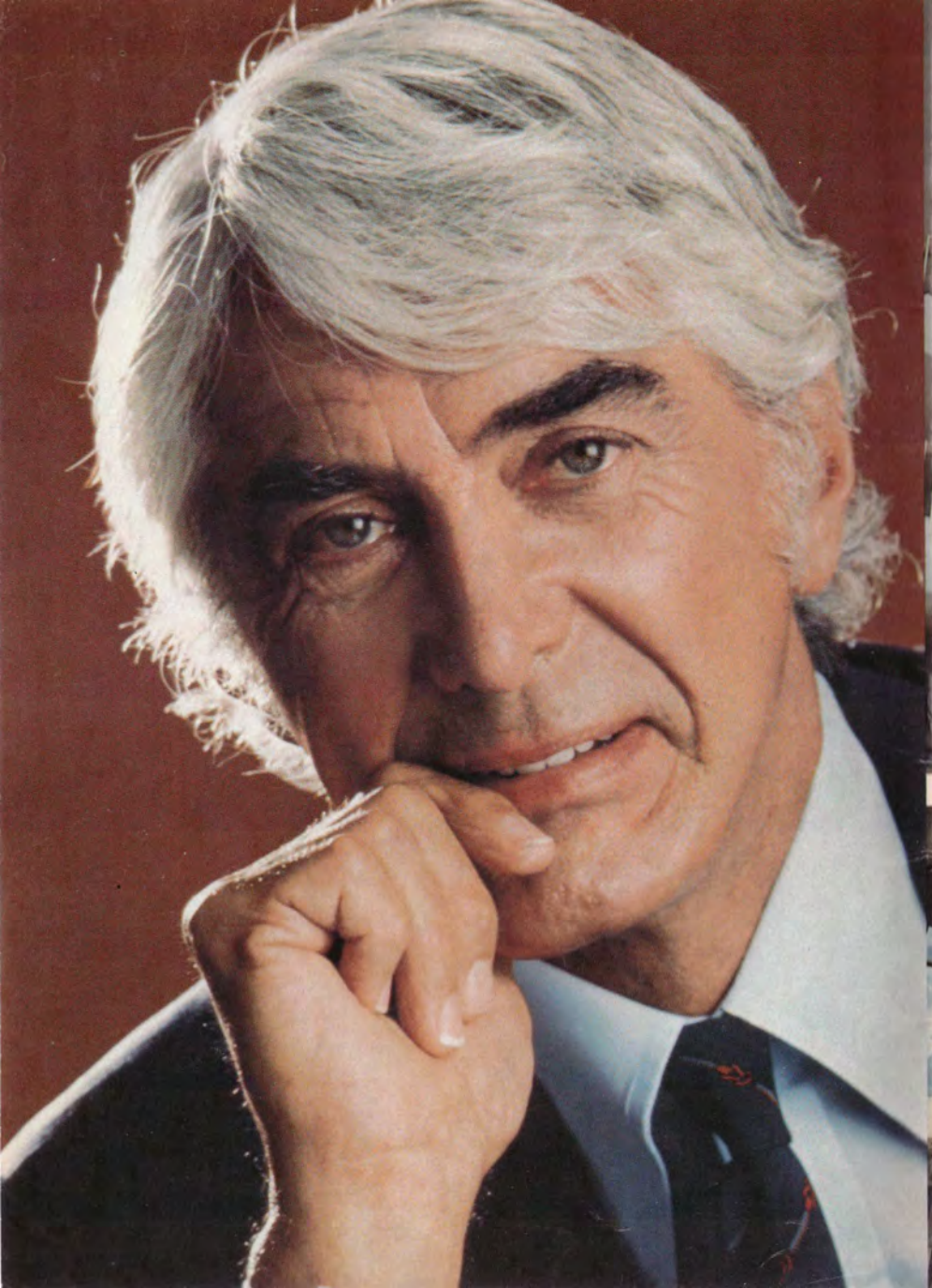
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Q *We have all heard or read of your arrest and trial. What were the emotional and physical results of the problems you experienced?*

A I had two problems. Most important was the spiritual void in my life, which I thought I was filling. I went to St. Patrick's in New York every morning of my life. Seven days a week, I spent an hour trying to contemplate and meditate on the forces surrounding my life and find some answers. But I didn't really turn to the Lord in my search. My second problem involved my company. Suddenly, the British Government cut off the balance of the funding due under our agreement. I knew that my company, my dream could not survive. But I also knew that if I ever confessed this predicament to a potential investor or even to any of our employees they'd bail out. I would tell them that we had a little problem now, but it would soon be behind us. I had nobody that I could talk to and nowhere to turn. That's the worst thing that can happen—to have no spiritual base. It lead me to a medium. Today I look back and

say, "How could I?" I was at the top of my class in two colleges; I have 3½ degrees. My grades in high school were among the highest anyone ever had in that school. Here I was talking to a totally uneducated gypsy woman who didn't have a high school education. I was relying almost completely on her judgment.



In a series of key executive interviews with leading businessmen from around the world, John DeLorean (left) relates his testimony and business experiences with Steve Shakarian, MBA, chief operating officer of FGBMFI (center) and Jerry Jensen, Ph.D., Litt.D., editor of Voice magazine (right).

How could that possibly happen to an intelligent, rational human being? It couldn't, but it did. I think it shows what can happen in your life when you don't have the Lord as your Saviour.

Q Describe the dream that caused you to start DMC in the first place. What were you trying to accomplish?

A It turned out to be the coalescence of a lot of dreams. Basically, I'm an engineer; it's the one thing I've always enjoyed. When I was young, I wanted to be a scientist. Later on, I realized I didn't have the intelligence to be a top scientist. I had a good mechanical and analytical mind and was an excellent mathematician; so I decided to become an engineer. Engineering is very creative. I have a number of patents that I've worked on. If you work in only one field, which I essentially did (in automotive), you slowly accumulate a combination of thoughts, ideas, designs, and philosophies in your mind. I couldn't actualize these concepts in a typical commercial organization, because everything one does in any kind of a large corporation is a series of compromises. So many people have inputs. Consequently, it's almost impossible to hold to your ideals in a major corporation. In my mind I could see what I thought was an opportunity to build a car that was unique in that it would be designed to

have essentially eternal life from the standpoints of not corroding, not wearing out—we overtired and overbraked it. I always felt it was tragic that all the resources and energy of the country went into producing a car that might last six or eight years and suddenly was of no more value. It just didn't make sense, because technically automobiles really have not advanced in any significant way in the last 45 years. I wanted to incorporate the air bag and a lot of other safety features, plus outstanding handling and performance. After leaving General Motors I spent a year working in Washington with the National Alliance of Business Men, which finds jobs for minorities, disadvantaged, needy, etc. After that I set up a consulting business. I consulted for a number of major companies including W.R. Grace and All State. I thought when I left General Motors I was going to take a tremendous cut in income. Instead, because of all my consulting I made more money than I ever had. I used most of it in developing this automobile.

Q In addition to your personal goals as an engineer and what you saw as a good product, you also had a sense of the market. Weren't you also concerned that the compromises within the bureaucracy meant losing touch with the marketplace?

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John DeLorean, son of an immigrant laborer, spent 17 years at General Motors where he headed the Pontiac and Chevrolet Divisions, setting records at both that have yet to be equalled. In October, 1972 he was promoted to group executive in charge of all of G.M.'s North American Car and Truck operations. In early 1973, he shocked the automotive world by resigning from General Motors to become the volunteer president of the National Alliance of Businessmen—finding jobs for minorities, the disadvantaged and needy youth. When his year in Washington was finished, he founded his own motor company.

Mr. DeLorean has since authored a book detailing his company's history and his ensuing federal arrest and acquittal.

Today he is the co-director of the New Start in Life Center in San Diego, California. Mr. DeLorean hopes to set up these spiritually based homes for the homeless in major cities throughout the United States.



A Yes. I also felt there was a real opportunity. At that time, the only American sports car was the Corvette. It looked like an opportunity to build an upgraded car so that when three or four hundred thousand Corvette owners wanted to buy a new car, they could move up into something a bit more sophisticated and elegant. That was my initial concept. I just wanted to try to build a prototype and ascertain whether or not I had a real opportunity there. All of the sudden, we got so carried away proving this, making that better and doing this right that we lost all sense of control in terms of the economics. I would end up spending everything I had to continue the project and carry it forward. I was obsessed with the idea of seeing it through.

Q Several times you mentioned in your book that if you'd only stopped and thoroughly assessed the situation, you probably would have stopped the entire project.



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A You must keep in mind that no automobile manufacturer has been successful since Walter Chrysler formed a new company in 1924. That means it has been 60 years since the previous one made the grade. All the others have gone into oblivion. So the financial community had no faith or confidence in my design. Consequently, I was driven to look for people who desperately needed employment. My primary asset was my wonderful relationship with the dealers in America who had always prospered more when I was the manager of their division than ever before or since. They had confidence in what I did. I had to work a trade with somebody, like a government, that wanted to provide jobs. I had the market opportunity and set out on a search around the world for somebody that we could make a deal with. The only place we could actually put together a funding arrangement was in Belfast, North Ireland. The reason we considered such an unattractive package financially was that when other governments finished their analysis, they always wound up hiring an accounting or consulting firm who would recommend safer investments. The people of the Northern Ireland Development Agency were in a position where they couldn't get anyone to go there because it was such a dangerous place. It wound up being a wedding of a project no one else wanted in a country no one else wanted. In retrospect, that was a mistake because a single plant company can't make it in an area like that. But it was the only place I could do it; I either had to make it go there or forget it. And I elected to go.

Q *You had some top advisors (Booz Allen and other major consultants)?*

A Yes, but they were not in the financial area. We used them in selected management areas to analyze the business risks and potential in various areas. When we decided to go to Belfast, Booz Allen backed off. They said we couldn't make it there and that it was too dangerous. Another person that advised against North Ireland was our investment banker, Wood Gundy in London.

Q *Wasn't another problem the fluctuation of the foreign exchange, which made your product more expensive in America then you wanted it to be?*

A Yes, when we made our business arrangement with the UK, the pound was about \$1.68-\$1.70. By the time our car went to market, the pound raised to \$2.40, which was a 40 percent increase. Every component in our car was pound based, and every purchase contract was based on the pound, so suddenly the price of our car went up 40 percent, \$17,000 to \$25,000. That was a blow (although not fatal—we still sold all the cars).

Q *So you were selling cars and when you ran into the cash flow problem you described were you still looking for additional investors?*

A I can remember to this day the final signing of our agreement. The Secretary of State and Minister of Industry both had their arms around my shoulder. They assured me of their support and the fact that we were in this situation together.

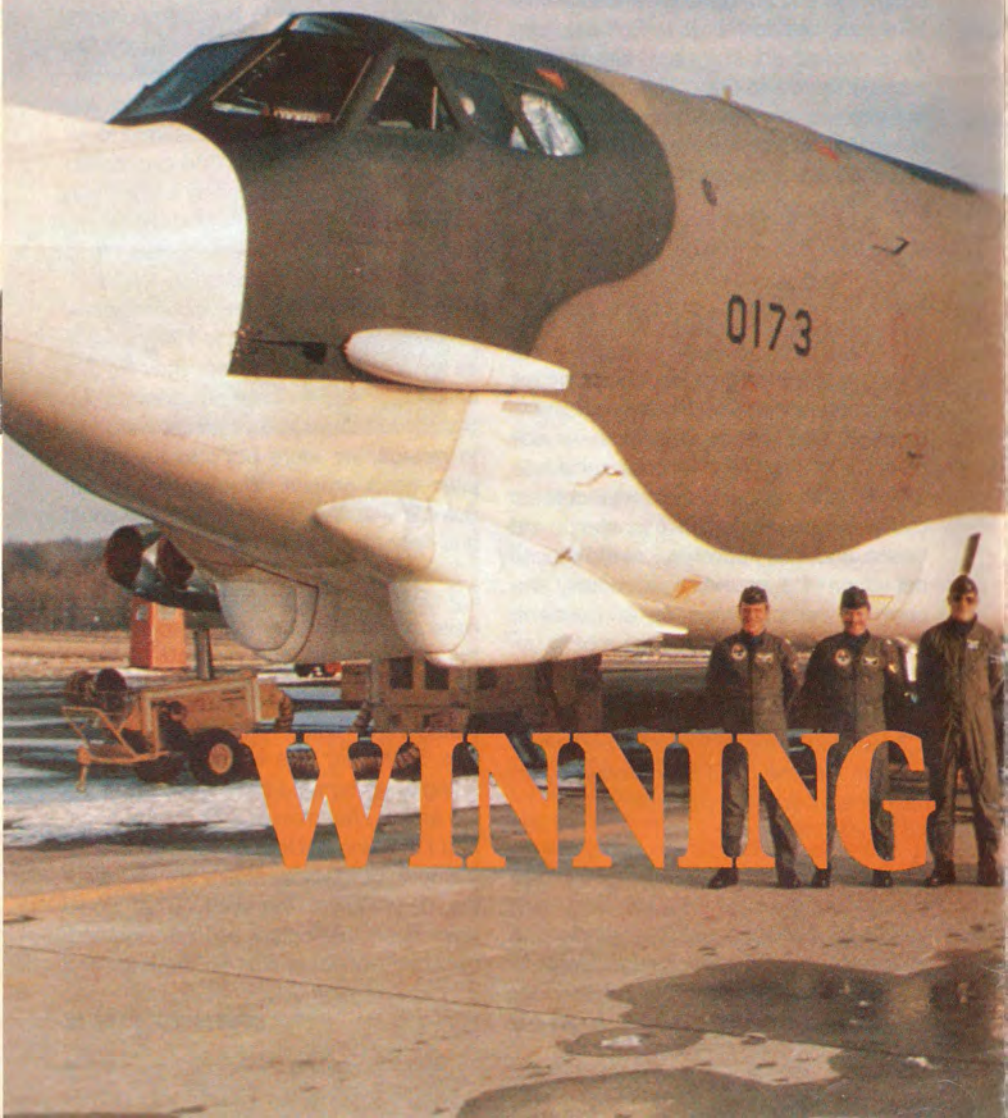
The decision to put an automobile industry in Ireland created tremendous employment. Then the conservative government got in. Part of our agreement called for the fabrication money, the tooling, the plant, and the training, but it also called for working capital to buy components. The master agreement signed by the Labor government called for them to provide 90 percent of the dealer net price of each car as it was finished related to export guarantee finance. The car essentially became their property until it was sold to the dealer. They would collect the money, take their 90 percent plus the interest back, and the balance would be refunded to us. But the new conservative English government decided to get out of all state-owned businesses. They elected unilaterally not to honor our contract for financial reasons. So when they elected to renege, we were put into an impossible cash crunch. We knew that our demise was inevitable unless we could find financing somewhere else.

Q *But all of these circumstances and risks must have been understood by the investment community.*

A Yes, and if I had been rational I would have said, "Here are the keys Mrs. Thatcher. This is your factory. I'm going to go home; I have been offered a job as the chairman of XYZ International and I'm going back to the United States. It's now your factory, these are your people, do whatever you want." That would have been the logical solution. Instead, because my name was on the door and

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Vincent J. Lewis, Lt. Col. (USAF)
Beavercreek, Ohio



WINNING

The bottom had fallen out of my life. I had lost my lovely wife and the two little babies she had given me. My world had crumbled, my finances were shot, and debt replaced my trusted savings account. I remained in our empty home for a few days after Charlette and the children had moved out. There, while sleeping on bare hardwood floors, I reached the depths of loneliness and despair.

The things I succeeded at were things to which I committed myself wholeheartedly. This has been captured in the words of a friend, Tom Underhill, who taught me that "All success is preceded by discipline."

I can look back and see many examples of God working in my life. During the period from 1979 to 1983, I was blessed with a T-37 jet instructor pilot assignment at Vance AFB in Oklahoma, where I had the honor of training the world's finest pilots. As I watched hundreds of students succeed at or fail that grueling one-year course, I noticed the common thread of discipline running through the lives of the graduates.

The most demanding years of my flying career, however, were as an aircraft commander of a B-52 bomber with the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Close association with nuclear weapons and the global strategic mission of SAC allowed no room for laxity. Strict professionalism and attention to detail were musts. Although the responsibility was awesome, the self-gratifying sense of achievement was worth repeated sacrifices: strange hours, family separation and a constant demand for only your best.

A tremendous sense of pride is born out of such success in the face of adversity. Contemporary management theorists call this self-actualization, high-achievement orientation or self-fulfillment. It is the root of secular humanism, since it proposes self as the center and purpose of life.

But Proverbs 16:18 says that "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." This is a spiritual law in the same sense that gravity is a physical law. Properly applied, it always acts in the same manner unless influenced by an outside force.

THROUGH SURRENDER

There was nothing to hinder this spiritual law from coming to pass in my life. Because I needed no one else for my sense of self-worth, I began to push those around me further away. Strife began to develop between me and the beautiful young woman I had married in 1968. How aptly Proverbs 28:25 identifies pride as the source of strife!

I was important in my own eyes: undergraduate degree from Loyola University of Los Angeles, master of science degree from University of Southern California, more money than I had ever made, and what's more, a job I truly enjoyed. This pride in self produced strife—in equal proportion.

James 3:16, another spiritual law, states, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." This, I have learned, is not only true in a marriage. It is true in a business and in a church.

My marriage became the focal point for the outward expression of strife. After just two years together, Charlette and I were miserable. Bitterness and criticism became the routine: I turned on her daily—like a soldier turning his gun on his own troops.

In 1970 I marched off to the Vietnam conflict, unsure of our future. There I began to nourish a long-standing love of alcohol. The saying in Vietnam was, "Booze is so cheap, you can't afford not to drink." As a matter of fact, one morning a week it was free at the officers' club. You're right if you guessed that the one morning was Sunday—overwhelming competition for our poorly attended chapel.

Strife continued through Charlette's

and my letters, and mutual trust melted with each passing day. After my return from Vietnam late in 1971, we were able to hold ourselves together for four more years.

Outwardly, like countless others, we were a normal couple. Yet inside we were living examples of James 3:16. Over the years, I have been told that I didn't really know how bad it can get. Oh, but I did! On June 5, 1975 in the county court in Utica, New York, a judge pronounced a final decree of divorce for our marriage. My heart was torn as I saw Charlette drive away with seven-year-old Angela and three-year-old Patrick.

I knew of no way to escape. Trying to ignore such a failure was impossible. I was confused, and fearful of the future. Gone were my quaint American dreams of a happy family, a little garden behind the house and a rich life full of wholesome pleasures.

Liquor couldn't cover the hurt, but I continued to drink. Later that year, following a night of heavy drinking, I drove my car through a telephone pole, miraculously escaping without a scratch while my car was a complete loss.

In abject desperation, I leaned on my religion as a last resort. However, all I found was an empty silhouette created by years of ceremony and tradition and my own failure to seek God.

By now, I believe that Satan felt that he had won. But I'm certain that out of the reaches of heaven God said, "No! He's mine." However, God wouldn't just step in and save me against my will. He sought for an intercessor to stand in the gap for me—someone to pray for me, to soften my heart through testimony and



*The Lewis family (clockwise from left):
Christina, 8; Angela, 16; Vincent;
Patrick, 12; Charlette; and Daniel, 3*

gentle nudgings.

Three thousand miles away in Culver City, California, the Lord found perhaps the last person on earth who knew my hurts enough to pray for me—my ex-wife. She had just received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour.

Over the months, just for old times' sake, I had kept in contact with her. Out of compassion for my situation, she tried to witness to me. She would tell me how she'd given her broken car to the Lord, and He'd fixed it. My stubborn pride told

me she was really messed up. More than once, while desperate for food money, they had found groceries on their front porch. I cried as I envisioned my children hungry and without a daddy.

She told me of a man she'd met. I held my breath in anticipation of unbearable news. She said he was a Man from Galilee and that He could change my life too. Although I scoffed at and chided her, these seemingly insignificant little testimonies initiated the first cracks in my wall of resistance toward God.

While on an Air Force trip to California,

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Miracle on Easter Sunday

Jim Pauquette
Saginaw, Michigan

*Focus on
Healing*



Easter Sunday morning, 1984, I was sitting in church with my wife, Rose. Although a layman, I coordinated and preached at a sunrise service every Easter morning. I began to reflect on a time just six short years ago—a time when I didn't know Jesus.

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I was a man of the world in those days, living what some call the good life. I was a church member who served on many boards and committees and did all kinds of good works. But at the same time, I was a slave to the pleasures of life and was desperately trying, at the age of fifty, to recapture my youth. Thoughtless concerning my wife and children, I never

really considered God's reality in my day-to-day life.

I had a challenging position as a senior project engineer in the aerospace industry. We had a 120-acre farm that occupied my spare time. Two or three nights a week, we would join friends for dinner and drinks, or just an evening of drinks. I was living life in the fast lane and wasn't interested in changing my ways.

But my life began to fall apart. I found I was drinking more and more. Our marriage of thirty years was beginning to disintegrate. My selfishness and insensitivity precluded my improving the situation.

By this time, I was working in Saginaw and spending a lot of time on the road. I

rose early, drove sixty miles to spend a full day at the office, returned, had dinner and spent the rest of the evening at my farm chores. When I could find time, I had fun. But the routine got to be too much. I became concerned and began to pray.

"God, help me out of this," the prayer would begin. Then in the same breath I would end, "Not now, Lord. Later, maybe. Right now I'm having too much fun!"

The Lord began to answer the first part and did not honor the second. When the pastor of our little country church extended the invitation to receive salvation on Christmas Day, 1977, I responded. I joined Rose at the altar and we both invited Jesus Christ into our lives.

One day in June of 1978, I became convinced that it was time to move to Saginaw. That was the day that both tractors and the hay baler broke down in the fields. I walked up to the house and found Rose. Very calmly, I said, "We're selling the farm." Two months later, we were living in Saginaw.

There I was to truly commit to the Lord on October 7, 1978. I had gone to a Christian concert with my son and daughter and began to feel very convicted about my lack of true commitment to Jesus Christ. In response to the appeal for repentance and salvation, I got down on my knees and gave my life wholly to Jesus. A few days later, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Eight months later on the eve of Father's Day, the Lord gave me a new prayer language.

Since that time, the Lord has drawn me into a new ministry to the terminally ill. Rose became impressed by the Lord to help those in need of a place to stay near the hospitals. We now operate our own

hospitality house for relatives of out-of-state patients who come to Saginaw for treatment. To prepare me for this work, God has blessed me with several miraculous healings and used me as an instrument in healing others.

Something the pastor was saying brought me back to the present. He was



Jim and Rose Pauquette (above) and their Hospitality House (top, next page)

asking for prayer again for little Yolanda Rosales. The church had been praying for a week now. Nine-year-old Yolanda had been stricken with Reye's Syndrome, an inflammation and swelling of the brain, which at that time was about eighty-percent fatal. Pastor Conn was reporting the latest on Yolanda's condition. He had just talked to her mother, Josie, at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Yolanda had deterio-



Yolanda Rosales, now 11 years old, is a walking miracle and testament to the power of prayer.

rated rapidly overnight and was in a deep coma. She was in the last stage of Reye's before death.

Very emotionally, Pastor told us that he was leaving to go to the hospital right after the service. Immediately I felt the Lord tell me that I should go with him. I leaned over to whisper to Rose, "I'm going with him." Rose quickly agreed, knowing that our pastor would need support. He had pastored our congregation for only nine months, coming right from seminary. We had faced so much illness and death in that short time that I was concerned for his strength. I felt he was not ready to handle the death of such a young girl. At that point, I didn't have the faith to believe that Yolanda could be healed.

Jim welcomed my offer to go with him.

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my ego was involved, I went into an absolutely desperate search all over the world talking to every major manufacturer who had any interest in or relationship to cars. Fifty or sixty of those were in England and the United States. I talked to anybody that might possibly be interested, but unfortunately it just couldn't be done.

Q *Was it at that point you began to seek advice from the spiritualist?*

A It had started a little before that. My wife had originally met this lady and kept encouraging me to see her. In the beginning I didn't want to; I thought it was a waste of time. My first meeting with her was only to placate my wife. I found the spiritualist to be intelligent, someone I could discuss things with. She did introduce me to a very wealthy Iranian who had been in the automobile business in Iran. He expressed considerable interest in investing, although he never did. So I felt she had some credibility, and I started talking to her more and more as the business started to deteriorate. I started seeing her about six months prior to that, and I continued regularly until the time of my arrest. At that point, she disappeared.

Q *Now the incidents with the FBI sting operation and Hoffman are pretty well known. According to your book, in a real sense you were not entrapped, because you never did commit a crime.*

A The definition of entrapment is to commit a crime, being forced into it by

the government. But what actually happened was that no crime was ever committed. The jury made that determination. But if there had been any question, I was entrapped anyway. So I would have been set free in either case. I think the most important thing was the way that I was selected. In February of 1982, the informant was sitting in the Federal Courthouse in Los Angeles preparing to testify in another case. He picked up a copy of the Wall Street Journal, and it had an article about my company and the financial bind we were in. He turned to three agents (one of them was Gerald Scotti, who testified to this) and said, "You know I met this guy once and as bad as he needs money I could nail him for you guys." Now that has nothing to do with a crime. It came out in court that the government discussed a number of potential crimes they were going to try to entangle me in. They discussed financial manipulations, narcotics, stock frauds, and many other areas. Five months later was the first time Scotti called me. At that time, he gave me a bank reference, the best bank reference that I've ever received on anybody in my life. I've always relied on bankers.

Q *How was the medium encouraging you at this time?*

A She kept saying that these guys have the money, go along with them and so on. I thought they were members of organized crime, but from the first mention of narcotics I was convinced that they were not narcotics dealers. Nothing they said made any sense. I thought they were trying to get ahold of my company. In an automobile company exporting

business you're moving hundreds of millions of dollars a year around in various kinds of financing.

Q *After the arrest you went to prison. It was at that time that you began to seek the Lord. Would you share that experience?*

A It changed my life completely. My wife had brought me a New International Version Bible. So although I attended St. Patrick's every morning of my life, if you asked me where the Bible was in my house I couldn't tell you. I hadn't seen it in years. Suddenly I have this NIV in my hand, and I found it to be extremely readable. I had an intense compulsion to read from sunup every day until lights out; I couldn't quit reading and studying it.

Q *Did you wonder why you had this intense compulsion at that time?*

A No. What I thought was that I had been doing all the things you should do; I have always considered myself a man of honor and integrity. When I'm your friend I'm your friend, I don't care what it takes. You can have my car, my house, or anything else if you need it. I've spent a great deal of my life working for the poor and the disadvantaged. It was something I was always very interested in. Then all of the sudden in one day I go from being one of America's leading industrialists to being in prison with bank robbers, burglars, spies, and terrorists. Everything I believed in was stripped from me and destroyed, and I knew at that point in time that coming back was almost impossible. Once this has been done to you, especially in our media-conscious world, a certain number of people will always

I knew something was really wrong with my life.



think of you as that dope dealer they grabbed who got off on a technicality. I knew something was really wrong with my life. I was looking to God, and the Bible was the vehicle by which I could do that. Also a young seminary student who held the Bible studies in prison talked to me about Jesus every day. I was so wrong in my understanding of Jesus.

Q *Did you at some point make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?*

A Oh yes, absolutely. It changed my life. Here I'm so completely burdened with the weight of all these things. Probably the most serious thing was the impact on my family; I just couldn't imagine the horror and terror they were living with. I could put up with what was happening to me, but thoughts of my family tortured me. All these cares were just taken off my shoulders, however, as I committed my life to Jesus. I felt the Lord assuring me that everything was going to be all right. It was an incredible experience! The next day when Christina came to take me home, we figured out how to make the bail by borrowing and selling and doing everything we could. She looked at me and said, "I don't understand it, you don't look like you have a care in the world. You look twenty years younger than you did yesterday." I had had terrible headaches for about seven years, to the extent that I took an over-the-counter drug from Canada called 222 (aspirin-codeine combination). I got to the point I was taking 35 to 40 of them a day. Every night, even in prison, I had to take sleeping pills to go to sleep. Since that time, I haven't had a sleeping pill. I

haven't had a headache either, and I'm like a different human being. I'm strong in the Lord. If I told you during this interview all the problems I had and continue to have it would take three days, but I have absolute faith and confidence that the Lord is going to take care of them all.

Q *You stated that the Lord directed you to retain Howard Weitzman. How did you get this direction?*

A I study the Bible every single day of my life for an extended period of time to get direction. I've learned that the answers to all of man's problems are in there because the problems are not unique. With slight variations, they've been faced throughout history by millions of people. When I'm doing the Lord's will, I feel a very strong peace about it. When I'm doing something outside of His will, I'm terribly uneasy. This spiritual perception has come from just submerging myself in the Word. The problem I had when I was indicted was that I had never met a criminal attorney in my life. My wife called my corporate lawyer in New York for a reference, and he really didn't know any criminal lawyers. So we made two or three bad mistakes with people who obviously knew nothing about our problem. I came to Howard who was hired as an incidental part of one of the other teams. When I first decided to hang onto him I thought, "I'm going to bring in a heavy duty lawyer" (by then I knew of Jerry Spence, Race Horse Hanes, and Edward Bennett Williams, etc., the guys who win all the big, big cases). But I told Weitzman that while we're going through the motions I'd keep him. He has an incred-

ible ability to reveal inconsistencies in people's testimonies—he's the Clarence Darrow of this age. It proved to be a correct choice. I believe that Howard was led by the Lord in many ways.

Q *How did becoming a Christian change you in terms of what's important in your value system and your lifestyle?*

A I found that the only thing that's really important in your life is Christ; other things are relative. Jesus is the center of my life. Then comes my love for my family. My love for my children has increased as a result of my love for the Lord.

Q *What would you say were the keys to your success in your career with General Motors?*

A I don't consider my gifts unusual or different. I have two characteristics that have served me well. One is that I always believed that if you hired me you have my complete allegiance. I wanted to do everything in my power to make your business successful because you hired me. That is my obligation. In addition, I have always had a very intense sense of competition.

Q *You headed Pontiac, then Chevrolet, and finally the North American Divisions. In each case you were far exceeding previous sales figures.*

A I think I've always been successful because of my abilities to get the support of those subordinate to me and to work with them—I've always had respect for them. I used to go through the Pontiac



All these cares were just taken off my shoulders as I committed my life to Jesus.

With son Zachary



With daughter Kathryn

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factory during the Christmas season and shake hands with 5,000 people. When I was chief engineer for Pontiac, I always let the young engineers express their ideas.

Q *Why did you leave GM?*

A Running a division was incredible, it was just like being a quarterback on a football team, especially in those days because the whole automobile industry of America was centered in Detroit. The Japanese business was still pretty small, and the Volkswagen Beetle was dying out. So I knew my competitor, I knew that Lee Iacocca was at Ford, I was at Chevy, and so on. Every ten days I could see how effective my plans were in terms of product, quality, and marketing in comparison with them. It was like being in a big contest, and ultimately it was as much fun as anything I have ever done in my life. Suddenly I became a group executive, and I was sitting in meetings all day long with the same 20 or 28 people, day in and day out. It was an experience I couldn't handle. I said, "I've got to work another 18 or 19 years and I can't do it this way." So I decided to go off and do something else.

Q *How do you view the future in relationship to your Christian testimony?*

A So far I've appeared on a number of primarily secular television and radio shows. In every single instance I've been permitted to give my testimony, and talk about it. I was on the Today Show three days in a row. Usually the first two days they are pretty nice to you. But the last day they know they're not going to get you back so they nail you. Brian Gumble

was interviewing me, and the first question he asked was about my Christianity. I saw he had a yellow pad with twelve other questions on it. I started talking and he didn't interrupt me at all. I spent a full five minutes talking about my experience, giving my testimony to 25 million people. I've never heard of that being done, but it's happened on every single program I've been on since. I think that's part of the work that the Lord would have me do.

Q *Did you experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit while you were meeting with George Otis?*

A Yes, with him and Harald Bredesen, one of my closest friends.

Q *You've shared that your pride has been removed from you for other reasons besides your circumstances.*

A I understand pride as the sin that it is, and it is clearly the worst sin in my life. But I think understanding the problem and being willing to live a Christ-centered life without ego has been and continues to be the solution to my problems.

Q *What advice would you give to any business readers we might have who could conceivably find themselves in a similar situation to yours?*

A I think the big tragedy is to discover the power of Christ so late. What a marvelous life I could have had if I'd discovered it when I was 20 instead of when

I'm almost 60! I would challenge them to investigate. You can't have all these good Christian people all over the world unless there is something really there. People owe it to themselves to look, but they never do until some horrible thing happens to them. By then it's too late. If I could somehow impart to them that today is the day to look; today is the day to try and understand what's really happening. If you can ask the Lord into your life, it's the most miraculous thing that will ever happen to you. Maybe the thing that is difficult about it is that it is so simple, really it's just a matter of your accepting the Lord. It sounds too easy in a society where we have to strive so hard to get everything we want. It's too simple, it's too straightforward, but it's right there in the Bible.

Q *As a Christian now, how do you feel about the people that have been harassing and persecuting you?*

A I've forgiven them, and I am praying that somehow they can come to the Lord so they don't do these things to other people.

Q *What is your outlook for the future?*

A I believe that the best part of my life is still ahead of me. I still have whatever characteristics made me successful in the secular world, but now a dimension has been added that is so powerful, so strong, that the best part of my life is yet to come! □

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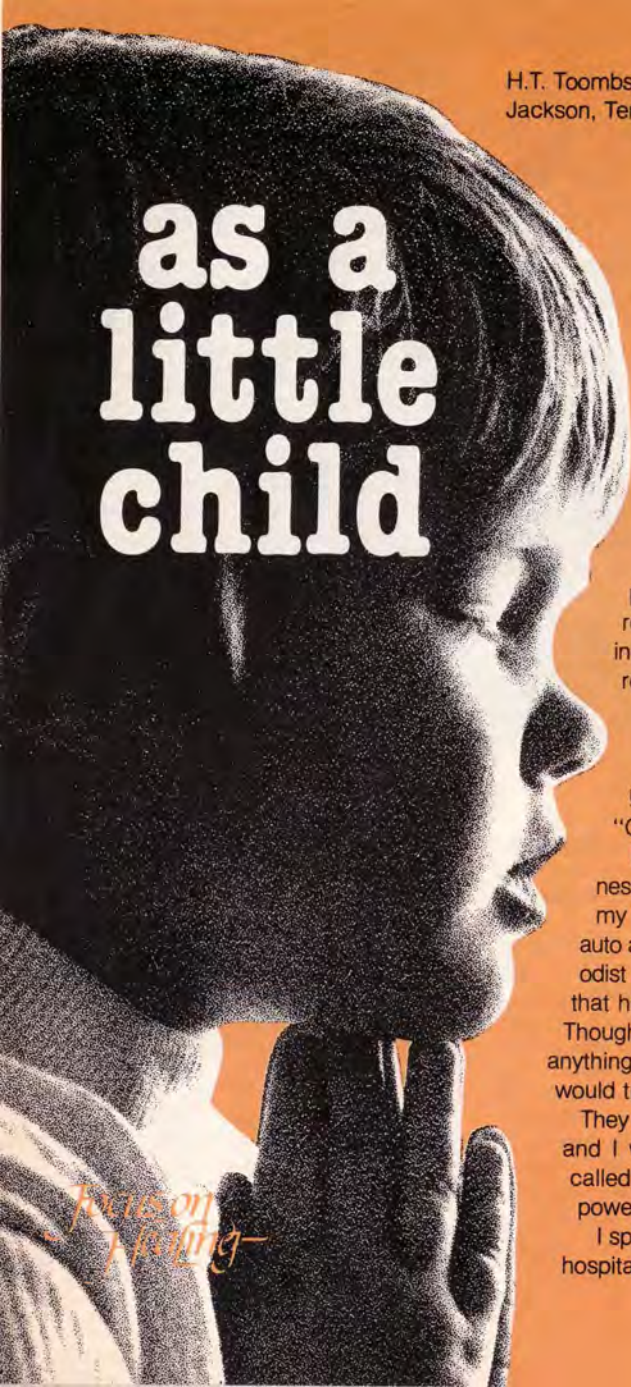
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H.T. Toombs
Jackson, Tennessee

as a little child

Through the years, I prayed many childish prayers—for protection and self-gratification. And though I taught Sunday school for many years, thinking that I was working for the Lord, I needed to let Him work *through* me.

It was not until October 18, 1962 that I learned to pray a childlike prayer and to really understand the meaning of a little plaque that I had read many times while growing up. It hung behind the pulpit in the small rural church that my family and I attended, and it read simply, "God is love."

I had returned from a business trip to Chicago to learn that my wife had been in a serious auto accident. The doctor at Methodist Hospital in Memphis told me that her chances to live were nil. Though he didn't think there was anything they could do for her, they would try.

They rolled Maureen into surgery, and I went to the telephone and called three friends who knew the power of prayer.

I spent the next six hours in the hospital prayer room on my knees.

Focus on
Praying

There I learned the difference between childish, selfish prayers and childlike prayers, placing all my hope for my loved one's recovery in my heavenly Father.



I LEARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHILDISH PRAYERS AND CHILDLIKE PRAYERS.

Two years after the accident, the Lord opened the door for me to teach the largest Bible class in Memphis. He blessed that ministry for fifteen years.

In 1967 I began a letter ministry to my fellow workers at Greyhound Lines, which continues today.

The year 1977 brought a new challenge for even greater service. I took over the Bill Baxter Bible Class here in Jackson, Tennessee, which is broadcast regularly over radio and reaches a large segment of our population.

I have discovered that many are hungry to find the Lord. If you are one of these, I invite you to turn to page 38 and take the Six Steps to Salvation. □

As I walked out of the prayer room at 11:00 P.M., I bumped into a man who identified himself as Dr. John Knox, the anesthetist during my wife's surgery. They had put more than 1,000 stitches in her face and body but, unable to set her mangled arm, they had simply placed it in a sling. Then he told me an amazing, wonderful thing.

"Your wife had no chance to survive," he said, "and yet at nine o'clock tonight there was a sudden change. We don't understand it—but she's going to be all right." And she still is, more than twenty-three years later, with only one small scar above her right temple. God answers prayer.

H.T. Toombs attended Union University in Jackson, Tennessee and worked with Greyhound Lines, Inc. in several capacities, retiring as manager of the company's Group Travel Movements. He and his wife Maureen have a son and daughter and are members of First Baptist church, where Mr. Toombs is a deacon.

Vijaya Corea
Colombo, Sri Lanka

I had name, gain and fame. But I did *not* have inner peace and security due to a broken home in early childhood.

People called me "Sri Lanka's No. 1 Compere" (professional broadcaster). In every popularity poll I was voted "Most Popular DJ." I traveled to many countries in Europe and to the Far East as master of ceremonies. Heads-of-state in these audiences included the Queen of England and Prince Phillip.

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Educated in a Christian school (St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia) and having received Sunday-school teaching in childhood, I had heard but never really listened to the Word of God. All I knew was that it was good to go to church on Sundays and thus discharge my religious obligations. Monday through Saturday I ran my life the way it pleased me, and that was no different than someone who was not a Christian.

I diligently practiced churchianity but was far from Christianity. Finally comprehending this, I decided to do something about it. I had heard many times that Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:3). I knew I had to repent and let God take control. I had to ask forgiveness for every part of my past life that was not right in God's sight.

I did this, accepting Jesus Christ as my

I LIVE BECAUSE JESUS LIVES

*Focus on
Healing*



Vijaya Corea with his wife Ranjini, son Viran and daughter Sashika

personal Saviour. My whole life changed. I found inner peace, joy and the security that fame and fortune had never given me.

In 1982 I noticed a painful and hard swelling in the region of my groin. The doctor diagnosed it as filaria and treated me with Hetrazan, Indocid and Ampicillin. The pain rapidly disappeared, but the swelling and hardness remained.

At the end of February, 1984, I developed a pain in my right hand that led me to seek medical attention from a leading general physician. It too was diagnosed as filaria.

When I told him of the 1982 diagnosis, he examined me further and with alarm promptly referred me to a surgeon.

The outcome was surgery on March 22, 1984.

As I was being prepared for the operation, I remembered the painful aftermath of an appendectomy nine years earlier. This led me to pray. I had hardly finished when the Lord assured me, "Tonight you will know I am with you." I needed no painkillers or sedatives and slept well with no discomfort.

Recovering quickly, I was about to be discharged from the hospital. The biopsies, done independently by two of the most eminent pathologists in Sri Lanka, brought bad news. It was cancer of the most virulent kind—malignant teratoma—undifferentiated, with tumor cells present in the blood vessels.

A leading cancer specialist summoned by my sister told her confidentially that I didn't have more than three months to live.

My wife broke the news to me. I inquired whether it meant cancer. When she nodded my reply was, "I am not worried because I know that my God can heal me."

I was told that it was necessary to undergo further tests, then to receive treatment—either radiotherapy or chemotherapy—at the Cancer Institute in Maharagama.

I reached for my Bible and read Psalm 32. It gave me the assurance that I was a forgiven sinner. I went on to read Psalm 34. Verse 19 leaped out at me: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

My sister planned to send me to England, where better and more modern test facilities were available. I asked the Lord if this were His will. He impressed these words upon my heart, "I will take you, keep you in peace and bring you back." His hand was evident in all of the arrangements.

On the eve of my departure I stood before the congregation at a Lenten service in Christ Church, Dehiwela. I told them that I was leaving for London the next day because of biopsy results, and that I believed the Word of God that "by his stripes I am healed" (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24).

I assured them that every report brought back from London would confirm that the Word of God is true. I shared my belief that the key to receiving forgiveness of sins is repentance, and the key to receiving healing is obedience. In Exodus 15:26, God's covenant says: "If

thou wilt diligently hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

In the bedroom prepared for me at my cousin's home in London, I noticed a calendar with daily Scripture readings. The verse for that day, April 6, said: "Return home and tell how much God has done for you" (Luke 8:39). Certainly that word was for me.

At the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead the following day, the biopsy was repeated with the balance of the tumor taken from Colombo. The findings in Sri Lanka were confirmed. A vital blood test, known as the tumor-marker test, clearly showed that I was diseased.

The specialist said that I needed chemotherapy and referred me to another oncologist who had done specialized research on this type of tumor.

So far I had experienced total peace. Now came a moment when I could not see the compatibility between chemotherapy and healing by the power of God. My wife prayed, "Lord, all this time he has had so much confidence. Now he looks so worried."

She had hardly finished when the Lord forcefully impressed upon her mind, "He's worried because he's trying to run ahead of My time. It must be seen that he is diseased so that I can heal him." I was encouraged when she conveyed this to me.

I kept my appointment with the second specialist. The final decision: chemo-

therapy. As my bio data were being recorded, I declared, "I am a Bible-believing Christian who trusts the living Lord Jesus for my healing."

"Aha!" exclaimed the doctor. (*This is no intellectual!* may have been his thought.)

Before chemotherapy began, further surgery was recommended to remove tissues and blood vessels from the affected area. Thereafter, the blood was to be monitored at regular intervals. If there was a fall in the tumor marker, the dosage of chemotherapy was to be decreased.

Six days after the initial test that was "bad," the second sample was taken, a few hours *before* surgery. That evening I underwent one and a quarter hours of surgery. Upon regaining consciousness I felt no discomfort.

Five days later I was to be discharged from the hospital to recuperate at my cousin's home. The surgeon saw me the preceding day to approve my leaving. "We will need a sample of your blood," he told me, "for a test ordered by the oncologist."

As I prepared to leave the hospital my surgeon telephoned. "The biopsy done with tissues removed during your second surgery indicates *no trace of malignancy*," he reported.

Now came the most exciting news. The report of the blood sample taken prior to surgery was normal. The blood sample taken after surgery also was normal. Every tumor-marker test done after that, first weekly, then fortnightly, and finally monthly, was normal.

A full body scan and bone scan also showed that I was normal.

The first consultant's remark was, "No doubt the hand of God has been in this."

All the second consultant could say was, "These reports have thrown me completely off balance. What can I tell you, other than to suggest that you book your flight back home?"

The surgeon remarked, "You couldn't have asked for anything better. Let's face it, things were pretty bad for you."

I told him, "My faith has made me whole."

He couldn't help but agree.

I was back home in exactly forty days, completely cured without ever having been treated with chemotherapy or radiotherapy.

The miracle-working hand of God had moved perfectly, leaving absolutely no room for the cynic or the critic. Some were tempted to say that the histological report might have been erroneous. But the samples had been examined independently by three eminent pathologists.

Others conjectured that the initial removal of the tumor had made the cure complete. But the tumor-marker test taken in London three weeks after diagnosis confirmed that I was diseased.

Surely there is no running away from the truth. In the name of Jesus Christ, I was healed. He is Almighty. He is sovereign. I live because Jesus lives.

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WINNING THROUGH SURRENDER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

I paid Charlette a visit, just to see how things were going. "Would you go to church with us on Sunday?" she asked. "The kids would really like it." I said I would.

The experience was strange and different—like something I had never felt before. Little did I know that that small church body had been united in prayer for my salvation.

A man there, whom I had never seen before and have not seen since, came up to me after the service, gently took my hands and asked if I'd like to accept this wonderful Saviour. I knew that it was something I just had to do. I said I would, and then and there as he prayed with me I invited Jesus Christ into my heart.

It was finally over. My military mind couldn't comprehend how anyone could win through surrender. But it happened. I laid down my weapon of pride and surrendered to my Lord.

Returning to New York, I realized that something about me was slowly changing. Things that once seemed so exciting began to lose their attractiveness. Over the next few months, all of my priorities were miraculously rearranged.

The following year, while God rested His hand upon my shoulder, I stepped up to the next biggest challenge of my life—and asked my ex-wife to remarry me.

She surrendered her entire life into the hands of the Lord and said "I do." On May 15 that year we walked the aisle together in the same Foursquare Gospel Church of Culver City in which I had met Jesus.

He began to change us into the couple He wants us to be. It hasn't been easy, and we're still changing. Through these years, we have learned some vital aspects of a successful marriage.

We've learned that daily Bible reading, prayer and meditation are essential to a strong union. Improving our minds and our bodies according to Romans 12:1 and 2 is a must. Controlling our tongues, although the most difficult challenge, has proved invaluable.

Our commitment to clasp hands and pray together at least five minutes a day for the rest of our lives has done the most to open our marriage to God.

The miracles we have seen are numerous, and God has blessed us richly. We now have four children. God uses us often to console others who have problem marriages and has given us a close association with Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

My recent promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force was the latest example of God's blessing.

Above all this, there is one thing I know for sure. Where there once was death, there now is life. Where there once was strife, there is now love. To God be the glory forever. □

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MIRACLE ON EASTER SUNDAY
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After the one-hundred-mile drive and a silent ride in the hospital elevator, we found Yolanda's parents, Bernie and Josie, in the lounge of the neurological intensive care unit. But instead of being distraught as we had expected, they were extremely peaceful. They had committed Yolanda to the Lord.

As we talked, a young couple and a small boy came into the lounge and introduced themselves. They too had come all the way from Saginaw. Without knowing any of us, the Shaws had come to encourage Bernie and Josie with the healing testimony of their son, Patrick. The Lord had healed him of Reye's Syndrome nine months before. After hearing a prayer request for Yolanda at their church, Jean and Terry had brought Patrick to Detroit to encourage Yolanda's parents. We were all extremely blessed that these Christians cared so much.

Finally the time came when Bernie and Josie were called on the intercom to let them know they could go in to see Yolanda. Visits to the ICU were normally limited to five minutes every hour for the immediate family only. So I was surprised when Bernie asked if I would like to come in with them and the pastor, but I quickly accepted the invitation. As we walked down the hall, I silently asked the Holy Spirit to give me strength and wisdom to minister to this couple who had such tremendous faith in His love.

As we entered the room, I was unprepared for the sight that met our eyes. Yolanda looked like a corpse, strapped to a bed that looked more like a table, with

tubes and wires all over her. I followed Josie to Yolanda's right side while Bernie and the pastor went to her left. When I place my hand on Yolanda's leg, I was astonished at the intensity of the fever. (I later learned that her temperature had been as high as 107 degrees.)

Our pastor led off in prayer, and the rest of us joined in as we were prompted by the Holy Spirit. We were praying so fervently that it was several minutes before I even realized that Josie and I were praying in our prayer languages. I rebuked the demons causing Yolanda's fever and commanded them to be driven from her body. As we left the room, a real sense of peace came over us.

Jim and I began the return drive to Saginaw. As I flipped through the New Testament, my attention was drawn to Mark 16:17 and 18: "And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name shall they drive out demons; they shall speak with new tongues...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." I claimed victory for Yolanda right then and there.

We later learned that Yolanda's fever had broken that afternoon. In a few days, all tubes and wires were gone except for one intravenous feeding tube. On the Sunday two weeks after that memorable Easter, Yolanda was back in her Sunday school class. She soon returned to her classes at school, fully and miraculously healed by the power of the living God. □

Jim Pauquette is Technical Director of Arrow Paper Products. He and his wife Rose have raised five children. They attend First Church of God in Saginaw, where he has been Chairman of the Board and is active with the Division of Social Concerns. Jim is vice president of the Saginaw Chapter of FGBMF.

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6 STEPS TO SALVATION

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

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2. Repent "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

4. Forsake "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord...for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

5. Believe "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:6).

6. Receive "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11,12).

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