## "HEY KIDS, REMEMBER"



BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER; WHILE THEY ARE STILL SPEAKING I WILL HEAR. (GOD) ISAIAH 65:24

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Issue 48: Helen Roseveare

## God Answered





"The baby

came too early and is so tiny."

**Dr. Helen Roseveare** had worked hard to save both the mother and the baby, but the mom died, leaving the baby and a crying two-year-old. "What can we do now?"

Dr. Helen was a missionary doctor in Zaire, Africa, in a village where there was nothing that could help a premature baby live. They had no incubator and no electricity to run an incubator if they had one. They had no special feeding or breathing tubes. And, although they lived on the equator, nights were chilly.

A student midwife went to get a box that had cotton pads to wrap the baby and keep him warm. Another student went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. When the student nurse came back, she was in tears. "I was filling the bottle and it burst," she said. Rubber gets weak easily in tropical climates. "...and it is our last hot water bottle!"

Their village was in the middle of the jungle. There were no



drugstores; no place to buy a new hot water bottle.

"All right," Helen said, "Put the baby as near the fire as you safely can; sleep between the baby and the door to keep him free from drafts. Your job is to keep the baby warm."

The following noon, as she always did, Dr. Helen went to pray with some of the orphanage children. She told them about the tiny baby.

"We are trying to keep the baby warm enough, but have no hot water bottle. The baby could so easily die if he gets chilled. Also, the two-year old girl keeps crying for her mother."

During the prayer time, ten year-old Ruth prayed in the usual blunt way of those African children. "Please, God," she prayed, "send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, the baby will be dead. So, please send it this afternoon."

Dr. Helen secretly gasped at such a bold prayer, but the girl added, "And while You are at it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl so she'll know You really love her?"

"Can I honestly say amen?"
Dr. Helen asked herself. She didn't really believe that God could do that. She thought, "I know that He can do everything: The Bible says so, but there are limits, aren't there?"

The only way God could answer that prayer would be to send a package from someone back home. But no one had ever done that. "Anyway," Helen said to herself, "if anyone did send a package, who would put in a hot water bottle? I live on the equator

# Think About It

Jesus said we should pray for God to fulfill his plans for

the world: "Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

What God wants is for the whole world to know about Jesus and become His followers.

How can you help answer that prayer? (Hint: Read Matthew 28:19,20



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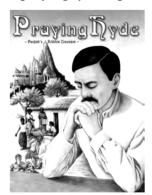


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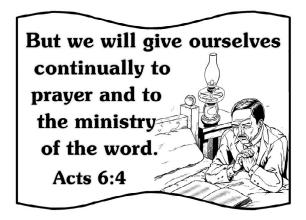
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The drawing above is of a man who was a missionary in India. He was called Praying Hyde because he did exactly what Acts 6:4 says we must do. Another way to say the verse is.

# "But we ourselves will keep on talking with God and telling his word." (Worldwide English NT)

No matter what our age or whether or not we become missionaries, we should do what this verse says.

Write down the two things we must do.		

where it's hot!"

Halfway through the afternoon, someone told Dr. Helen, "There is a car at your front door." By the time she got there, the car had gone and a large package was on the porch.

Dr. Helen got tears in her eyes. She sent for the orphanage children.

Together they pulled off the string. Wide eyes focused on the large cardboard box. Reaching in, Helen lifted out brightly colored knitted vests. Eyes sparkled as she gave them out. Then there were knitted bandages, and the children began to look a little bored.

As Dr. Helen put her hand in the box again, she felt the... could it really be? She grasped it, and pulled it out. Yes, "A brand-new rubber hot water bottle!" she cried.

She had not asked God to send it and had not truly believed that He could. But Ruth had.

Ruth rushed forward and said, "If God sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!"

Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, Dr. Helen pulled out the small, beautifully dressed doll.

Ruth's eyes shone: She had never doubted! Looking up at Dr. Helen, she asked, "Can I go over with you and give this dolly to that little girl, so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?"

The package had been on the way for five whole months. Whoever packed it sent a hot water bottle, even to the equator. Someone else had put in a dolly for an African child. They did this five months before ten-year-old Ruth asked God to bring those things "this afternoon."



"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

See a three-minute video of Dr. Helen Roseveare telling this story. vimeo.com/2495731

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# Prayer is a missionary's most important job.

Africa is continent that has many people who have never heard of Jesus. Would you be willing to go to Africa to share the Good News of Jesus?

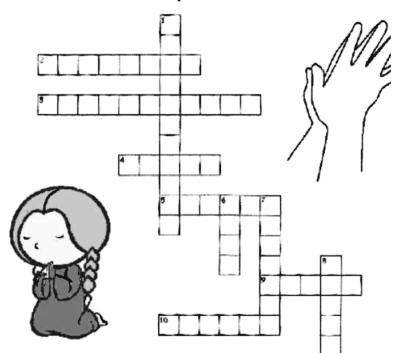


Right now you aren't able to be a going missionary, but you can pray that God will show you if you are supposed to be a going missionary when you grow up.

And you can practice being a missionary right where you are, right now!

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## Lord's Prayer Crossword



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever Amen.

(Matthew 5:9-13)

HINT—Choose from these words:

example	hears	simple
forgiveness	communicate	praise
anywhere	pray	
hands	power	

## ACROSS

You can pray anytime and

3. Prayer is the special way we \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it is best to keep it this.
9. Prayer has a lot of this because God can do anything.

10. Include this in your prayer to God because He

deserves to hear it.

### **DOWN**

pray.

1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's prayer is an \_\_\_\_\_ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always \_\_\_\_\_ us when we

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