

September Testimonies

- This came from one of our gathering groups...

Last night, 7 French students and the 2 leaders (students and leaders from an exchange student program in our community) showed up to experience Yahuah! We had "treasure hunt" papers and all asked Holy Spirit to give us clues to who we were going to encounter to pray for. I took 1 leader and 2 girls with me. I had gotten food trucks and one of the girls had gotten "cuisine." I got dog, beer, black and white stripes and other things. We first encountered a woman with a beer, and she delightfully received prayer for hope and finances... likewise others we encountered. The black and white stripes turned into blue and white stripes for a lady who had the top of her finger cut off. We prayed for total restoration of the finger when the bandage came off. One of the girls had pink T-shirt and I had "kidney." The last one we found was a girl working in the bar with a pink T-shirt! Her cousin was going to have kidney surgery, and we prayed for healing and wholeness to the kidney. What a glorious night! All praise and honor and glory be to our Living, healing, caring God, Yahuah! And that was just my group! We had 4 groups go out...

- Jim had come early to Encounter Night because he was our speaker that night. He was sharing testimonies from his life. He shared how the eye Dr. had found three arteries or veins in his eye that were kind of ballooned up and in danger of bursting or collapse. The doctor told him to come back in four months to check it. He had prayed about it. When he came back the doctor said they needed to check his eye again, especially because he was diabetic. Except he isn't diabetic anymore and hasn't been for ten months because Jesus healed him! When the eye doctor checked his eye, it was totally fine also! Praise the Lord! Jim shared many more stories that night that truly blessed us. It's so encouraging to hear how God has moved in someone's life!
- One of the ways the Lord speaks to me is showing a theme in the natural. For over a year now I've felt the Lord speaking when I would see spare change on the ground. He continued to highlight change to me, and I would ask him about it. He wasn't really answering me but continued to highlight the change. I had a lot of theories, but nothing was really landing. The Lord even gave me the song Pennies from Heaven, last Christmas. Only recently did it land what the Lord had been trying to speak to me! Someone from our church (I can't remember who) posted something on their Facebook about how pennies used to have value and now we just walk over them. How that can correlate to our blessings too. Stewarding even our small blessings well. Well, you see, I am thankful for blessings. For a while each now and every time God did something great for me, I would celebrate, but then I would remember the big stuff I am contending. Disappointment and hopelessness would settle in my heart instead. So, each blessing that happened I eventually would also feel a deep pain in my soul as well. Luke 16:10 talks about being faithful with little and you can be faithful with much. I had never correlated that to being grateful with blessings for some reason. I now realize if I am thankful for every little thing and I do not let the enemy come in and ruin it with anything negative anymore, that I am stewarding the small blessing with faithfulness. Now I refuse to let that hopelessness land in my heart. Every time I see spare change now, I feel so grateful and am reminded to be grateful for each and every small thing in a new way. I also feel so loved for God's correction. He corrects the ones he loves. If you feel the Lord highlighting something to you pay attention. I could have decided that it was silly for God to talk through a penny and tossed it, especially because it took over a year to get what he was saying through it. He in fact was speaking. When things happen to me like that, I just make a mental note and set it on a shelf after asking God and not getting an answer. God often answers me immediately, but he also often waits to give me an answer. The Bible does say he hides things for us to find. - Felicia

- August had been slow at the home air-bnb and we need it to be 50% booked. We didn't have a guest for almost a week and a half. Jeremy prayed for 50% this morning in his personal time while I was churching. After 2nd worship, 2 bookings came in starting tomorrow through the weekend...and we are at 48%!
Update: By the end of August, we were at 78 percent booked! -Robin
- My husband and I have been looking to the Lord for provision for a while now. Butch has been unemployed and dealing with some health issues, etc. I've had such peace and joy through this all because I know that God will not abandon or leave us destitute. A couple weeks ago Butch mentioned that he needed shampoo. I was just going to grab some at the Dollar Store. The next day my sister, Grace, who is the office admin at church, came to our door with two large bags that had been dropped off for us at VCC. They were full of shampoo, conditioner, soap, shower gel, facial cleansers, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, shavers, and much more! When I started to put everything away, I realized it wasn't just shampoo that we were low on. My shampoo and my shower gel were both down to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in the bottom of the bottles, Butch was on his last bar of soap, and I had just one shaver head left! Another thing that really touched me was that these were big 32 oz. sized bottles, expensive brands, and there was even a curly hair cream for me! This is just so like God! He doesn't scrimp; He is lavish, and He is personal (He even cares about curly hair care!) I am so thankful for God's provision and for people who hear Him and partner with Him to bless others. - Sandy