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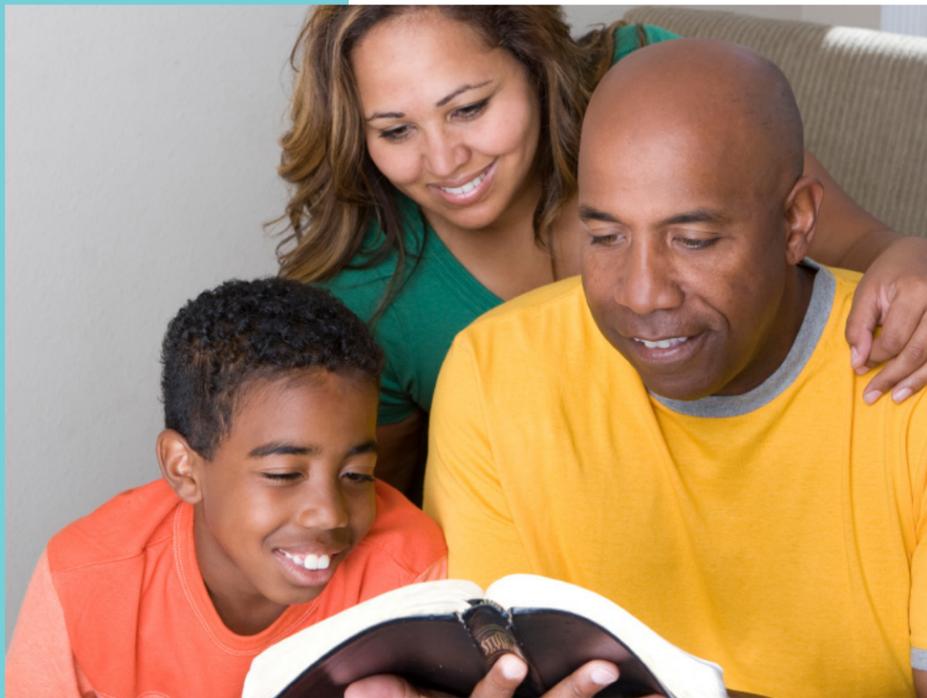
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# 4-14: WHY IT MATTERS

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I love how Jesus views children. He is happy to welcome them. In the Gospels, though His disciples tried to dismiss them away, viewing them as nuisances, Jesus was very clear to communicate, *'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'* (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14 and Luke 18:16) NIV

Not only did Jesus welcome children, but He also used them as an object lesson to share a principle about the kingdom of God. He went on to say, *'Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'* in Mark 10:15 and also in Luke 18:17. So what can we learn from Jesus' teaching about children? First of all, they matter! Children were welcomed by Jesus and not discounted. Second, he saw that they had

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great faith capacity (as children often do). Third, Jesus took time to hang out with children, scoop them up in His arms and place His hands on their heads and bless them. Oh, how I love that! Jesus knew that spending time with children was precious. Blessing them, loving them and accepting them was not time wasted. He was making kingdom deposits into their lives. *'And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.'* (Mark 10:16) NIV

As part of our annual strategic initiatives, the PAOC has called attention to 4-14 for several years. MAK continues to champion it each year because we love to celebrate all that God does in the lives of children. You may have heard of the 4-14 Window. Studies show that individuals are the most open and receptive to making a personal commitment to Christ between the ages of 4 and 14. Those who do so at this early stage of life are most likely to continue their faith commitment.

You would likely know of many who accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour into their lives as children. Perhaps you are a 4-14 kid yourself! As I look to my own family's experience, that would include my husband, my two sons and myself. I surrendered my life to Jesus at 14 years of age, my husband was five, and my sons were 4 and 5 years of age. Our family has been kingdom impacted between the ages of 4 and 14 - I am so grateful that God placed people in our lives to be kingdom influencers that ultimately changed our eternal destinies.

As you read updates from our global worker families, ERDO and Mission Canada, I pray that you will be encouraged. Together, we are joining God in His mission. What a privilege to reach children and their families - those who have yet to hear the name of Jesus. Our prayer is that all ages will come to know His transformative love. Thanks for partnering with us!

To learn more about 4-14, visit: <https://paoc.org/family/annual-initiatives/4-14> and join us in April as we pray for children all around the world.



## THE KANDANGAMA FAMILY

*Nish, Kristin, Aneisha, Mikaela, Jayden, and Kyla in Sri Lanka*

### TAKING CHRISTMAS A STEP FURTHER



Last week in Sri Lanka, the temperatures were reaching some lows of 15 degrees Celsius and each morning, it was hard to get out of bed because we felt so cold. Now, we are a consistent 30 degrees on average and we don't have insulation or heaters, so it truly felt cold to us. But we also could not find it in us to complain as we know that Canada was experiencing temperatures that were more like -30 degrees and counting. A temperature that we have not felt in a long time.

Well, Christmas has come and gone, and the new year has begun, but I just thought to share a story from this past Christmas - something that, as a family, we would all say was a huge highlight as well as a humbling experience.

In case you're wondering, my husband and I are Global Workers in the beautiful island of Sri Lanka. We have four children Aneisha (10), Mikaela (7), Jayden (5), and Kyla (1). Together as a family, we serve at a ministry called the Bud Centre (Building Up Dreams), where we work with children, youth, and their families.

Sri Lanka has been facing a food crisis to some extent, and it's been hard for families. Many can't afford the rising cost of rice and vegetables, which are staples to the Sri Lankan diet.

We usually distribute food hampers to our Centre families annually, but we took it a step further this year. We knew the needs extended throughout our community, and because of generous supporters in Canada, we were able to distribute more than 100 hampers and 300 goody bags for kids. We provided families with rice, meat, spices, biscuits, tea, and flour. Also, fun treats for the kids. It would help sustain a family for a week to two. Our children helped pack and distribute all of these, and they learned a valuable lesson that we hope sticks with them into the future. That it's "more blessed to give than to receive," said Jesus himself in Acts 20:35. We received many heartfelt and, at times, tearful thanks from those on the receiving end of the food hampers.

Our life has changed dramatically due to this pandemic, and our ministry opportunities have been restricted. Still,

there is always room for meeting needs in times of crisis and finding creative ways to meet the most practical needs, especially when times are tough.

Please remember Sri Lanka in your prayers. Pray for the nation and the challenges it is facing in areas of food and resources. Pray that our family would be a continued blessing to those around us. We are trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide us to the priorities of reaching those who need to witness the love of Jesus in a real and tangible way. Pray for our family as we live out our calling in Sri Lanka.

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# THE ROWLEY FAMILY

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN CAMBODIA!

*Ian, Tiffanie, Emilyn and Sophia in Cambodia*





live in while studying at university. It is a safe place for these students to stay, and all the moms and dads are thankful for that. Imagine how scary it could be if you had to leave your home and your family and travel 10 hours away to go to university? But here at Global, we want everyone to feel loved and a part of this family here. Our dorm is currently full, and we have 100 students who live here. Then we have the students who come in from the outside who do not live here but are a part of all the different

**H**ey everyone! We are the Rowley family, and we have something huge to celebrate. We have been serving in Cambodia since 2012 and celebrated ten years of ministry in January 2022! Emily was one when we arrived, and Sophia was born a year later. Now they are 11 and 9 and growing up here has been quite the adventure for them. So, we want to thank you and God for this amazing 10th anniversary right from the start. Without help from you and your families, we would not be able to serve in this beautiful country of Cambodia. YOU helped make that happen...so thank you!

The global student center and dormitory are our main ministries and do many incredible things. First, it is a dorm for students from all over Cambodia to

ministries we have. So, we have a huge family!

Another ministry of Global is the language and music classes. What languages do you know? This is how you say hello in Khmer, "Sueh Seh Dey." Can you try it? Here in Cambodia, the primary language is Khmer, but the students are also studying Chinese, English, Korean and Thai. They need to learn other languages to get better jobs when they graduate from school and support their family. The students are so bright and hard-working. We also have piano, guitar, bass and drum classes for students to take if they would like. And guess how much our music lessons are? \$1.25 per lesson! Parents, wouldn't you like to pay that for your piano lessons? But these students don't have a lot of money

to live off of while they are in university. They have around \$1.50 per day. That's not a lot! Here at Global, we also have small groups, Bible studies, Sunday church and weekly outreach ministries into the villages outside of the city that we work in. Global is a busy place to be, and everything that we do, we do so that these students feel safe, feel like they are a part of a family, and encounter the love of God while they are with us. Then they go and share God's love with others!

In January, Ian took 30 leaders from Global on a weekend away so that they could become closer as a team and so that they could focus on God and what He would have us do this year in 2022. These are always important times for us, and we go together as a family. Emily enjoyed all the team-building activities and running around with the students on the camp property. Even though she's 11 years old, she loves that she gets to do the adults' activities. We even got to see monkeys outside of our room each day! Maybe you get to see deer or moose; we get to see snakes and monkeys! We pray that the leaders' goals for this next year will lead many more students to Christ.

Emily and Sophia love being a part of what happens at Global. All the university students are like older brothers and sisters to them. For Sophia, she is in grade 3 and is homeschooled and spends every day here at Global in her very own classroom. She eats pork and rice for breakfast and loves her dog, Brownie. And Emily, who is in grade 5 at the international school, comes here each weekend. They love

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being involved in singing and dancing during the services. They enjoy going out with the university students to the villages doing kids ministry since they can be student leaders and have fun being kids, especially during snack time. One of their favourite Cambodian snacks would be mangosteen fruit and pomelo fruit. Maybe, if your city has one, you could find some of these fruits in an Asian supermarket nearby.

Some of the communities where we do kids ministry have never heard about Jesus or that He died for them and wants a relationship with them. Each night, we pray together as a family that we will be bold to share God's love with everyone around us. Emily and Sophia both have friends who do not know God yet. They are Buddhist and believe in things that are very different than Christianity. But we are not afraid to share God's love with

them because we know what it is like to be loved by God, and we want others to feel the same way.

It's always an adventure living in Cambodia, and we are so thankful that you give, pray and sometimes come and visit us. We are ALL a team when we serve God, no matter where we are in the world. We would love for you to pray for us. Please pray that through Global Student Center and ChildCARE Plus, many people would know the love of God and decide to follow Him. Please pray for our NEW Global Center & Dorm that we raise money for. Our new centre will have 200 students living there, and our impact will be more significant than before! And lastly, please pray that we will listen to the



voice of the Holy Spirit as we work here in Cambodia. When He speaks to us to do something, we want to be obedient. That is what we will pray over you as well.

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# THE CHIRISERI FAMILY

## OUR LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA

*Felix, Cecelia and Hannah in South Africa*



We live in South Africa because my mom and dad work with people in communities. My name is Hannah, and my parents are Felix and Cecelia Chiriseri. Some days they do training that teaches people about teamwork or how to work with money or other things like that. Sometimes, we give people food to help them and their families stay healthy. I have learned that not everybody has enough food to eat, and I am thankful that I get to be part of handing it out. My parents tell me that God is using us to share the love of God.

Sometimes it is strange to me that I was born in Canada but have lived most of my life in another country. I love living in South Africa with my mom and dad. There is so much to do, and the weather is usually really nice. In the winter it is sunny most of the time, but kind of chilly in the evenings and we have to wear long pants and sweaters, especially inside.

I am in grade two and am doing school at home, and I really enjoy it. We read a lot of books about so many different topics. I like learning about new places, and I like science. It is cool how the world around us teaches us about God's creativity. I enjoy going for hikes and looking out for birds or butterflies we have never seen before.

Other times, they do fun programs with children and teach them about God. The last year though, there wasn't too much of that. Even though things in South Africa, like stores and restaurants, were



allowed to be open, the schools in the communities kept opening and closing because of high Covid infections. This meant that we weren't able to gather together as we did before. I have missed going out into the communities and seeing the children and playing with them.

Sometimes I don't speak the same language as the children we see, but we still have fun and run around. We all like to laugh together! I enjoy it when we can sing songs and play games. It makes me happy that we can be in South Africa. Some of the children are sponsored by people in Canada through CCP, which means ChildCARE Plus. They receive things like food, school uniforms and even new pyjamas. I am slowly learning to appreciate all that I have, and if there is something that I need, my parents can buy it for me without being concerned about not having food on the table.

A really fun thing that we did this year was travelling to Canada. We didn't even know

if we would be able to travel because of Covid, but we did! I like flying in airplanes, except that the flight is long. When we arrived, we had to quarantine for two weeks. It was like being on holiday, but we couldn't go anywhere. We had been praying about a place to stay for several weeks because we didn't have a home there, and God answered our prayer! Some people offered their home to us to stay while we were visiting. God answered other prayers too, like providing a vehicle and keeping us healthy and safe while we travelled on the roads. He even sent the snow again! Two winters in a row, I was able to see snow; that was pretty cool!

Some days we were so tired because we did so much travelling, though I enjoyed it because we got to see many different people. My parents talked about South Africa and shared what God is helping us to do. It is called 'itineration'. That means you come back to Canada and report to people what you have been doing. Sometimes I get to share too, but mostly I like going to the different churches each

week and meeting new children. I really enjoyed going to Sunday School. And I received a new Bible! It made me feel so special. I have started to read it more often and am learning so much about what it was like to live back in the times of Jesus.

After all of that excitement, I was happy to return to South Africa, and I am looking forward to meeting some more new people this year and seeing how God will continue to answer our prayers - and theirs too.

**Prayer Requests:**

- That God would help me learn at school and listen to my mom and dad
- That we would stay healthy and safe
- That we would make good decisions and meet new people to partner together

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# THE IACOB FAMILY

## OUR CALL TO SERVE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN ROMANIA

*Jennifer, Raz, Jason, Asher and Chloe in Romania*



**H**i, we're the Iacob family (pronounced: yeah-cob). Our family is made up of 5 people; my mom and dad, myself (Jason, I'm 10 years old), my brother (Asher, he's 8 years old), and my sister (Chloe, she's 4 years old). We live in Romania, which is in Eastern Europe. My sister and I were both born here, and my brother was born in Canada.

We live in Romania, so we can tell people how much God loves them and because we want to help people as much as we can. There used to be a lot of orphanages in Romania (an orphanage is a place where many children live together with people that look after them). Still, orphanages are never as good as growing up in a family. A very good thing that is happening in Romania is that many more children are being adopted by families so that they don't have to live in an orphanage. My mom works with the families adopting the children to help them know how to look after the kids. Sometimes the kids have gone through very hard things in their lives (trauma), and they need some extra help to overcome those things. We pray for them, but my mom also teaches the new parents how to connect with their new children and help them overcome trauma and live their best lives!

My mom also helps families to keep their children at home. Some families don't have enough money to buy food or clothes or things like that, so she works with those families to take care of their kids. We bring them school supplies, food and clothing. Sometimes she helps with giving them advice and teaching them new things. The best part is when we get to bring them presents at Christmas! These are the only gifts they will receive for many of the kids. It's fun to watch them open their gifts and be excited about



what they received. When we bring the presents, we tell them about the greatest gift of all: Jesus! We tell them that this isn't what Christmas is about even though we brought them presents! Christmas is a celebration of Jesus's birthday!

We love living in Romania because we can help others. We go to school here, play hockey, and have made many friends. We still miss living in Canada, though. Sometimes I wish we could visit Canada more because I have cousins and friends in Canada, and I have a grandma there, whom I call Nana. If God calls us to go back to Canada, we will... but now God has called us to live in Romania, which is great! We know we are following God's plan for our family.

God has a plan for each of us, and this is good! We got to see that God has a plan for a baby here in Romania named Georgiana. Baby Georgiana was born with something wrong with her heart. She had to have surgery on her heart so she could live. The family she was born into couldn't look after her properly, so Georgiana lived for a long time at a hospital. Can you imagine living in a hospital? After that, she was sent to a small orphanage. When my mom found out, she wanted to find a family. She began praying and searching, and God answered her prayers. Finally, she found a family to adopt Georgiana! Now Georgiana lives with her new family and is receiving love and good care. Can you please pray for Georgiana? Please pray that she will connect well with

her new family and that God will help Georgiana know Him and love Him!

Can you please also pray for the other children in Romania who still need families? My mom is looking for families for two babies living in a hospital still. The babies have some medical problems, so it's tough to find a family to adopt them. But we know that God has a plan for them. We know that God's plan is for every child to grow up in a family, not in a hospital or an orphanage. Almost 50,000 children in Romania need families... that is a huge number! But God knows each child by name... just as He knows your name!

#### Prayer Requests:

- For Jason, who often has terrible migraines, that the migraines would stop.
- That our family will be healthy and safe in Romania!
- That God would help my mom and the people she works with to help find good families for the children.

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## GOD'S AMAZING WORK

Mark, Kim, Alyssa, Maddy, and Caleb in Spain



**H**i Kids! We're Mark, Kim, Alyssa, Maddy, and Caleb. We are global workers in Madrid, the capital city of Spain. We have lived there for the past seven years, and before that, we served in Armenia for 13 years.

There are many joys and challenges when it comes to being Global Workers. We get to learn a new language, live in another culture, and meet people from all around the world. Best of all, we get to be part of what God is doing in other people's lives. Here are some stories about God's amazing work in the people we serve alongside in Spain.

One such lady is Janaina, a student who graduated from the Salem Bible school that Mark directs. Originally from Brazil, she and her husband moved to Spain, believing God was leading them. They came to Madrid and joined Salem when the children's ministry struggled. Janaina has served as the children's pastor for the past six years, making it an exciting place to be, both for the kids and the helpers. Wanting to understand the Bible better, she studied at the Salem Bible school. Now, three years later, she has graduated, and she believes God is calling her family

to a new city, a new church, and a new children's ministry.

One night this past summer, she had a dream about a beautiful mountain, but she didn't think too much about it. Then, a few weeks later, she and her family were going on vacation, and she saw the very same mountain she had seen in her dream! She knew God was up to something! As they continued their vacation, she realized that God called them to serve in northern Spain, where this mountain stood. Not only that, but God had spoken to the couple who pastors a Salem church in this same town, showing them that help was on the way! Both families are excited to work together soon to share the Good News with Spaniards in the northern part of the country. Janaina is the first graduate of the Salem Bible school to purposefully go to an unreached part of Spain so that others can know Jesus!

Another exciting story from the Salem Bible school is about Adrian. He is originally from Romania, but he first came to Spain because he was caught smuggling drugs! That's right. He was bringing in drugs from South America, and as he was travelling through the Madrid airport



on his way back to Romania, the police arrested him!

Thankfully, that was not the end of the story. God had a far better plan in mind for Adrian. As he was there in prison, a team from the Salem church reached out to the prisoners. As they shared the hope they have in Jesus, Adrian listened carefully. He believed in God, right there in prison, asking Jesus to be Lord of his life. A couple of years later, Adrian was released from prison, and he began going

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to the Salem church. To make the story even more miraculous, he fell in love with one of the ladies on the prison ministry team, Alison. So, after getting to know her more, he proposed, and they got married! They serve together in the children's ministry team, and they both graduated from the Salem Bible School! We believe God has a special plan for this couple as they give their lives to obey Him.

As thrilling as life on the field can be, there are also challenges. Because of COVID-19 and the strict regulations in Spain, our family couldn't go to church for eight months! As a result, we all felt lonely and disconnected, especially Alyssa and Maddy, who couldn't see their friends. This was particularly hard for Alyssa because she was trying to lead a brand-new team. They had just started to work together as the youth missions' team, and Alyssa had to lead the group virtually rather than in person. It was challenging to build a strong team without meeting together. During those long months, Alyssa had to choose to trust God and believe that He would help her through the loneliness and help her to lead the team well.

Amazingly, the travel restrictions stopped on May 15th, when the youth missions team held a benefit concert to raise funds for a water well in Bangladesh. That day was the first day our family crossed into Madrid and went to church after eight months. It was also the day that 200 young people raised the money they needed for the well. In addition, they gave generously that night, collecting all \$2500 needed for the well! Together, these Spanish young people not only gave money to meet a physical need for clean water, but they also learned that they could be part of sharing the Good News with people around the world!

In the middle of challenging times, God is still good. He gave Alyssa and Maddy strength and joy to get through those long, lonely months. He is with you, too. Whatever you're going through, both the good and the bad, God is there to walk through it with you.

We're so thankful that you, as kids across Canada, are part of God's work around the world too. We couldn't be doing the work God has called us to do without your

prayers and your generous giving. Here are some ways you can be praying for us.

#### Prayer Requests:

- The Bible school students will hear and obey God's calling for their lives.
- Alyssa, Maddy, and Caleb will have good friendships in Spain.

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# ERDO CORNER



## A MILLION CUPS OF WATER

Liesl Tozer

*“And whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of my disciples, I promise you, he will not go unrewarded.”*

Matthew 10:42 (TPT)

My boys love when it rains. They love the chance to wear their boots and splash in puddles. My three-year-old, especially, likes any excuse to use his Paw Patrol umbrella! But, in Canada, we take the weather for granted. We don't know what it's like to have months pass without rain or snow.

Many areas around the world experience dry seasons and must plan to ensure that they have available water. Large tanks called reservoirs are needed to save the rainwater when rain doesn't fall. Families use this water for drinking, cooking and cleaning.

In Honduras, Latin America, the dry season can last from November until May – that's seven months with very little rain! As a result, water shortages are typical in Tegucigalpa's capital city, where over 1.5 million people, including 300 of ERDO's ChildCARE Plus sponsored children and their families, live. It's a city where many people are poor, and many families struggle to find clean water.

The most common way a family gets their water is from reservoirs up in the mountains. These reservoirs collect rainwater, and then it is delivered by trucks to families in the city and surrounding area. Unfortunately, in the dry season, water does not arrive on time. As a result, families who rely on these truck deliveries can quickly run out of water. Without water, a family cannot make a meal, clean, or stay hydrated under the warm Honduran sun.

Water is something every child needs to stay healthy and alive each day. But for millions of children worldwide, finding a cup of water to drink is not always easy. Sometimes they drink unclean water and can become sick, which is why ERDO works so hard to bring clean water to families all over the world.

ERDO works in communities like Honduras, facing dry seasons or places where clean water is unavailable nearby. In many countries around the world, families spend many hours walking each day to collect clean water for drinking and cooking. Some areas that need water are experiencing drought, which is a long period without any rain, creating an imbalance in the area. This severely hurts farmers' crops and can cause food shortages because there isn't enough water to grow well.

ERDO's water projects take different forms depending upon what is needed in a specific community. For example, biosand filters are the best option for schools and homes, like in Honduras, where families need to clean the water collected in their reservoirs. In some places, clean water is only found very far underneath the earth, and digging a well, called a 'bore well', means drilling deep, deep down. So, in places like Bangladesh (Southeast Asia), we install wells in small villages.

This year, we are launching a new campaign called 'Million Cups of Water.' **Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for clean water programs and supply one million cups of water to people in need.** It is an ambitious goal that will continue helping people for many years to come! You can help us. Even a few cups of clean water make a world of difference! Can you give a few cups of clean water to those who need it? Go to [www.erdo.ca/clean-water](http://www.erdo.ca/clean-water) to give.

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# MISSION CANADA CORNER



## Believe For What Seems Impossible (a teaching moment to share with children)

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Hey kids,

As you think of the stories in the New Testament that tell of the miracles that Jesus performed, how many of those stories can you recall? So let's start to list them...

1. Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee (John 2)
2. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11)
3. Jesus raises a dead girl (Mark 5)
4. Jesus heals a sick woman (Mark 5)
5. Jesus heals a man with leprosy (Mark 1)

Now, keep going but see if you can fill in the blanks with the correct word for the next five miracles Jesus did. Here's a hint - each answer is five letters long:

6. Jesus calms a terrible \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 4) [Answer: storm]
7. Jesus heals a man born \_\_\_\_\_. (John 9) [Answer: blind]
8. Jesus walks on \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 14) [Answer: water]
9. Jesus restores a \_\_\_\_\_ possessed man (Mark 5) [Answer: demon]
10. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ 4,000 thousand. (Mark 8) [Answer: feeds]

Have you ever wondered why Jesus did miracles? Why do you think they were important? (Take time for children to express their thoughts.)

Jesus' first miracle was when He turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It was a wonderful feast and time of celebration with lots of food, but they had nothing left to drink. Jesus knew He could help turn the situation around and that the wedding attendees would be happy. But, He didn't do the miracle to make people happy. Instead, there was a much more significant reason. John 2:11 says, "*What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.*" Jesus showed his disciples and those attending the wedding that day this first miracle for two very specific reasons:

1. To reveal His glory.
2. So that His disciples would believe that He was the Christ, the Son of God.

With each miracle Jesus performed, He didn't do it only to make a situation better. First, of course, He knew people would be excited to get their sight back or have a terrible storm stop. He wanted the demon-possessed man to know true deliverance and be free from the evil spirits that were tormenting him. But it wasn't just for the sake of the man, but for all the people who would see him when Jesus told the free man to go back home to his people and tell them how much the Lord had done for him and that Jesus had mercy on him.

Jesus wanted people to know who He was. He wanted to reveal His glory - to have glory is to have honour, distinction, or renown (fame). Jesus was distinctly different than anyone else who walked the earth. He was God's Son, in the

flesh! The Bible tells us in Psalm 19 that the heavens tell of the glory of God. The beauty of the world God created brings Him honour and glory. God does not give His glory to anyone else (Isaiah 48:11).

The Bible tells us very clearly in John 20:30-31 why Jesus did miracles. So find your Bible and check out these two verses.

Here's what is said in the Amplified Classic Bible translation (AMPC) as to why Jesus worked miracles:

*<sup>30</sup> There are also many other signs and miracles which Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> <sup>31</sup> But these are written (recorded) in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of God, and that through believing and cleaving to and trusting and relying upon Him you may have life through (in) His name [through Who He is].*

This passage confirms that Jesus did even more miracles than what we read about in God's Word. Still today, Jesus is performing miracles. Have you seen a miracle? Talk about what you have seen. Has He done a miracle for your parents or grandparents? Those are great stories worth telling over and over again. When we do, we give God glory for Who He is. Today, Jesus is still the same Miracle-Worker that the disciples saw Him be.

Jesus wants us to believe and cleave (stay close) to Him. He wants us to trust and rely on Him. And, if we do, we can have life in Jesus. His Name is an important part of this promise. There is power in His Name. When we call out to Jesus, He hears us. There is help and healing in His Name. Even demons (evil spirits) will leave a person when Jesus commands them to. There is *life* in Jesus' Name!

Too often, we think that Jesus can't turn our situation around. We feel our problem is too big. Too often, we doubt, like Peter did when He got out of the boat on the stormy sea, and Jesus told him to walk on water towards Him (Matthew 14:22-33). Peter started strong, but he began to sink as he doubted. He needed to keep his faith strong and believe what Jesus told him to do. Jesus told Peter to come to Him on the water. There was no sidewalk - they were in the middle of the sea! Peter needed to trust. After all, Jesus wasn't sinking! Have you ever wondered why the other disciples remained in the boat and didn't jump out and give it a try too? Likely, their doubt consumed them, and they thought it would be impossible.

This spring, the theme of our PAOC General Conference is **"Beyond the Impossible."** In our lives, Jesus wants us to trust Him and believe for things that seem impossible in the natural. He wants us to go beyond our normal thinking patterns and trust Him for the supernatural - something that can't be done by anyone else except Jesus.

Jesus' miracles allowed people to see the full revelation of God and His power.

So, these days when many people around us don't believe in Jesus, it is helpful and important for them to see a miracle. That is what caused the disciples to truly believe.

How will your friends or family members come to know Jesus for who He is? Are you ready to ask Jesus for a miracle so that others around you will see Jesus and trust in Him too? Ask Jesus to do "the impossible." Believe and stay close to Him, trusting that Jesus will do what only He can do. He is still able!

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*But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

LUKE 18:16 (NIV)



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