

# GOD'S DIVINE INTERVENTION

--Irma B. Williams

In the 1940s, Beatrice Stansky heard her neighbor, Myrtle Joiner, praying. Myrtle invited Beatrice to attend a Pentecostal revival, and there she saw miracles and heard people worshipping in languages other than English. She knew in her heart that these were manifestations of God's Presence and Power with these worshipping people.

Beatrice asked her husband, Harold, who was brought up by Orthodox Jewish parents, to go with her and their young son to the Pentecostal revival services. Beatrice prayed to Jesus and He forgave her of her sins, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then, she fasted and prayed until Harold was saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed of a painful illness. After this, God called both of them to be missionary/evangelists.

In her book, "God Specializes in Things Thought Impossible," Beatrice tells about their missionary experiences. When they were in Guyana, South America, she and Harold ministered in an area about 130 miles from Georgetown among people who had never been told about the one true God. Services were held at night in an open field. The people sat on the ground, on bags they used for gathering rice. Week after week the attendance grew until there were more than 500 people in attendance. Revival came through the divine healing of a little girl with typhoid fever. Then persecution began.

One night, unbelievers bent on doing evil threw stones at Beatrice, but none hit her. While she was standing in the usual place to sing before the sermon was given, suddenly an unseen angel of the Lord pushed her about three feet to the left, as a large stone came from behind, whizzed past her head, and fell at the feet of a small Indian girl.

Beatrice said, "I stood still to see the power of God manifested. I said, 'Everyone under the sound of my voice, Christians and sinners, stand and pray with me to the living God that my life will be spared.' " No more stones were thrown, and God gave a harvest of souls.

In 2009, Beatrice was buried by her beloved husband in the town where she was born, Cottondale, Florida. She had traveled by ship and by plane to many nations, and as she went, the reported records of her ministry show she had lead 5,625 people to a saving faith in Christ.

NOTE: I personally knew Missionary Beatrice Stansky. She and her husband were invited to preach when Eddie served as pastor of the Church of God located on Governor's Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. Earlier, I happened to be at Lee College (now Lee University) in Cleveland, Tennessee, where her son, Bernard, also was a student at Lee. Later, at the time that she graced the pulpit on Governor's Drive, her son and his wife, who had three small sons, were members of this church. Missionary/evangelist Beatrice Stansky was full of the love of God and cared about people. Throughout her ministry she spent her life fasting and praying as a missionary/evangelist, and God gave many miracles for His glory. Though she helped many people who dearly loved Missionary Beatrice and her faithful husband, her son and his family loved and respected her most of all.