"I Believe in Miracles"!

When I hear the word miracle, my mind goes back 2000 years when so many miracles happened, but I rarely think so much of the miracles happening today. The building of the Recreation and Meeting Facility has challenged my faith and renewed my understanding that miracles still happen. Every step of this construction journey has produced very real miracles. Things have definitely not proceeded the way we thought they should have. God's way was much better. He planned to provide us the building, plus He needed us to have total faith in Him as we experienced His touch in very powerful ways. A small book is needed to tell every miracle story but here is just one of the remarkable things that has happened.

Our plan was to have a 100 foot long, 16 foot high concrete block separation wall in place by the beginning of November. This meant that tons of earth-fill had to be moved from the extreme back corner of our property to back-fill and level the entire building area. BUT, the excavating team that planned to do the work were tied up on other jobs and had to postpone their arrival. Bob, our volunteer construction manager, and Brian, the heavy equipment excavation team leader, were doing their best to mobilize the team of workers to have the job completed before everything froze up solid for winter, but it simply could not be done on our planned schedule. We really began to question if it was possible at all when 10 inches of snow blanketed the entire Waiparous Valley in early November.

When I called Brian to see when the excavation team could come, the only response he could give was "soon, I hope". 5 days later on a Thursday morning, Brian called, and said he had cleared a very tight 3 day window of time and the excavating equipment would arrive the next day. What a relief but what a rush this caused. When we arrived at camp the next day, to our utter amazement we found that an unusual windstorm had swept through the area and there were thousands of trees blown down or uprooted, including hundreds on our property. We realized that had we proceeded as planned, and the wall had been built as scheduled, it probably would have been completely destroyed by the extremely high winds. The windstorm also produced very high temperatures and all of the snow had melted away. God was setting up another Miracle.

When our construction manager and I went to look at the area where we had planned to excavate the required fill, we realized that another spot on our land had been completely cleared of trees by the high winds. It was a much closer and more convenient place located on a desirable berm of land, ideal for excavation. It was as though a huge foot had stomped down hundreds of trees in just the right spot. Every one was knocked down. We looked at each other and said, "Do you think God is trying to tell us something"? We agreed that this was the spot and the 3 day excavation began.

On the evening of the 2nd day, our excavation crew was concerned. It didn't look like they would be able to get all the work done before the heavy equipment had to leave the next day. Brian made some phone calls to see if he could get more men and machinery for the next day. What an impossible thought this was in the busy Calgary area construction market. Things were not looking good, but on just the 2nd call another machine and operator were located to be on site at 7:00 AM the next morning. Now for the final miracle!

The fill was being dug in an area adjacent to where, just 2 years before, our septic field was dug and where there were huge boulders found which had to be separated out from the other soil. The fear was that the same problem would arise here. Brian said many times that he couldn't believe the difference in what they were digging up, virtually no boulders at all, just good clean gravel fill. When over 100 truckloads of material had been moved, yet another part of the miracle came to light,- the consistency of the soil changed once again.

The extra operator that Brian found was also a finishing concrete expert. He noticed this change in the material and pointed out that it would be ideal for under the huge concrete slab that would eventually be poured. WOW, instead of hauling new material from Cochrane at a cost of about $30,000.00, God provided it right on our own property, at no extra cost at all.

The work was completed on time, and the very next day, Southern Alberta plummeted into a 2 week deep freeze.
Sometimes God does things ahead of time,--- BUT He is NEVER, never late! Truly we continue seeing many God-provided miracles. We praise Him.

"If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, ----- then I will hear from heaven, ----- and heal their land". 2 Chronicles 7:14 God hears and answers prayer!