

Miraculous THINGS

IN CAMBODIA, a story like this is so typical. A father abandons his family. The mother then turns to alcohol, becomes a drunkard, and abandons her child.

Selah was 8 years old and lived on the street. She scavenged for food daily. But a church intervened and found shelter for her with ACTION missionaries BJ and Andrea Lopez.

Selah was no longer a street urchin. Instead, she lived in a loving home where she became part of the family. Given her dysfunctional background, education was a priority for her. And wanting to touch her soul, the Lopezes also shared with her the truths of Scripture. At times, Selah struggled with the loss of her birth family, but she came to understand that she could put her trust in God.

After a few years of home schooling, Selah began to excel in her studies, and the Lopezes enrolled her in the

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in her studies, Selah graduated with honors and was awarded a full scholarship by the International Teachers College at the Universitas Pelitas Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia! By God's grace, Selah has endured, persevered,

Logos International School—a school known for its excellence and high standards. No slouch



BJ and Andrea Lopez with Selah

and overcome challenges, obstacles, and trials that are inconceivable to many of us.

The Lopezes are proud of Selah and are excited to see all that the Lord has in store for her! BJ and Andrea credit her transformation to fervent prayer.

Someone once said, "Prayer + God's Word = Power." This is the pathway for Him to do miraculous things. Would you pray for the Selahs of this world, that God would intervene in a miraculous way? And pray especially for those children who are being ministered to in the world of ACTION. Please contact us to see where you might fit in.

Achieving Greatness

IN MARK 9:35-37 Jesus spoke to his disciples about how to achieve true greatness. True greatness, he said, comes not by striving to be first but by being willing to be last. It is achieved not by positioning oneself to receive the praise of others, but by serving others—by seeking to be a blessing to as many people as possible.

Jesus illustrated his point by talking about serving children. Why? The discussion wasn't initially centered on children. Why did Jesus bring children into the picture?

The answer is that there is no payback from serving children. They're unable to repay us and they don't generally tell others about the greatness of our service to them. They just want someone to take care of them. They don't make a big deal out of the fact that we've poured out our lives for them. Children prove more clearly than

older people whether or not we are truly great—whether we live to serve or to be praised.

We might have expected Jesus to say something like this: "Now here's a child—someone you may not think is worth your time. But children *are* worth your time. They are significant. When you serve a child, you are serving someone who is just as valuable as the emperor." But that's not what he said. Instead, he turned the discussion from the value of a child to the value of God himself.

The Bible exalts God first and foremost. When we serve children who are in great need, we do so not for our own



Mark 9:35-37 in ACTION!

glory but for the glory of God.

ACTION worldwide advocates on behalf of children at risk, supporting efforts to minister to them and equipping missionaries to be involved in this vital ministry. Come and be part of our team. There are many openings.

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