Some other accounts from doctors or with medical documentation
Other academic works, e.g., Duffin, Oxford U. Press
Healing of deep wounds

- Chauncey Crandall (over a few days)
- Tonye Briggs (overnight)
Lisa Larios—bones healed! (from Casdorph)
Many cases of deafness or blindness instantly healed during prayer

- E.g., Dr. Rex Gardner:
  - 9-year-old girl, deaf without her hearing aid but praying for healing
  - Instantly healed
  - Audiologist initially denied the possibility
  - But the next day, the tests proved that her hearing was normal

(stock photo)
• Eyewitnesses (some whom I know):
  – healings of deaf Muslims in Jesus’ name in Mozambique
  – leading to massive church growth
  – Heidi, Rolland Baker
• Now documented with medical tests
Found c. 350 reports of cured blindness

- E.g., Rex Gardner, *Healing Miracles*
  - Medical trainee in North Wales: eye scarring
  - Schoolteacher, blind after accident; after healing, did not even need glasses
Greg Spencer

June 23, 1999

Director
Commission for the Blind

RE: Greg Spencer, CEI # 01-46-96-05

Dear,

Today I evaluated Greg Spencer at the request of [redacted]. You are aware of his medical condition (macular degeneration) through the report by Dr. [redacted].

On June 24, Greg will be at your office to meet your staff and tour the facility. I am of the impression he will soon be going through your complete orientation and vocational assessment and training, including O&M.

Entering vision without correction at distance was: OD 20/500, OS 20/300. Refraction found low hyperopia of +.75 sphere for each eye. Acuities with correction were unchanged. I could not test his accommodation directly, but I assume because he is 40 years old that some element of presbyopia exists for prolonged close work such as computer use. I am recommending a spectacle prescription for eventual computer use of: OD +3.75 sph., OS +3.75 sph.

I demonstrated the ZoomText Extra software program to him briefly. You may want to expand on that. He is a budding author and is struggling with his old computer system and a handheld small diameter +6.50 magnifier. In his new line of employment, he will clearly need software similar to ZoomText. I also told him there is a place for portable magnifiers and that [redacted] or I, will need to look at that issue on a separate occasion, and in regard to specific identified visual tasks.

He is in need of fulltime protection of his preferred left eye and some assistance for his significant photosensitivity, which seems to be concurrent with his macular vision loss. To address these issues, I am recommending a polarized Grade “A” filter (mild tainting effect but full polarization benefit) in today’s refraction of +.75 sphere for each eye. These should be worn during all waking hours and are intended for indoor comfort without causing a darkening of vision. When outdoors, or in intense lighting conditions or near water caused reflections, I want him to also use a fit-over dark polarized filter such as the Eschenbach D-244A.

If you wish, I can mail the two spectacle prescriptions to your office. I was not given instructions on how you wish to proceed with recommendations from this evaluation.

Thank you and thanks to [redacted] for asking me to see this pleasant fellow.

Sincerely,

[signature]

OD

cc: [redacted] LCSW

chart
“remarkable return of his visual acuity”
No longer qualified for disability
Bruce Van Natta
Crushed beneath semi-truck

- Most of small intestine destroyed
- After several surgeries, 116 cm left of small intestine (just 25 cm of ileum, normally 350 cm)
• Dropped 180 pounds to 125—starving
• Someone led to fly from NY to WI and pray for Bruce
• Commanded small intestine to grow, in Jesus’s name
• Like electric jolt
• Radiologist: small intestine now about half normal length, but functional
• c. 274-300 cm (from 116—more than doubled)
• Small intestine can widen but cannot naturally grow longer
• Equivalent to amputated appendage growing
Danny McCain witnessed baby brother’s skin healed instantly
My brother Chris (later PhD in physics) and I witnessed

- C. 1983, a Fuller seminarian lifted a disabled woman I knew from her wheelchair with a command of faith
- I was horrified ...
- But from then on she walked
Barbara Cummiskey Snyder

- Doctors sent her home to die
- Advanced m.s. (after 15 years): couldn’t breathe without machine
- Hole in neck
- Blind, curled up like pretzel
A voice called her to rise and walk

- She jumped out of bed
- Then noticed she could see her feet flat on the ground
- She ran to greet her father
That was 1981; no recurrence
Delia Knox
(originally from Buffalo, NY)

- Paralyzed over 20 years
- Public knowledge (gospel singer)
- Prayed for by evangelist
- Feeling came back to her legs
She began walking with help; eventually could walk w/o help

Skeptics’ explanation: she must have faked paralysis for 22 years (!)
Raisings from the dead

Also Latin America and west, but I include here mostly samples from Asia and Africa
• Usually people are not considered merely *psychosomatically* dead
Clusters of miracles
Historically

• E.g., one experience so interpreted by Wesley in his journal (Dec. 25, 1742)
• Prayed for a Mr. Meyrick
• Who appeared dead
I have found scores of modern testimonies

• (Though of course raisings do not usually happen)
• I am providing merely examples here
From Doctors
(combining prayer and medicine)

• E.g., Dr. Mervin Ascabano (Philippines, Jan. 7, 2009)
• (Now pastoring)
Dr. Chauncey Crandall, cardiologist

- Jeff Markin, West Palm Beach, Oct. 20, 2006
- Dead 40 minutes, pronounced dead
- Crandall led to pray, use paddle
- Markin restored
Jeff Markin, not brain-damaged, either!
Dr. Sean George (Australia)

• 55 minutes trying to revive him
• Acute kidney failure, etc.
• No brain damage
• (Though 3 months before he returned to work)
Dr. Deborah Watson’s sister Gloria
Many claims from India, e.g.

- Government officials son died
  - prayed to “Jesus, the Christian God”
  - Raised
  - Resultant growth among Nishi tribal people
Two western sociologists

- Interviewed locals (including Hindu village elder)
  - woman returned to life after being pronounced dead (no breathing or pulse)
- An Indian pastor prayed for a girl dead with “worms coming out of her nose”
  - returned to consciousness, shared her postmortem experience
  - local newspapers covered story

University of Southern California Press, 2007
Pastor in Mumbai shared with me:

- Believers found a Hindu boy, Vikram, lying at the bottom of a pool
- Jaya, a nurse, and Suneeta, an intercessor, took him to doctors, who pronounced him dead
As they were returning 1½ hours later he revived.
He said he heard the name “Jesus” and then was rescued.
His Hindu parents noted that he had never heard this name before.
Vikram and his family joined the Christians in their worship service.
Sri Lanka

- Pastor pronounced Noel Fernando dead in hospital despite attempts to resuscitate
- Raised over 24 hours later
- Despite predictions, no brain damage—interpreted in 3 languages
Indonesia
Testimony from Yusuf Herman (my neighbor in Wilmore)
His neck was clearly cut
Transported to the hospital
Neck sewn