

## **Healing Testimonies**

### **Baby Joey is Healed**

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When our second daughter, Joella, was born, we knew something was wrong when they didn't bring her in to see me. She was in an incubator gasping for each breath. Before they took her to a bigger hospital for evaluation, they rolled her into my room so I could see her. She was beautiful, and my arms ached to hold her. Her bushy red hair filled my heart with delight.

Before she was two days old, the family started calling her Joey. The next hospital decided to fly her to U.C. Davis Medical Center because she needed 100% oxygen. I knew our church was praying for a miracle.

This was so comforting as I was very weak right after my C-section. I only had just enough strength to say aloud, "Satan, you can't have my baby." A short while later, my husband who was with her, called me, and he said, "Satan can't have our baby." I told him I had just said the same thing. We believed God's Word that the fruit of my womb was blessed (Deut. 28:4).

I could feel intensely the support of the prayers of our church. I knew she would be fine, but it was serious. The valve between her lungs and heart that closes at birth had remained open.<sup>1</sup> The doctors at the hospital waited days to see if it would close naturally, but it didn't. We consented to experimental medicine to close it, but it didn't work. The next step would be surgery.

My understanding of Joella's medical condition was that it had to do with her breathing only. One day while on the phone with a nurse, she said something about her "heart" problem, and I said, "What about her heart? I haven't heard anything about her heart," which resulted in me being put on hold and the nurse immediately retrieving a doctor to explain.

It was like a storm in the midst of a storm, but David and I continued to believe that the fruit of my womb was blessed and that Satan could not have our baby. We both affirmed that we did NOT believe that God "took" babies. Shortly after this confession, the valve closed.

We asked the doctor about what happened. How had she been healed. Was it the experimental medicine. He told

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<sup>1</sup> (PDA) is a congenital heart defect wherein the ductus arteriosus fails to close after birth.

us plainly that it could not be because of the medicine they'd given her, because there were only a limited number of hours it could have been effective, and those hours had long past. He said there was no explanation for it closing by itself.

We said, "Then it was a miracle."

He said, "It would seem so."

Joella is an adult now with five, count them, five children of her own and perfectly healthy. She is a long-distance runner, too. She loves God with all her heart and knows He saved her life. God was faithful to His Word, and now she lives to serve Him.