



The Ark Community

101: GOD'S SUPERNATURAL ABILITY

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Dear Companions,

Earlier this year, Karon and I were given the opportunity to bless a couple who have become good friends of ours since we arrived in Ireland. They have been running a B&B from their Georgian styled home in Blarney, 10 miles outside of Cork City, for the last 24 years. Their residence has high ceilings, extra large reception rooms, huge bedrooms individually styled, and a massive garden ... something to behold..!

They were hoping to be able to visit their daughter in Canada and be present at the birth of her second child, during a time when their B&B would be "not so busy", they said. So both Karon and I offered "no need to close it down, we will look after it for you", for the 17 days they would be out of the country.

We decided, before the time, to do it free of charge as a blessing to them. We arrived the night before so they could hand over all the information needed to run the B&B and they left the next morning at approx. 9am.

They had a few rooms booked, with most nights totally empty, giving us loads of time to pray, read and relax. The very first day, Karon and I prayed and asked God to give us the opportunity to bless them and asked Him to bring loads of guests so we could greatly rejoice in the Work of His Hands.

From that day onwards, the phones did not stop ringing. We had a full house with guests, up to 16 at a time, just about every night. Two evenings, towards the end, we had to turn guests away. It is the couple's custom to phone nearby B&B's and help these guests to find accommodation elsewhere. Both B&B's that we contacted, two of the most popular in the area, were astonished that we were full. They said that they had had NOBODY staying with them for the last 2 weeks and wanted to know how did we do it. They knew we were not the owners.

Needless to say, we told them about the Lord and that we had prayed ... all a bit foreign to them, this kind of 'faith'. Nevertheless, it was a seed planted in their hearts for a later harvest, by the Holy Spirit.

When the couple came back home and found out about the full nights for 17 days, they were so surprised and so glad, that we all burst out into Praising the Lord. Since then, we were told that they were able to pay for their overdraft and have some over. God is indeed good and FAITHFUL to His Word.

This couple are both givers, having also blessed us in the past.

We saw God's Word at work.

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

With that, I would like to encourage all companions to "rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, REJOICE" (Phil. 4:4)

Mercy, Peace and Grace to you all ...