## ~ RADIANT REFLECTIONS ~

But there it was — they heard them speaking in tongues, heard them praising God. 10:46 b

## Signs ~

An object, quality, or event whose presence or occurrence indicates the probable presence or occurrence of something else.

Darren Petersen recently shared in our gathering on the 17<sup>th</sup> a rich message; which included discussion from the Bible on the sign of speaking in tongues. How gracious is God to leave us this sign?

I believe today God uses each of us, and our unique journey through life, as a sign to those around us. What are others

Your wildest imagination is nowhere near God's dream for you. -*Graham Cooke* 

reading from our lives? Perhaps they are signs that read — "Love is bigger than our differences," or "God is stronger than the storms we confront?" Maybe they are reading hope — when we face hopeless circumstances? The messages we wear changes with the seasons written into our stories.

Signs usher into my mind memories of a trip to the Philippines, and a young girl by the name of Girly. She and I were traveling home from a house church meeting on the last evening of my stay on her remote island. We both rode silently on a motorcycle under a canopy of stars in the Philippine sky. Girly broke the

silence and asked me if we have stars in America. I told her, "Yes, we do have stars in America." She replied "When you go home and look into the sky in America — remember me.

When I look into the sky and see the stars in the Philippines — I will remember you." When I see stars in the sky — I do remember Girly. I remember all God did for us. I remember God's love. I also remember the same words being

spoken by
Jesus while
dining with
His friends –
"Remember
me." I thank
God for stars
that remind

me of Girly — and God's great love.



What signs is God using to show you more of Him today?



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## I believe God smiled last night!

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Where was I when I sensed God's smile? I was not in a church building. I was not with other Christians. I was — in the home of Muslim friends as they celebrated a birthday.

While watching the women and children laugh, dance, share a meal, and richly enjoy the company of one another — I am sure God smiled. I believe He smiled big — as He looked upon the faces of the women and children He loves intensely. I know I did!

My heart felt overwhelmed with love for them - I know God's love is so much more extravagant!

I pray God's smile encourages us to reach across the divide of fear and the unknown — and love. We are living in times where God has graciously brought the mission field to our back yards. Contrary to the news we are spoon fed nearly around the clock, God is not taken by surprise, or in a panic. We were created for such a time as this. We've been given the gift of sharing the love we've been given with our neighbors!

## May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. Numbers 6:25



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