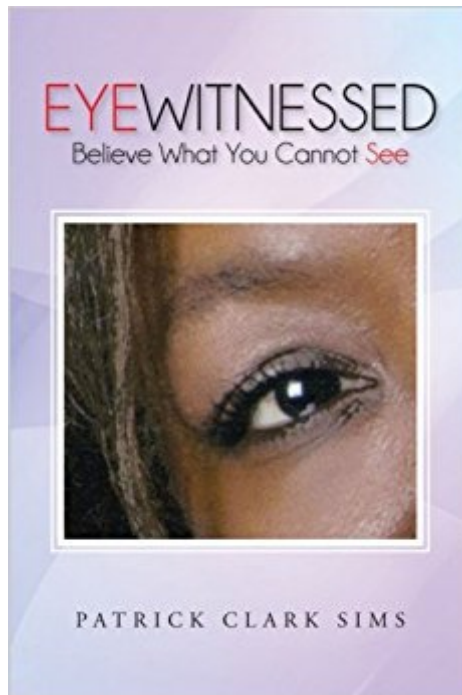




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A cover up of one of the worst environmental disasters in the history of the United States took place at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from 1957 to 1987. An estimated one million Marines and families were exposed to multiple sources of unregulated chemicals discovered in base drinking water systems. One specific chemical was benzene, a gasoline additive, which is a carcinogen known to cause cancer. One point one million gallons of gasoline leaked into the drinking water. This has been the subject of at least three congressional hearings over the last few years. Numerous documents containing explosive information have been unearthed. Another chemical was Trichloroethylene (TCE), a chlorinated solvent in fire extinguishers, aerosol propellants, degreasers, cleaning solutions, paint thinners, pesticides, and glues - to name a few. Who took on the Defense Department, Congress and powerful special interests on Capitol Hill to expose this needless atrocity? How has one Marine survived for 30 years with diagnosis of renal failure, kidney dialysis, congestive heart failure, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and various other catastrophic illnesses from his exposure? In the words of one news reporter, "He was getting ready to fight battles overseas and never dreamed his real fight would come from the water. We were drinking it, cooking in it, bathing in it and just absorbing it through the body." Eyewitnessed is an inspirational, motivational, and informational - with a tiny bit of humor. Follow one African-American family in this unending saga - coping as victims of the Camp Lejeune contaminated water cover up.

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INTRODUCTION
Into Each Life a Little Rain Must Fall, but in Some Lives, There are Tsunamis
Every life is a book. Some are brief and sweet. Others may be lengthy and extremely bitter. Over the years, I witnessed a vast number of profound miracles involving my family and myself. Though I never had a desire to author a book, the Holy Spirit impressed me to do so immediately after my husband, Kenneth underwent brain surgery in September of 2003. Many details of that miraculous adventure have been shared here from my journal and other evidence. You've heard the old adage: Into each life, a little rain must fall. Well, I've felt a need to add to it: In some lives, there are tsunamis. As Garfield might say, "I resemble that remark." My firstborn daughter, KaShanta, calls me Job'sette. Therefore, I am in great anticipation of the manifestation of my 42nd chapter like Job. Verse 12 declares, "Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning." I watched Ken die as I held his hand at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. As the breath left his body, I was unable to hold up his 6'4" frame, so he slid down into a chair and onto the floor - code 10. Over the next two months, I really grew to dread hearing that terminology. That night, I walked the hall in my nightclothes and battled with the spirit of death - reminding Satan of the authority that I possessed with Jesus as my Savior. My declaration: Ken would live and not die. A defibrillator was utilized; and approximately twenty minutes after what seemed like an eternity, the doctors were able to detect a faint pulse - in his wrist. As they wheeled him off to the Intensive Care Unit, I could see him fighting. His eyes were fluttering so I yelled out to him that I was not going to leave him and everything would be all right. Doctors placed him on a ventilator to circulate air in and out of his lungs. Eventually, I was permitted to see him and just stood there in total devastation. Looking! Thinking! This can't be happening to us. Please God, let me wake up from this nightmare. However, I was not asleep. Therefore, I could not wake up. Just wishing! But, this was real. ICU was freezing. His stark naked, emaciated body was lying there - stiff as a board to the touch and purple in color. His eyes were slightly cracked with a death gaze. Dr. Miat stressed,

"When they are this far gone they never come back."Â Therefore, he advised me to have Ken disconnected from the ventilator.Â Several family members traveled from Mississippi and joined me in a conference with this specialist. My brother, James Jr. had tears streaming down his face as he stood and proclaimed, "Ken is upstairs fighting for his life. We cannot give up on him." My oldest brother, Lawrence brought my father, James in a wheel chair. My mother - Lottie, my husband's sister - Katie, our daughter - Kamilia, her baby and all family members who could make the trip, came to support us. I drew so much strength from their presence. In fact, all of us had tear-stained faces. Then I remembered what the Lord told Ken to tell me when he was bleeding profusely after brain surgery in Meridian, Mississippi - just a week prior. His statement echoed in my ears, "We are in the eye of the storm and it is going to get rough; however, when tornadic activity interrupts our lives,Â the safest place to be is in the eye of the storm, because that's where the SON is." I don't remember ever hearing that until then. Since that day, I've learned some very interesting facts about the eye of a storm:1. Because the eye is so calm, the sun comes out, the wind virtually stops, and thereÂ is virtually noÂ precipitation.2. Oftentimes blue sky or stars can beÂ seen.3. The eye has the lowest surface pressure and temperatures tend to be at itsÂ warmest.Â Psalms 107:29Â He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.Â In the midst of the most severe storms of our lives, we continue to find the SON, many blue skies and shining stars.

This book is truly a testimony that will reinforce your faith. Its a wonderfully written book that incorporates the medical battle that Ken has faced as a result of Camp Lejeune's water contamination and continues to work through; it also tells the battle his family has gone through by his side. This book has a lot of medical terms that are put into easy to follow format.

Patrick Sims is the kind of woman you want on your side when you need the courage to step up for something you believe in that is intrinsically linked to your faith. She inspires me with her courage, dedication and heart-centeredness. Thank you for this courageous story.

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