

Hands of the Cause of God:
Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum:

In 1978, I was privileged to attend the 5 Day International Convention in Haifa Israel, along with hundreds and hundreds of other delegates from around the world. .

One day, I woke up so sick I could not get out of bed. I was devastated! How could I miss even one of the 5 precious days there, but nevertheless, I could not get out of bed. So I stayed and prayed and prayed and prayed.

Suddenly an idea came to me, I wondered if I could, somehow, get to Rúhíyyih Khánum and ask her for prayers or something! But it didn't take long for me to realize how impossible that was. Ah, but another idea came, I bet if I could somehow get hold of Violette Nakhjavani, surely she could get to Rúhíyyih Khánum for me. It also didn't take a lot of time for me to realize that wasn't going to happen either. So, back to praying.

The next day I woke and was well! I was able to attend the sessions for that day. During a lull in one of the meetings, I got up and wandered into one of the halls and stood there all by myself. I look up and there, coming up the hall, was Rúhíyyih Khánum, all by herself. That stunned me, as I had never, ever, seen her alone at an International Convention. I knew her from her visits to the West Indies and had the great honour to take her to media interviews, etc, as well as having her to my home. As she passed, she nodded, saying, "How are you?". I responded with "I'm fine." She stopped dead in her tracks, looked at me and said with an emphatic tone as only she could, "I asked you how you were" Oops, I remembered my previous day's wish and replied, "Much better Khánum, thank you!". She nodded and went on her way.

After this session was over, I was leaving, and up the corridor strides Rúhíyyih Khánum, Violette Nakhjavani and the usual crowd of those around her. As Violette spotted me, and without missing a step, says to her "Khánum, you remember Pat don't you? " Khánum turned to her, without missing a step either and says, "Of course I remember her, I saw her earlier."

Wow, the Holy Land, both heartfelt wishes granted!