

# WINTER 2016

**T**rust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6). Don't you love it when the Lord swings open a door that you weren't expecting? I was working at the pharmacy the other day and commented that I was heading to Honduras in a few weeks, Peru in March, Tanzania in May and Brazil in June. A new pharmacy technician said, "Wow, I want your job." Mrs. Gwen said, "She's a missionary. Do you really want her job?" He immediately said, "No! So, is that how you pay your way to Heaven?" I silently thanked the Lord for opening the door and the opportunity for Him to speak through me as I explained how my way to Heaven had already been paid by Jesus' blood when He died on the cross for me. I continued that He arose the third day to pay the penalty of my sin and all I had to do was to receive His gift. Mrs. Gwen couldn't stand it any longer and jumped in to explain that he, too, could accept the gift of eternal life. I'm sorry that he didn't accept Christ as Savior that day but I am thrilled to tell you that I had a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel right here at home.

**R**eady for any call, any circumstance and any cost were the points from Pastor Danny's message Sunday of a courageous Christian. I was convicted that I'm not always a courageous Christian, ready for anything but I desire to be one. He used the story of David and Goliath and how David went from a shepherd to a servant to a soldier even after receiving criticism and challenges. It's so easy to give up when it's hard but knowing God is in control and has a plan makes the decision much easier. At the end of his message, he brought the entire Honduras team to the front to use us as an example of "Ready For Anything" and said, "They are ready for anything; they don't know what they will face but they are going not only as servants to build a church but also as soldiers in a battle against satan." He went on to tell about the little boy who willingly shared his lunch, five loaves and two fishes, to feed five thousand men. As I stood there, I thought, I don't have much but I want what I have to be used of God because truly, little is much when God is in it! I want to be ready for anything knowing God is in control.

**U**nderstanding why David may have stopped to get five smooth stones instead of just one was so thought provoking to me. He trusted the Lord and didn't think he would miss but was prepared for Goliath's brothers. Of course, the Bible doesn't tell us but it made me think, "Am I fully prepared when I go into battle? Am I fully clothed in the armor of God? Am I willing to use whatever God places in my hands to help others? Am I trusting that He will take care of the customs agents or do I think He needs my help?" We're all in a battle and I want to always remember that "the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands" (1 Samuel 17:47b).

**S**ometimes He changes our plans. I had seven people express an interest in going to Peru in March and all of them said they would let me know by the first of February. The hygienist had shoulder surgery that was delayed a week so she decided she couldn't go with such a short recovery time. The rest of the team didn't materialize so the Woodards and I were praying and came to three conclusions: I could come alone but would I be of benefit? We could postpone until later in the year or until 2017. A few days later, the July team cancelled on the Woodards so they proposed that I bring a team in July. Meanwhile, the Lord is working on their hearts about a crisis pregnancy center. Please join me in prayer about when and what we are to do in Arequipa, Peru.

**T**hank you so much for your faithful prayers and giving of your time, talents and your treasures. I'm excited to see what God is going to do with our construction team from The Church at Chelsea-Westover as we travel to Honduras next week. How will He use our hammers, drills, clothes, books and MoonPies? We are trusting Him! Thank you for trusting me to take The Prescription, Jesus Christ, to a hurting world!

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