

Pray BFF Letter #252 Monday, November 24, 2014

NO SMALL MIRACLE

"Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers ... for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age ... and in the age to come, eternal life."

Mark 10:29-30).

Dear Prayer Partners,

Life goes from average to exquisite when one sees God at work. On the one hand, things did seem very complicated, but when God took over, He made some very complicated moves to provide for us. This no doubt was one of the "hundred times."

We have been traveling to Florida during the winter to see my parents and find refuge from the dark and cold days for decades. This year, Dad's house is not available; he passed away last year. We thought we would spend more time with my Mom but needed our own place. There was one discounted place for missionaries that came to our mind not far from my Mom. We filled in the long application for the housing, but the lady on the phone said that it is pretty near impossible. February is booked solid, but she told me to go ahead and apply.



The Bible app's verse for that day was, "Delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." So I brought Him this need. Would you guess that the next day an email came telling us that we got the house for the exact time we requested. When I called on the phone to put a deposit down, the lady said, she didn't write it in the email but that for this place to open up at this time was **no small miracle**. She explained how numerous things happened all of a sudden for us to get that place.

Even more interesting, I had just preached on Mark 10:29-30 two days before (the text at the top: Video - https://vimeo.com/112068567). Jesus made such promises to reassure His people (including us) that He knows our needs and will care for us—now and in eternity. The special opening became a clear reminder that Jesus' words are trustworthy. Thanks for your prayers. All of life becomes God's classroom—if we would only pay close attention to the Teacher.

OTHER BLESSINGS

God has also otherwise recently blessed BFF. In recent letters, you will have noticed that we sought prayer for BFF's finances. Four months this year we could not take salary. This is not anything new. We often have extended times where we get no salary, but God wanted again to surprise us with providing for us. God orchestrates

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everything. The nights are longer, the days are colder, but God makes up for the losses in His own way. We need only to trust Him. Meanwhile, do pray for BFF as the budget has increased for this year.

Praise!

- Not only money for the Short Term Mission came in, but sufficient funds to again pay salary.
- So thankful the place to stay 'opened up' for just the right week near my Mom's!
- Grateful for those who give financially for BFF. We consider this a great investment to make an impact on the kingdom of God around the world at a very significant time in world history.
- Thankful for grace for recent preaching and teaching.
- Editing progressing! Some projects complete.

Pray!

- Pray that God supplies richly for our needs.
- Do pray for Allison as she applies for an internship. It would be great if it was paid!
- Preaching on Dec 14th.
- Guidance for next STM trip-probably to Asia.
- Pray for those who are working on the BFF app to distribute the resources.

Thanks so much for your prayers!

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