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Speaking Hope to the World

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In our last letter I told of two families I was coaching who completed their goal of raising their full support and left for their respective places of service. I also mentioned I wanted to share some of their stories of God's provision with you.

Mitch and Melinda Becker have seven children and it was a faith-stretching experience, even for me! Although there were times when we all questioned how God was going to supply, it was faith building to talk to them and hear new stories of what had happened each week. Foremost in our minds was, "How long would this process take?" In the end, they took less time than anyone I've coached so far. One of their churches took on the largest monthly support amount I've ever heard of!



Another large problem was getting them and their things from their home in Virginia to Guam (on the other side of the dateline), where TWR has a large transmitting facility.

Because their support came in so fast, they didn't have enough in their 'Ministry Fund' to pay for their move. It stood as a mountain in front of us. But Jesus told us to pray and we would see God move mountains. So, that's exactly what we did! I could hardly believe how the answer came. One day Mitch, who worked for the military, remembered the last time they moved the distance was not far and it came in a few miles under the required number for the military to pay for the move. At the time, they no doubt complained about the regulation and the nuisance it caused their budget. On a whim, Mitch decided to call the military and ask if there was any way they would consider paying for this last move as they would be in the process of leaving the military. He couldn't believe his ears when they responded; yes, since the military didn't pay for their last move, they would cover this one completely, no matter where they were going! Wow, our tax dollars at work!

Getting nine people on a plane to Guam was another challenge. But paying for it also looked insurmountable. Hey, do you think our military could help again? You guessed it! They qualified to travel on military planes if they were willing to go on a space-available basis only.

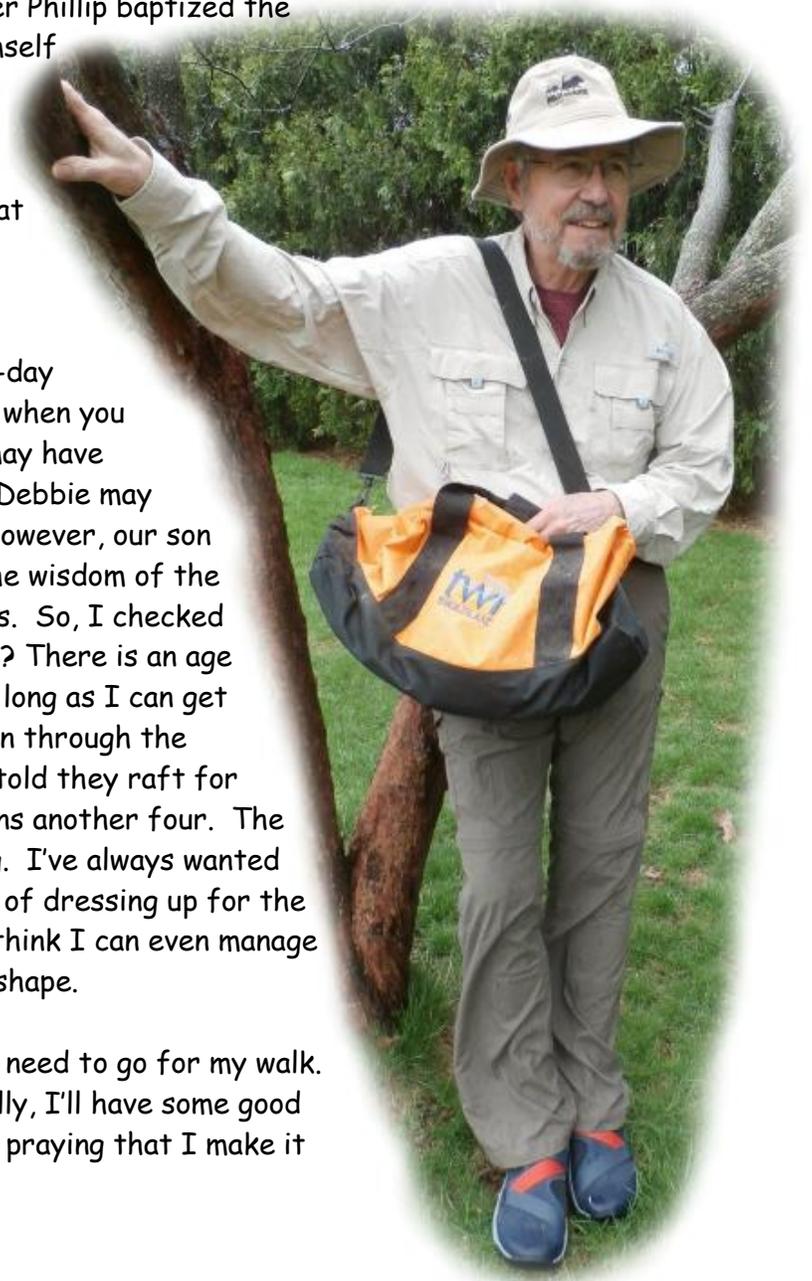
What were the chances of nine seats on the same flight? Most flights go to Hawaii and then require another flight to Guam. This could mean getting stuck in Hawaii where hotel bills could quickly exceed flight costs if the wait was a long one. It might also require splitting up the family. Text messages with some friends of theirs indicated they were waiting a long time in Hawaii. Amazingly, just after Mitch started looking for a flight departing from the west coast, a nearly empty plane showed up and it was flying directly to Guam, bypassing Hawaii altogether! Remember in Acts just after Phillip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch, he suddenly found himself at the town of Azotus? Didn't Jesus say we would see even more amazing things happen? I think moving nine people from the west coast to Guam all at once and for free, might be a good example. Don't you?

Prayer request: I may still be on a nine-day rafting trip exploring the Grand Canyon when you receive this letter and therefore, you may have good reason to think I'm a little crazy. Debbie may think that too, so she's staying home. However, our son Peter is joining me. I also questioned the wisdom of the trip since I'm turning 70 in seven months. So, I checked with the rafting company. Their answer? There is an age limit, but it is eight to eighty-eight. As long as I can get myself in and out of the raft and hang on through the rapids, they're willing to let me go. I'm told they raft for four hours a day and explore side canyons another four. The rest is taken up with eating and sleeping. I've always wanted to go on a cruise but didn't like the idea of dressing up for the meals. This might be more my style. I think I can even manage most of the walking - that is if I get in shape.

Hope you enjoyed reading this letter. I need to go for my walk. Stay tuned for our next letter. Hopefully, I'll have some good stories about the rafting trip. Debbie's praying that I make it back!

Blessings!

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