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For two years, I faithfully prayed for Marti to have a child. When God answered that prayer, Marti was very thankful. Later, she invited my wife, Patty, and me to attend a special hair-cutting ceremony for Sandy, her child.

At that event, we gave Marti a Bible. Eventually, she stopped working at the store, and I lost contact with her for the last couple of years. This June, just before we returned to the United States for home assignment, Marti contacted me on Facebook. She wrote, "I just wanted you to know that I read the Bible you gave me, and I have become a Christ follower."

Now I am regularly ministering to Marti on Facebook. She has many challenges in her life and doesn't yet have a strong faith. Please pray that when Patty and I return to Indonesia, we can continue to disciple Marti to maturity. Ask the Lord to show her His faithfulness and help her to trust Him more. Pray also that we will continue to have opportunities to share Christ's love with those with whom we interact daily.



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Continue to pray for the people of Redding and its surrounding areas. In many ways rebuilding during the months ahead will be more difficult than the initial trauma this disaster caused. “Now we need a strong movement of the Holy Spirit bringing Christ’s care and salvation into this new era,” said Chris.

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The Master has assured His servants that such mountains need not continue as obstacles to the progress of His work. The question of their removal is one of authority. The command of faith is the divine means of moving them out of the way: “Ye shall say unto this mountain, ‘Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and it shall obey you.’” The worker has no power of himself to accomplish anything but is commissioned to wield the power of God.

God delights to delegate His power to men when He can find believing and obedient servants to accept and exercise it. So, when mountains rise in their way, the Lord commands His disciples to speak unto them and bid them depart into the sea.

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