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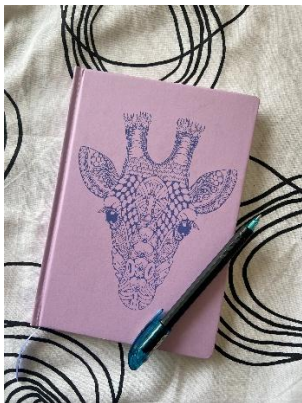
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The Waiting Room

I began a new journal in September to write out prayers for people and situations that come to mind. It has been a blessing and comfort in the process of waiting on God. The first entry was for Grace, the 17-year-old schoolgirl mentioned in the previous bulletin. She is expecting twins but is now overdue, admitted to hospital and waiting to undergo a C-section delivery later today.



Another journal entry concerns the house we've been living in for nearly five years. Yesterday I waited to show people around as the owner has put it up for sale. The "visitors" were a no-show, but someone may come for a viewing tomorrow. We are uncertain that our rental contract will be honoured, wondering if and when we should move out. There are plenty of things to take into consideration and a need for God's help in it.

This week, a cancelled meeting of the writing team resulted in the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Bible study guidebook remaining a work in progress. We are waiting for some revisions to be made to the final chapter.

In the meantime, I've been asked to review the TEE advanced diploma course, which contains 17 books with a lot of issues to be resolved. I'm wondering when we can start work on the next Bible study guide, the one I've been waiting to write for a long time...?

The waiting room in life can be a place of expectant hope, a place that builds endurance and character, a place to grow in patience or to rest and recover. We are all invited as we wait to pray, trust, serve and listen in the stillness to God speaking. It is the workshop where God shapes and prepares us for what's next. May he help us to own the words of the Psalmist –

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope." Psalm 130:5 (NIV)

Points for Prayer:

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him." Psalm 62:5 (NLT)

- Thank God for his presence in the waiting room as we deepen our relationship with him.
- Pray for Grace under the care of doctors and nurses in the operating theatre and maternity ward. Pray for the safe delivery of her babies, that they will be in good health.
- Ask for God's wisdom and guidance as we once again consider if and when to move house.
- Pray for the completion and publishing of the "No Other Gospel" Bible study guide and for the marketing of it on social media and through TEE branches.
- Rejoice in the new work assignment – reviewing the Advanced diploma course.