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PRAYERS:

- That we would find a suitable living situation.
- To keep finding community where we are.

BE *thankful* IN ALL
 CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR
 THIS IS *God's will* FOR YOU
 WHO *belong* TO *Christ Jesus*

The past few months have had their share of ups and downs. **This verse recently stuck out to me as a good response to all that has been going on.** Speaking of ups and downs, our road lacks them now. **This is a big answer to prayer.** What was a 2 km stretch of potholes is now a smooth well-paved road. We thank God for this huge blessing.

Unfortunately it isn't always smooth sailing. I found out in May that the Hebrew course I was developing has been put on an indefinite hold. This was deeply disappointing for me since I had poured my heart into the course. **But it's not a total loss, because I will be able to teach a few workshops from the material I've already written.** We thank God for this, because He has a good plan for this circumstance.

For our church, Renewal, in June we moved into a place called Hidden Gardens, and it's aptly named! We have an Eden-like sanctuary for our Sunday church gatherings now. Jennifer was able to help decorate the children's area. She has been helping out with the children's ministry one Sunday a month. **At around the same time the church started a community group in our area of the city so we've been able to attend that weekly.** God has been so gracious to us.



The new road



Our new church location



The house we didn't move into

In July we asked and got approval to move into a larger house in the DOOR compound. We started remodeling the place, hoping to live there long-term. But just before we were able to move in we found out that there was an urgent situation and they could no longer let us live there as it was needed for a larger family. All the costs we incurred were refunded to us and we hope the work will be a blessing for the next family. **God always has a good plan and we're thankful to be a part of it.**

We were able to celebrate Sophie's second birthday here recently, and we realized that perhaps our greatest blessing is that we have an amazing group of people to surround us and help us raise our family. **They push us to follow God in all we do.** For this we are thankful.



Jenn's Spot

We've been processing what all has happened in the past few months. **In that process, God has been working to provide healing.** Actually, if I'm honest, although we had approval from DOOR to move to the larger house, I wasn't 100% sure whether God had given us approval yet. **That hesitation lingered and even grew, and I think it was God trying to stop us from the heartbreak of losing something we were so invested in.**

So now, I don't want to rush forward to the next option. Do we look for something nearby outside the DOOR compound? That would be a major loss of community and resources. Do we dig into our current apartment and try to make it work for us? But there are some aspects about our apartment which we can't change, which were some of our main reasons for moving in the first place. What should we do? **When I ask God this, He tells me to wait and gives me a deep sense of peace.** How do I have peace? It doesn't make sense by human standards—nothing has changed, really—but He has told us "God has another plan." So we can trust and wait for Him to come through. **He always does.**



a song from Sophie:

Sophie loves songs. She spontaneously breaks out into song pretty much all day long now. Here is her rendition of "Jesus Loves Me":

"Jesus loves me, this I know. The Bible tells me so!"



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