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Derailed Plans or a Divine Plot Twist?



The porch and drive of the mission home on Cayman Brac have the bluff in clear view.

It was a normal March Tuesday in Cayman Brac. Pastor Gayle Woods drove from the mission home near the bluff, intent on visiting ill parishioners at the hospital.

But on this particular day, Dr. Woods' vehicle interrupted his plans by running roughly, not getting up to speed, and belching black exhaust. Abandoning his original intent, Dr. Woods set his sights on N & N Auto Repair.

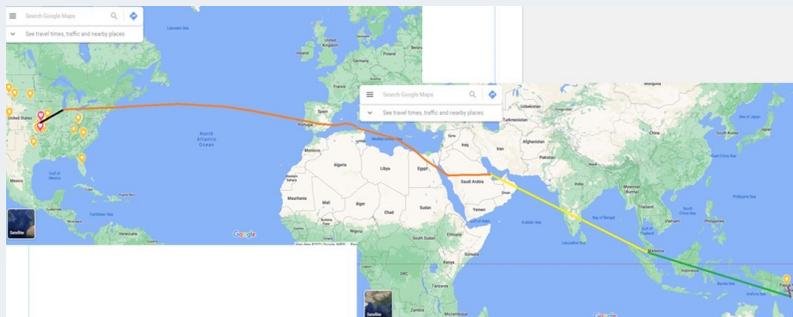
As he was passing Market Place, the car seemed to be running a little better, so he decided to park and restart before making a final decision. The problems persisted, the car died several times, and in the confusion, Dr. Woods accidentally backed into the bumper of a blue Hyundai.

Although he saw no damage, Dr. Woods wanted to tell the owner of the vehicle what had happened. It looked like a trip inside was necessary—a further change of plans.

No one inside seemed to know who the owner was, but suddenly someone spotted a woman headed to her car. Dr. Woods hurried outside to tell her what had happened. She was not concerned with her bumper in the least, and the two began chatting.

It was then that the pieces started to fall into place. The lady and her husband were from Pennsylvania, and when in Cayman they attend Crossroad Baptist Church. He is a retired veterinarian looking to possibly donate his expertise on the island if the Caymanian government would recognize his license from the U.S. or issue him one of their own. That morning she had prayed that God would direct her steps to meet someone He wanted her to speak to.

Route to Papua New Guinea



Christy Doyle plotted her family's route back to Papua New Guinea on Google Maps and shared it on Facebook.

She made each leg a different color:
Black- Kansas City to Chicago
Orange- Chicago to Doha
Yellow- Doha to Kuala Lumpur
Green- Kuala Lumpur to Port Moresby

Purple- Port Moresby to Aiyura/Ukarumpa

"This is only approximately the route we took," she wrote. "I fell asleep sometime after we got over Portugal or Spain. Larry woke up about then, and over the next several hours looked down and saw Tunisia, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the vast deserts of Saudi Arabia."

We are glad for a smooth journey, including acceptance of all COVID-related paperwork in four countries.



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Pray for the World

- David, Zenia, Joseph, and Noah Woods returned to the U.S. on March 31. They plan to live in the Kansas City area, at least for the present.
- As the Doyle family settles back into their life in Papua New Guinea, Larry wants to reconnect with the Solos translation team soon. Christy homeschools their three boys and is looking for ways to volunteer in the missionary community.
- Jason and Tammy are seeking the Father's direction for their future ministry in a new country, possibly moving later this year.
- Two of our mission fields are experiencing great civil unrest—Haiti and Myanmar. Pastor Samson and Pastor Andrew lead the ministries in those countries. Pray for God's Word to continue to go out, for He has promised it will always bring forth fruit.

Dr. Woods immediately thought of one of his parishioners at the Watering Place church, Sis. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, who also happens to be the Minister of Agriculture and Lands for the islands.

Sis. Juliana immediately responded when Dr. Woods shared the story with her, saying she would speak to her Agriculture Policy Officer. Dr. Woods was able to get the veterinarian's contact information for them.



*Sis. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly
Minister of Education, Youth, Sports,
Agriculture and Lands*

"It just seemed like a 'God thing' which could be of benefit to Cayman Brac," Dr. Woods later wrote.

"...It is amazing how He works, isn't it? She prayed, not expecting someone to run into her car as a result, and certainly not someone who would stick around to tell her about it. And who was to say that the conversation would not have gone a different way and her husband's desire would not even be discussed? To cap it all off, how could she have known that the person who ran into her car pastored a Minister of Parliament who was in charge of Agriculture and Lands—the one person who might be able to make things happen?"

"God is amazing. I am continually surprised at how He works in such mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

Truly, sometimes our derailed plans are actually God's hand at work.

Family Baptism



On their last Sunday in Grand Cayman, David and Zenia Woods and their boys had a family baptism. Joseph and Noah, having recently made commitments to serve Christ, were baptized in the ocean by their dad and grandpa Gayle Woods.

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