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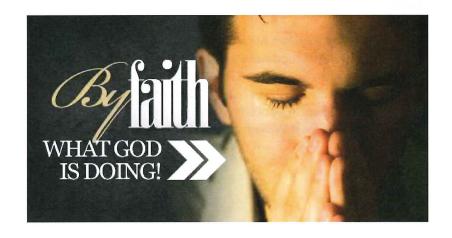
GEMS (Michael Williams) Newsletter

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As my family and I looked for a house to rent near the church in Memphis, TN, we were more than a little daunted by the cost, the location, etc. We wanted a place with a little more space and a quiet setting, yet close to the church. For several months we looked and prayed, yet nothing worked out. Then one day I was praying around the city of Memphis, and when I was 15-20 minutes from the church in a country area, I saw an older house with a "For Rent" sign. Long story short - the house is surrounded by hundreds of acres of woods and farmland on 3 sides and a very nice, quiet park on the fourth side, making enough space inside and out for our family while being close to the church.

When we announced that we had found a house, the windows of Heaven opened, and God poured out a blessing so big we couldn't contain it all. People began to bring things to us to help us set up house and, let me tell you, I'm not talking about junk! Every basic need that we need for a home was supplied in a matter of a few days! On top of that, it seemed God began to smile upon my lovely wife who had done without so much for so long as we lived by faith. It seemed whatever she uttered to me in private God gave her publicly. She mentioned that the cement area outside the house would be great for a patio table and chairs to host people with, she got it! She mentioned how it would be nice to have a crockpot as she must leave each day to teach our children school at a different location - the very next day two were delivered by people we didn't even know and a third one came in a day later! We were even given the small things like laundry hampers, irons, lamps, etc. It was simply amazing and my wife cried and cried. Well, though we were so thrilled and astounded by all this provision, I must admit I began feeling a bit jealous of my wife and this crazy connection she had with God. Then, one Saturday afternoon I went to get something at Lowe's, and I was looking at all the sheds and thinking, "Man, I would love to have a nice shed." On Sunday evening, a man came up to me at church and asked, "You need a shed?"... I about fell over! "What?! Wow! Yes!!" I have to say that I would have to make a pretty large salary to be able to afford all God has given to us in such a short time. We

feel so unworthy yet so grateful for all that has been done. Praise be to His Holy Name! What an Employer! What a Provider!

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

For His Glory,



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