

A Fabulous Adventure in Trusting Him

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

It was such an incredible blessing to travel to Kenya this summer! God truly blessed us every step of the way! Just before we left for Kenya I received a text from my grandma, Bonnie Anderson, reminding me that this trip would be a Fabulous Adventure In Trusting Him, the acronym for FAITH that she and my grandpa Eldon often use. It was just the reminder I needed as we entered into this wonderful adventure.

When we arrived at the airport in Kansas City, we learned that our flight had been delayed. We began to search for alternative flights to get us to Kenya in case we missed our first connecting flight because of the delay. After searching, it appeared that our only option was to get to our next city and wait 24 hours for the same flight path, just at a later time. This was not ideal because our first retreat in Awasi was only a day and a half, so if we were running 24 hours late, we weren't sure we were going to be able to have it at all. So we prayed about it and headed to our next city.

By the time we arrived, our next flight had already left, so we began working with the staff of our airline to find another flight. After a while of searching, the staff member informed us that she had found us seats on a flight to Europe and we could catch a connecting flight to Kenya. We were so excited and I remember praising God in my mind as we took our boarding passes to our next gate.

When we arrived at the next gate, the gate agent was surprised that we had these boarding passes because she said it was a completely full flight and there was no room for us, but to check back in 20 minutes. I was so disappointed. I had been sure that this flight was the answer to our prayers; but I was reminded that God had our entire trip in His hands, that He wasn't caught off guard by all of the changing plans, and that if He wanted this retreat in Awasi to happen, He would make a way. Twenty minutes later, we went back to the gate and the gate agent told us that there were enough seats now available for us to be able to board.

Two eight-hour flights later, we arrived in Kenya and had one more flight left to get to Awasi. Due to the previous change in flights, we had arrived later than originally planned and were running out of time to catch our final flight. We knew God had provided a way for us to get to Kenya, and prayed that He would make a way for us to get to our final destination in time for the retreat.

After landing at the airport, we received so many blessings: the man who worked at the airport who helped us get all our bags quickly; the ladies working in security who helped us move through the process quickly; and when we arrived at the desk to check in

our bags and heard the final boarding call for our flight, each of our names were called. We were able to explain the situation to the woman working at the desk, and she helped us check our bags and rush to the gate where they were holding the plane for us. A few hours later we landed in Kisumu, leaving only a short drive needed to reach Awasi! We were so incredibly thankful that God provided a way for us to get to Kenya on time. Both retreats were such a blessing to be a part of. God is so good and He will always make a way for His will to be fulfilled! The trip was truly a **Fabulous Adventure In Trusting Him!**