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‘Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.’ – Proverbs 3:5-6

Throughout these months, our Heavenly Father has granted us the opportunity to trust Him. These verses, of Proverbs 3:5-6, have held a special place in our lives since first we came together, but the gravity of their immensity and depth, and the combination of their simplicity and profundity, grows ever more apparent. When it seemed that our Father was preparing the way for our return to Kenya, there were also points in the storyline where we literally did not know what our Beloved wanted us to do ... but one fact kept clinging to our souls – Trust in the LORD.

One day, when the storyline was intensifying, but our Father was not showing us clearly His will, we came before Him and earnestly asked that He would please speak clearly about our return, for when He speaks to our hearts, there is peace, comfort and calm. In loving tenderness, He did indeed speak, and comfort came:

‘Let us go forth this day, not knowing, but trusting.’

We still did not know what His perfect will was, but we knew that He was blessing us with this opportunity to trust Him.

It has been good to have to rely on our LORD and wait for Him (and not just in relation to our returning to Kenya), for then we know that we are in His perfect will, and not following our own plans.

It has been good to even read, in the midst of the unknown, to ‘Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him.’ When all around seemed to be in somewhat disarray, (yet it was imperative that we wait for Him), our Beloved encouraged us to rest in Him ... resting patiently. He truly is a sweet, tender Saviour.

There were times when not knowing was not easy - when decisions had to be made - and so we sincerely acknowledged our Father and sought Him to direct our paths, our every decision.

As this is being typed our entry permits are approved, our flights and PCR tests are booked, and our youngest child’s boarding school has graciously granted extra time to allow his return. There are still hurdles that will require our LORD’s help, but we continue to look to Him.

Furthermore, as this is being typed the building work has begun at



Isintin PCEA Church. How wonderful it is to see God’s children seeking to move forward in the building of a meeting place for them to come to worship our LORD and have fellowship together.

### Prayer Points

- Rejoice with us in the goodness, grace and mercy of our Father towards His children
- Praise our Father for the work being carried out at Isintin and please pray for the strengthening, growth and unity of His children there.
- Please remember our family as we again part from one another. The parting brings tearing, but what a comfort to know that by our Beloved’s tearing (from cruel lashings) we are healed. We bless our Beloved for such love.