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A Mother's Prayer

"Answer me when I call, O God of righteousness.... Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!"
Psalm 4:7

I recall it well! It was a Monday. I was sitting in the car outside the Strathroy District Hospital waiting for Ken to return from an ultrasound. The phone rang and startled me. It was my daughter-in-law, Dana. Roger's Telecommunication was down across all of Canada. Our son, Mike, had placed a call to Grand Bend Health Centre for a Covid test as the realtor selling their property in Acton had tested positive. Contact was when the paperwork, which Mike picked up and put in a file, was delivered. Bidding on their home closed that day and Rogers was down. The Grand Bend Health Center was trying to call Mike about an appointment, but Mike and Dana could not answer or return the call. Dana could not contact her mother and knew she would be worried.

So, they Face Timed me in a hospital parking lot. Face Time, which I thought needed an internet connection, reached me in a parking lot! When Ken exited the hospital, I had called the Health Center to give them our contact number, called Dana's mother and prayed!

I prayed for Mike that he would get the Covid test and that it would be negative I prayed for a realtor I had never met and his staff I prayed Rogers would be repaired and bids on the house could be received I prayed for the peace that passes understanding. My son was burdened by weeks of building an addition, cleaning, painting, yard work and having their home staged to be sold. He was stressed by weeks of being separated from his wife and support system and by the outcome of the sale of their home.

So, I prayed and left it in God's hands. God knew the outcome. He would carry my son, his wife and all involved through the turmoil, strife, and concern.

When we arrived home, there was a message from the Health Center. They had received Mike's call and would continue to try to contact him. They never got in touch with Mike due to Roger's downed technology, but they called me with a time for Thursday.

We received Mike's call to consult on offers that evening and then a joyous call that the sale was through. They had one month and their dream of moving and living on the Isaac farm on Mark Settlement Drive would be a reality.

Mike tested negative for Covid. His realtor is doing well. My prayers were heard and answered. Life has not returned to the 'old' normal, but it is good. Stress and concerns will continue, but God will continue to be with us.

Mike and Dana have traded the modern, rejuvenated, and rebuilt home of their early years for a small, comfortably restored farmhouse with a pond that Canada Geese visit. They have flower gardens that need to be loved and a huge vegetable garden to tend.

The Monday of prayer is now a memory ... the kind that stories and letters of Hope are made of.

Thanks be to God for answered prayer.

Ruth Ann

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