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Gods
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Timing!

Several months back as we were driving to a church fellowship in our van, we noticed a burning rubber smell. As I pulled over, there was a concerning amount of smoke coming from the back passenger side of our vehicle. We found out that our brake had seized up. After letting it cool down, we were able to get the van to a somewhat safe spot to park for the night and continue on to the church fellowship. It was stressful, but thank the Lord that no accidents happened. We immediately saw how the Lord was working when the visitor we had that Sunday volunteered to bring us the rest of the way to where our church was meeting that day. Leeman is a 20-year-old Palauan man who was invited by a friend to come to church that Sunday. Our car trouble created an opportunity for me to be able to witness to Leeman.

I was hoping the car problem would be an easy fix. I WAS WRONG. To give you an idea of how different things can be on the mission field, here is the van saga. Our van sat at the gas station, where we had parked it, for a week before we were able to jerry rig something to get the van back to my house. No automotive shop here on the island sells the brake caliper that we need to repair it. I had to order the parts needed online which took nearly three months to get here. Once we finally received the box, we discovered they sent the right box, but the wrong part was inside. They were willing to refund me my money if I can only send it back to them. Sadly, since September last year the USPS here stopped sending any package from Palau going to anywhere in the mainland U.S. mainland.



Before

The Post office recommended FedEx which said they could do it for \$800. With a refund of only \$100 I was not going to spend \$800 to mail it back. So, I ended up just ordering a new part. It only took 6 weeks for it to get here and it was the right part. Praise the Lord, we were finally able to get our van drivable again! We have had several car problems I share all this not to complain but to let you know what life is like here.

Our church had two vans needing repair, but due to the unavailability of the parts here on the island, one has remained unused and deteriorating in the church parking lot for about 6 months. One had a broken transmission and if they had the parts, it would cost



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After

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\$1500+ to fix. We decided to finally give one away, as we were cleaning out the van, we noticed a huge hole in the floor that was not there before. Someone had climbed underneath the van and stolen several engine parts from it while it was parked in the church parking lot.

We don't have any car manufacturer or dealership on the island. The big stores only sell new parts for Asian model cars that they carry. If you need parts, you hope you can find it in the automotive repair shops which sell parts that they have harvested or salvaged from other vehicles. A couple times a year they do import some parts, but those can be unreliable on availability. With the drug and drinking problems on the island, car accidents are common. Mechanics strip parts off of other cars. After cleaning out the van, all I could do it shake my head and give it to the Lord. It can be frustrating to deal with, but God always, ALWAYS takes care of us. The other church van that had been sitting was fixable. Louis, a man of the church said he could fix it. He took a couple days off work, finding the needed parts it is now working great! God worked it out that it got fixed just in time as his car that he was using to bring his family of 6 and others to church broke down. He is using the van to bring people to church. God provides just in time. It may not be the time we would like. But He still provides ...

Please pray for the on-going maintenance and for our health as there has been a lot of sickness going around. With such a loving family we share everything and it can be 2 months before everyone is up and well again.

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