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What a way to start the trip.... FLEX in action...Sunday night members of the team (there are 16 of us from all over the US) realized the blizzard hitting the NE was going to hamper our arrival into Boston for training, so the rebooking of flights began.

Here is quick snap shot of the start of mine & Rhonda's trip:

Sunday 1030pm - rebooked to fly out of Fayetteville on Monday at 2pm, same flights as Tuesday (our original departure date) just 24 hours early.

Monday 9am – new flight from Charlotte to Boston cancelled, rebooked to depart RDU at 113pm on direct flight to Boston...I was still in my pjs & had my last minute packing to do.

10am – left house to pick up last minute medication & Rhonda (Jeff offered to drive but we all know he doesn't drive as fast as me...plus I couldn't have taken the stress of being a not in control passenger LOL)

1050am – picked up Rhonda & met her husband at a gas station so he could tell her “good bye”

1120am – on I95 headed to RDU (praying the entire way for God to clear the path & remove all obstacles)

1233pm – checked in at RDU & ran to gate (with our 30+ lb back packs on...good training for something I am sure).

105pm – on the plane (take a breath – praise God for His provision)

325pm – arrive in Boston (ride was a little bumpy, there is a reason I don't like roller coasters)

350pm – in our hotel room (take another breath – praise God, again, for His continued provision)

4pm..ish – head out in the light snow to explore our near surroundings & find the PIH office, where we will have our training.

Needless to say my “relaxing” Monday to clean up the house & make sure everything was in order for my absence did NOT happen.

Many of you know how this journey began, the uncertainty that I (& I'm sure many of you) had, but God has more that calmed my fears and demonstrated His great love & grace. There is no doubt that I am where I am supposed to be, even if the journey may be difficult. After all He did not promise there would not be trials, on the contrary. He did promise to be there with us & to show us the way if we seek Him. Last night I awoke in the middle of the night thinking “what am I doing here...I don't know if I can do this...” As I laid there praying as peace came over me & I fell back to sleep.

Over the years there are several Godly women, and men, that I have traveled with – 3 women in particular. We all know it is wonderful to have a familiar person with you when you travel, but this time I was prepared to make this trip alone. God had other plans & Rhonda was called & able to come. We

had both talked about how nice it was to have someone you knew with you when you are going so far out of your comfort zone, but yesterday as we walked around, we talked about the reality that if we have both committed to go & do whatever the Lord directs (which we have), that may mean we end up in different sites to work. Each team member will be assigned a work site, there are 3, based on the needs in-country and the team member's individual medical skills, plus assignments can change based on the needs during our 6 weeks in-country.

For right now we are warm in our hotel room...watching the snow...and will have our training on Thursday & Friday.

Love, Cindy

Prayer Request:

The rest of the team arrives safe & in time for training.

I will fully grasp all the aspects of the training in preparation for the work.

The next winter weather, due in Friday/Saturday, will be delayed until after Sunday so we can fly out on time.