

*Even in illness, He is with me*

*“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)*

That was the scripture I read the morning I was to check into the hospital in a foreign country. Within one week, my world had turned upside down. Throughout the summer, I had been having leg cramps that were waking me up in the middle of the night. One night I woke up in tears and decided that I'd had enough.

A doctor ran blood tests and asked, “Has anyone ever diagnosed you as having diabetes?” I was confused. I came to see the doctor because of leg cramps, and she was telling me something about diabetes? She referred me to a specialist, and I was on my way out the door.

I had been in Western Europe, working with refugees for less than a year. Diabetes was definitely not a part of my plans. The morning I went to the hospital, God gave me His sweet peace through 2 Corinthians 4:17. I knew from that moment on, everything would be okay. He reminded me that He created me and that He would take care of me as He always had.

As I look back, I see that God got my attention with the nightly leg cramps; otherwise, I would not have gone to the doctor. He placed me in a country that had good medical care so that all my needs could quickly be met. He was with me as I learned to eat differently and learned to take better care of myself. I am never alone, for He is always with me.

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*Heavenly Father,* WHEN THINGS SEEM TOO BIG FOR ME, REMIND ME THAT YOU ARE JEHOVAH-JIREH, MY PROVIDER. YOU ARE A FAITHFUL GOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE TO ACCEPT THINGS THAT COME MY WAY. MAY MISSIONARIES ALSO PROVE FAITHFUL TO YOU AND BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME DURING ILLNESS. *Amen.*