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This Month's Prayer Needs:

--smooth transition for me (and my family) as I move to Grove City

--discernment for seniors as they seek God's leading

--provision for those heading into ministry

--boldness and influence for those called into the market workplace

“Then Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns...And Abraham called the name of the place ‘The-LORD-Will-Provide’...”

(Gen 22:13-14)

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Provision...

It's funny how "providing" usually implies money, maybe just because it often tops our lists of everyday stresses. As my finances fall into place to start full-time with the team after almost a year, I've been trying to reflect on God's *full* provision, in addition to the miraculous bill-paying He's done.

This weekend, for example, I'll be packing up for a one-bedroom place 4 blocks from my senior staff in Grove City. Hearing horror stories from other renting friends, I didn't expect to find (in one day) a Christian landlord who would lower the rent, and offer use of the garage and office space, all without a lease!

His Christmas Presence...

Four different cities, 900 miles, 8 days--my post-Christmas agenda was a little staggering. While it was starting to feel like I should've been on a sleigh behind reindeer, snow would have greatly complicated everything.

As it was, not only did the drive to the Christmas Conference go fine, but we had 50° and sun for our day of outreach in DC! With no Edinboro students around, I got to know two girls from Slippery Rock as we went to the Lincoln Memorial.

A scavenger hunt designed to help us meet people led us to citizens of 4 countries; at least 3 let us get their thoughts on a booklet about God we had while another was content just to dance the funky chicken to help us win.

Jehovah-Jireh (The-LORD-Will-Provide)...

As the conference (titled *Whole Life Worship*) urged students to surrender their future to God's leading, one senior told me of her struggle to discern between vocational ministry and elementary education. God's call into ministry can be hard to swallow next to a steady paycheck, even for those trying to trust Him.

Next month's Life Options conference will hopefully give these deciding Jrs. and Srs. some guidance into possibilities in their field of study and in ministry.

But regardless of where we're called, the big decisions sometimes pale in comparison to the discipline of trusting daily, like 3 of my teammates realize while they find their teams of partners. I pray that Jehovah-Jireh will confirm them and you in each step of the process as we all wait on His provisions.

In Him,