

The God of Details

“Sing His praise from the end of the earth ... You islands ... Give glory to the Lord and declare His praise in the coastlands.” Isaiah 42:10b, 12 (NASB)

Does God remember me personally? I hate to admit it, but I have had this thought. Recently, my life was in transition and doubt as I found myself in a new culture.

Complicating my transition, I had the responsibility of ministering to colleagues who had been in various crises, including a kidnapping, armed robbery and assault, death of a missionary child, multiple medical evacuations and emergency surgery. I learned that taking breaks were essential to my mental and spiritual health. So, on my birthday, I went with friends to the beach. I went not to swim, but for a chance to see dolphins. In more than three years, neither my friends nor I had seen one.

As we lounged on the beach, my friend tried to encourage me about my impending stateside assignment and how I would be able to share how Jesus was working in Benin (beh-NIN). She reminded me that today, my birthday, people were praying for me specifically. As we watched the waves, I reflected on her words.

Suddenly, about 100 yards offshore, a dolphin appeared! I saw his nose, fin and tail as he arched through the air. I shouted, “Hallelujah; thank You, Jesus!” During the next hour, we watched about a dozen dolphins with their young. What a birthday present! I received presents and many cards, but only the Lord could arrange such a display of His splendor to me so personally. *Happy birthday, Judy! I love you.*

Our God remembers us personally and loves to remind us that He is indeed our caring Father.

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You, Father, HAVE LOVED ME WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE. THANK YOU THAT YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN ME, THAT I AM PRECIOUS IN YOUR SIGHT. HELP MISSIONARIES WHO ARE BY THEMSELVES IN MINISTRY TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN BY YOU OR THOSE OF US AT HOME. *Amen.*