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**MARCH 2009** WE WON OUR TRIP TO PANAMA ON THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE! That's what the young couple from the Gamboa Rainforest Resort told me. It was one of the extra prizes that the arrow landed on... for them, they had never been to Panama or even thought of it.

I had just run into them and they told the whole story. It turned out that they are Christians and wanted to know our testimony. They ended up buying one of my books and taking it back to California. The "God things" that the Lord arranges are so exciting. It reconfirms that we are in the right place doing the right thing (and we all need reaffirmation) and it is encouraging to see that no matter what the world economic situation is, God is still building His kingdom.

There was a lady who had a big, big financial need. She had seen God work in the past by actually seeing her only son who had suddenly died, be raised back to life! Now she had an opportunity to tell the king of her country about her problem. When she entered his presence, there was an assistant to the evangelist/prophet telling the king about the miracle. At that God appointed moment the evangelist/prophet was able to give the evidence of this woman and her son who had been raised. The king then acted in the woman's favor, thus meeting her great need and it gave glory to the Lord. You can read about it in II Kings 8:1-6. An amazing story of God's perfect timing.

Then there was Mike and Rozanne from Canada. They were riding through Gamboa on bikes they got at the resort when they stopped to take photos of the church and the flowers. That's how I met them. After learning that they were Christians, I invited them to come in and give their testimonies for one of my radio programs. They were excited to return to Canada and have their friends listen to their testimonies by going to our church website (and click on radio.) This has open opportunities to share with their friends and see God at work in a fresh way. Then they ordered a couple more books.

Two weeks later on a Friday I met another couple from Canada walking by the church. They asked for directions on how to return to the resort which led to further conversation. So Sunday they decided to come to church after reading my book. Being from a catholic background, this was a whole new experience for them. That Sunday I was having the Youth With A Mission team lead the service with music, a video, teaching and testimonies of what the Lord had done in their lives. They had just returned from being part of the leadership for a four-day conference for 600 teens from all over Panama. It is so exciting to see what God is doing in the youth of Panama.

But there is more...this couple offered to take the additional books that Mike and Rozanne wanted with them and mail them from Canada which would be far faster and less expensive. I gave them Mina Nevisa's book as a thank you, and by that evening the husband was into it already. I just see all of this as God's hand working in the lives of people no matter what else is going on in the world.

One last book story...Ann and I were riding the elevator at the resort. I had a bunch of my books under my arm because I was doing my monthly inventory at the resort gift store. Two couples got on, both from the states. They were getting off at the next floor, and one said, "I would like one of your books if you will sign it." It turned out that both couple bought a book. Wow, what timing...in just a window of time, but God sets it up. God must have something going on for them and I pray God will do great things in their lives.