



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



An extra update on Monday, May 8...

...so the travel agent says our airline reservations will self destruct on Friday, May 5 unless they are purchased by that day. "It's the new way KLM airlines is doing business," he says. "No more flexibility. The KLM computer automatically deletes any reservations not ticketed after 14 days."

...May 5 arrives. No money for our tickets has come in. Self destruction has arrived for precious reservations in a high travel season. Is God shutting the door on our trip to Ukraine? I say to the travel agent, "I'll talk to you on Monday the 8th about trying for other reservations. My faith is too low right now to waste your busy Friday afternoon..."

...I call Judy Sutch on the weekend. I let her know we have no reservations and no money. (She has her travel funds, but doesn't want to go without us.) "So, what are you believing about this, John?", she asks. "It's not for us to shut it down," I say. "We've seen God do too much in the past. Anything can happen. Only He can shut it down. We'll keep the door open to go if we can. I'll talk to you on Monday after I talk to the travel agent again."

...I call Marcia LaRock in Holland on the weekend and let her know we have no money and no reservations. Is she willing to go to Ukraine without us, I ask? She laughs. "What would I do?" she asks. "Everything.", I say. "You'll preach and teach till you drop." She laughs. "Pray.", I say.

...I call the travel agent on Monday May 8 (today). "Now what are our options?", I ask him. "I'll work on it," he says. "Things are pretty full...it's late, of course...", he indicates to me. I know this, I thought. We just want to keep the door open for the Lord. Only God can shut down this trip. We won't quit.

...I talk to the travel agent later today (still Monday). He says, "There's one possible option on such and such an airline...nothing else will work...of course we still have the KLM option," he says. "What option?" I say. "Didn't those reservations self destruct last Friday?" I say. "Oh, yeah, that's right.", he says. "Let me check it anyway....(pause. click, click, click...) Funny thing...they're still here.... It's a fluke of some kind. Yeah, your original reservations are still here.... Here's what I can do...(short explanation). You have until Wednesday the 17th to pay for them, the day before you leave."

So, God seems to be keeping the door open. We are still expecting to leave next week, on Thursday the 18th for Ukraine. Enough money has come in to pay for our new passports. That's all. We are keeping our eyes fixed to go.

Yes, the funds must come. Thanks for praying with us. If God leads you to help in this need, thanks in advance. Yes, funds can be received up till the 18th, even after -- in which case it would be good to let us know by phone if you are sending something.

Thanks for allowing us to keep you in the loop of what is happening in this current saga of trusting God!

Blessings,

John and Jackie