



## HIS PROVIDENCE

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Last week, after I got home from the dentist for a tooth extraction, everything was fine. It was a sunny and windy day. Leaves are starting to wither, and roads are getting dustier. While I was resting in my room because my gums were swelling after the extraction, I received a call from Ma'am Christine saying that the locals near our base said that the other end of our airfield is burning. I immediately called the Bureau of Fire and Protection (BFP) to help us extinguish the fire. Though I'm not feeling well, I suited up and drove our truck near the area where the fire had started. A large area of our airstrip was already burnt when we arrived.

After the BFP arrived, they started spraying water from their truck to partially extinguish the fire. Since the area where our base was located used to have a forest fire every year, they said it would eventually burn out on its own.

Everyone left, and I also returned to our mission house, drove the tractor, and mowed the perimeter of the hangar to prevent the

fire from spreading if it worsened. And as soon as the clock hit 6 pm, I went outside and was shocked by what I saw: the fire was already closing in on our hangar. It happened so fast since it was windy outside. Thick smoke surrounded the hangar, and the fire had already spread to the back of our mission house and along the fences. We can't get close to the hangar to bring some water, just in case a fire breaks out in the grass near it.

We called the BFP again, and they responded very quickly. They were monitoring the fire's path because it might affect the households closest to our main gate. After almost an hour of being active and alert, watching as the fire burned all the grass along its path, it finally stopped, and thankfully, our hangar was spared, with no injuries, casualties, or damage to our property.

I was so grateful to God for keeping this mission base safe and sound. It may sound weird, but after that day, I was roaming around the base checking the burnt areas. I was also thankful for the fire, as it helped reduce my mowing, since our Kubota tractor is not in

good condition, and the mower deck we usually use to keep the runway trimmed is already broken.

There are times when we question God about why these things happen. Human as we are, we tend not to understand these things, but God the Father up above knows everything good for us. We may be burned by problems, anxiety, unfulfilled expectations, and ghosts of the past. But maybe it was God's providence that made you realize you need this to become a new version of yourself, one that fits what God has designed for you. He will be just one call away to help you extinguish the fire that is consuming you as we continue to live our lives being useful in His work.



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