



### *Strength Like David*

***“The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;  
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with  
my song I will praise Him.” Psalm 28:7 (NKJV)***

Reflecting on these words from David, they have carried a special weight these past few weeks. Even though the psalm begins with a cry, almost of despair. In the middle of difficulty, he remembers where his strength comes from. And that’s where the joy is born: not from circumstances, but from knowing to Whom we belong.

Here in the North, these past few weeks have brought great hardship to several communities. Wildfires spread in a way we rarely see, and around 3,000 people had to be relocated. Some are still waiting to return. For others, sadly, the fire took everything. It’s hard not to feel the weight of it, even from a distance.

Sioux Lookout, thank God, wasn’t affected as badly as other communities and didn’t receive as many evacuees as larger towns. But even so, we felt the effects, from the smoke in the air, to families passing through in transit, to the tension of waiting for news about relatives in more affected communities. No one here was completely untouched by it.

And it’s in this context that I return to Psalm 28:7. Our strength doesn’t come from being free of difficulty; it comes from knowing that the Lord is the one who sustains us in the midst of it. And that same strength is what moves us to serve, not to stand by watching from a distance.

As missionaries, our role here is simple: to be available to serve in whatever way is possible and needed. We’ve continued partnering with local organizations, such as the city’s food bank, to help ease

the food insecurity left by situations like this. But we know there's still much to be done; the needs continue even after the wildfires fade from the headlines.

If you've felt led to help in some way, we're counting on you, whether through prayer for the affected families, through practical service, or through donations that help us continue this local partnership. Every gesture matters and makes an eternal difference.

May we, like David, find our strength in the Lord, and may that strength overflow into service to those in need. God bless you today.

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This is what Isaiah describes: feet that proclaim, voices that announce, and communities that unite around a single message, a message that God reigns, even amid the vastness of the North, even in the face of challenges that seem too great.

We thank each of you from the heart for walking with us through prayers, support, and offerings. You are a vital part of this journey, and it is through each person's commitment that this work continues to move forward, mountain after mountain, community after community.

Many Blessings, Fabricio Leite



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