



THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR GOD!
MORTGAGE PAID OFF!!

July 9, 2002 was quite a day! All things were going well until a call came from the bank that was holding our mortgage! At that time, they informed us they were calling our loan of approximately \$400,000 and gave us 10 days to pay off the loan.

Needless to say, we were stunned. The banker told us he was calling several church loans. As we talked, he told us there was nothing whatsoever we could do to turn things around. I said, "I guess we need a miracle", to which he replied, "A miracle wouldn't help you now – or so he thought.

The next morning as I jumped out of bed, I asked, "Lord, what are your marching orders for today?" "Immediately, I heard, "Call Tom Brown."

Mr. Brown had been a friend of my husband who was deceased. I told the Lord I didn't know where Tom was or what he was doing. He reminded me that Tom had come by the church several weeks' earlier and left some information.

I hurried to the church, found the information, called Tom Brown, and by 3:00 pm, he was in our office meeting with the elders and me.

Mr. Brown worked diligently with us in trying to find other financing within the limited time. That wasn't to be.

The attorney began the work on the foreclosure and then went on vacation. He was to start in earnest on Tuesday, August 6.

On Thursday morning, August 1, my brother called Whole Life Ministries in Augusta, Georgia, to give a great doctor's report. As an aside, he asked the one to whom he was talking, "Do you know what is going on with my sister?"

Of course they didn't know! We had not even called them for prayer regarding our situation.

The Administrator of Whole Life Ministries called that evening and asked, "What is going on? What do you need? When do you need it?" To which I replied, "The bank has called our loan and is starting foreclosure. We need \$400,000 and we need it by Monday." Friday and Saturday evenings, the Administrator called and asked the same questions, and I gave the same answers.

On Sunday afternoon as I walked into the house after the morning service and dinner, my telephone was ringing. I reached for the phone on my way in the door.

The familiar voice of my friend, Pastor Sandra Kennedy of Whole Life Ministries was on the other end. She asked me, "How much do you need?" I answered, "\$400,000." Then she asked, "When do you need it?" My answer was, "Tomorrow". Then the most beautiful words I about ever heard were spoken! "Just go to bed and take a good nap. We will be putting \$400,000 in your bank in the morning!" There were no payments and no interest!

I never had a clue that church had any kind of money and even if they did, I never thought of such a thing happening!

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True to her word, the next morning – August 5, 2002 - \$400,000 was put into our account and the mortgage was paid that afternoon!

When I said, "Looks like we got our miracle" to the banker, he replied, "you can call it that if you would like!"

The Lord had put in Pastor Kennedy's heart that they were to pay off all their debt by the end of 2002. They needed \$400,000 more than they had already raised in order to pay themselves out of debt and when they heard we needed \$400,000, God spoke to them to give us \$400,000 they had and He would supply the rest! Pastor Kennedy said the meeting with the elders regarding their giving us that money didn't last five minutes!

In early fall of 2002, Tom Brown left his job and went into business as PROVIDENCE CAPITAL ADVISORS, a ministry to help churches and schools with financing. The “call” from the Lord increased as he saw the faithfulness of God with us. God is blessing his business greatly!

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December 27, 2002, Sandra Kennedy and Whole Life Ministries celebrated their being completely out of debt. They not only had the \$400,000 they had needed, but also an additional \$400,000 to replace what they had given to us in obedience to what the Lord had asked of them.

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July 2, 2003, Covenant Life Church sold 10 acres of land for \$400,000, and July 3 we made a trip to Whole Life Ministries in Augusta, Georgia and paid the \$400,000 back!

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