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BY KEITH HACKLE

I'd known for more than a year and a half that my family and I would move to Berrien Springs, Michigan, in May of this year. My wife was behind me 100 percent and had worked with me to explain the transition to our two children, ages 8 and 7. We had going-away parties, received a wonderful sendoff from our home church, all the furniture was in the house where we'd be staying, and classes began on Monday.

God demolished every obstacle that appeared to stand in our way—from the transfer of our home in a bad real estate market to arranging acceptance into Andrews to funds for the move. Yet, here I sat on the bedroom floor feeling lost.

I never resided outside Cincinnati in my entire life. I'd never been more than 30 minutes away from my extended family. I'd never in my adult life not been the primary provider for my family. I was used to being involved in my church back home, where our church family greeted us with a smile. Was I really in Berrien Springs? What had I done?

As I sat there on the floor close to tears, I called out to God. "Father, you've called us here and I know it's for a purpose. Help me to find peace in this transition. Help us to get acclimated in the church that you would have us go to, help us meet new people, help this experience to bring my family closer together, help this experience to glorify You."

To start off my day, I began reading the book of Matthew. If I wanted to know how to deal with being away from home in a foreign land, there was no better place to go than to the life of Jesus. One day, I read Matthew 3, which tells of Jesus baptism; and because of His obedience, God spoke from Heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well



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pleased." Through His Holy Word, God allowed me to see He was pleased that I had been obedient to answer His call to come to Berrien Springs.

Another day I read Jesus' words in Matthew 4:19: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"; and in verse 23, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Obedience through faith brought me here, and I will receive world class training and witness God do amazing

things not only in my life but others.

Yet, another day I read Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Each of the things I asked for have been answered in just the first month at Andrews University. God is with us wherever we are. Sometimes the road may not be clear or look like we expected, but God knows the plans He has for us. We just have to answer the call.

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