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## HE PLACED IT IN MY HANDS...

If you grew up during the Great Depression you probably heard the quote, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without." This was a very familiar phrase in the home where I grew up. My father had a wonderful knack for reusing, fixing or building things from scratch. I never had a "store bought" bike until I was almost 30 years old. Did that mean I didn't have a bike? Of course not. I had several bikes of various sizes all from the hands of my father. They were made from several old discarded bikes that my father had repaired and welded to make them new again. Being frugal was a value that was just a way of life. By now you are reading this and thinking that I am going to share with you the great value of being frugal. That is not a bad idea, but I want to share something more personal. It started with just simple self introductions that I was able to meet several young men. Over time we have become good friends. We have had the opportunity to talk about many of life's challenges and various day to day events. Our conversations have led to deeper more personal discussions. I am delighted to feel invited and included in each of their lives. They are quite an encouragement to me. Our meetings have turned into almost daily conversations with "Will you be here tomorrow?" Most times when we meet and talk, I am always carrying a notebook and various other items. Last week as we were all leaving, one of the young men stayed back to talk. He said to me, "I have noticed you have an old worn one of these. I have two of them and mine are newer than yours. Please take this one from me. I want you to have it." He placed it in my hands. I told him thank you. I thought that mine was good enough, but this was brand new. The next time we met, he told me he was glad to see me using it. For me, this is more than a story of a young man who gave a gift. This gift was not from his hands alone. It was from the hands of my heavenly Father to remind me of His ever present joy in providing me with not only my needs, but sometimes just little extra special gifts. Sometimes in life we are encouraged to "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without," but other times our Father in heaven wants us to experience His care and love for us through something special given through the hands of others. Thank you God for the gift of these young men in my life and for the extra blessings along the way! "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, ..." James 1:17.

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### PRAISES AND REQUESTS

- + Please continue to pray for Lithuania as activity continues to arise along their border with Russia. "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled ..." Matthew 24:6.
- + Continue to pray for increased monthly financial support. If you would like to support our family, please send your gifts to CMC. Please mark all donations for "Peedin." All gift are tax deductible.

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