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PLANS OF HOPE AND A FUTURE

READING: Jeremiah 29:11

I was retiring from the Army and everything was going as I had planned. After retiring, I would walk into a contract job and continue to provide for my large family. However, after retiring, the contract went away due to funding, and I found myself out of work, living on half pay, with a family of seven children. Why did this happen? Didn't God know I had it all planned out? His plans are not ours, and He has so many blessings for us when He has control. I was out of work for nine months, and in that time I saw God's plan of provision for my family unfold in miraculous ways. One month our budget was short \$325, and I did not know what to do. We received a letter from some old friends who didn't know our financial status, and who said they had been praying and we shouldn't feel offended, but that God had put on their hearts to send us \$325. Another time a family got unexpected orders and had to leave quickly. They contacted us and provided all of their foodstuffs, including a freezer full of meat. One family showed up at Christmas with many gifts for the children, which brought our children much joy. Over and over again, God provided, and showed His great power and wisdom. What seemed like a calamity to our family, turned into God's provision, and as a result, He manifested His Glory to our family. You see God tells the Israelites this message when they are in exile. In a time of no hope for them, He gives them words of encouragement and hope. May your hope be in Him as you focus on Him in this Christmas season.

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