

# Marilyn and the Bus

## Psalm 27:5

*For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.*

In another incident Marilyn was driving a new replacement car. Angelica was a toddler and in the car with her. I think she was on her way to pick up our children from school. She was taking a short cut on some back roads because it's easier to avoid the busy traffic on the main roads. About every block or so there was a stop sign, sometimes a four-way stop, sometimes not. This happened to be a two way stop. A tree hid the stop sign at the intersection and she failed to stop. At the same moment a bus was passing in front of her. She slammed into the side of the bus. Fortunately, there was not a great deal of damage to the bus, but our new car had a great deal of damage. Marilyn was quite upset. She got out of the car to make sure everything was okay. The bus driver told her everything was fine there was no problem with the bus and he was able to continue on his way. That left Marilyn standing in the middle of the road in an unfamiliar neighborhood confused and shaken up. She couldn't drive the car. It was undrivable. She didn't know where to turn. In those moments of confusion you really need the Lord's help. I'm sure that in her heart she was crying out to the Lord.

Just then a young man saw her and noticed her confused state. He approached to see if she was okay. He immediately recognized by her accent that she was an American, and he spoke to her in English! He asked if he could help her, maybe take her home, or whether she needed to call someone on the telephone. He lived nearby and they had a phone. (There were no cell phones in those days.) Well, that was quite unusual because most Brazilians don't speak English, but this young man spoke American English. He took her to his house, which was just a few houses away. Marilyn found out these were American missionaries serving with the Mennonites. How gracious the Lord was to allow that accident to happen two houses from a missionary's home. We thank the Lord that nobody was injured. No one in the bus was injured. The car was damaged and I felt really bad about that. It was a brand new car. But we're so thankful the Lord protects us and cares for us in our times of need. Once again the angel of the Lord encamped around about us and delivered us.