

# **Wishful Thinking**

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*(A man and a woman stand at opposite sides of the stage and address the audience.)*

**Woman:** We've prayed about it for a long time.

**Man:** We believe that it's God's will.

**Woman:** For us and our family. Honey, why don't you tell them.

**Man:** We feel God is calling us into the mission field.

**Woman:** We're very excited.

**Man:** So are the kids. We were concerned that they might not take to the idea of growing up in a foreign country. But they're very excited. We're still not sure exactly where we'll be sent.

**Woman:** We're going to miss you all so much.

**Man:** We hope that you'll continue to pray for us. That God will work out all of the details. We have a lot of preparation to do. We begin orientation next month. We're trusting God; and we're relying on your support.

**Woman:** We love you all so much.

**Man:** Thank you for letting us share in His ministry with you. This will be like a new joint venture that we'll be in together. We appreciate your dedication and your love. We'll let you know when we receive our appointment.

*(The man and woman shift from this scene to their home. They approach one another.)*

**Woman:** We got a letter from the Foreign Mission Board today.

**Man:** And?

**Woman:** We've got an appointment.

**Man:** Where?

**Woman:** Guess. China!

*(They embrace, then move back to positions to address the audience.)*

**Man:** China.

**Woman:** We're very excited.

**Man:** We thought it might be China.

**Woman:** That's the feeling we had.

**Man:** We're scheduled to leave in six months.

**Woman:** Please continue to pray for us. We need your support.

*(They switch locations again, back to their home.)*

**Woman:** Anything in the mail?

**Man:** Yes.

**Woman:** What?

**Man:** I'm afraid it's bad news.

**Woman:** What's wrong???

**Man:** We've been denied.

**Woman:** Denied what?

**Man:** Our missions appointment.

**Woman:** Why?? What possible reason could they have? We were approved. I thought ...  
Why??

**Man:** There's not enough money to send us. There are no new works starting because of low funding. We'll be considered when someone retires.

**Woman:** I don't believe it. How can they deny us our appointment? How can they tell people who are willing to go, "Sorry, but you can't go!?" Isn't it God's will? Don't we know that?? Isn't that why we were going? How can they do this?

**Man:** *(They embrace.)* Everything will work out. It'll be fine. God will find a way.

**Woman:** No money. I don't believe it.

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