



Times Remembered
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Importance of cars

Have you ever thought about how important our cars and trucks are to us? They are the mode of transportation when traveling to work, the grocery, doctor's appointments, and church. Every day they haul kids to basketball, baseball, football, soccer, cheerleading and many more sports practices after school.

Well . . . last week we found out just how important they are to us. We have several thousand miles on our 2010 Chevy Tahoe, but we expect many more miles. We haven't experienced any major problems with it thus far, just servicing and replacing tires. Last week was a first with any major

mechanical problem.

The kids were at our house for the day and we planned a day at my sister's pool. We had a great time swimming and started home. We were on 52 close to our turn off when something started making a racket like when you get a flat tire. After we turned off, I pulled over and Tara got out and checked. No flat tires, so we proceeded onto Blackburn Road, toward Sand Hill Road. The noise got louder than ever. The wheel was hot, but I kept on driving slowly until we got to our house. Almost there I smelled a peculiar smell and by the time I pulled up to our house the front left wheel was smoking around the tire, but it wasn't the tire it was the rim and the brakes.

Immediately, I called the Chevy place in Richmond and they said we could bring it on to check it out. Of course it would have to be towed; too much danger in driving. We called AAA to come get it. In about 30 minutes the wrecker came and we decided to follow it to the garage in Richmond.

We were following in our old 97 Jeep that runs like a top; but all of sudden the temperature gauge showed it was getting hot. Oh! Not this too . . . We made it to Bybee Post Office and on down to my niece's house that is just down the street. I called her number . . . no one home . . . I called one of my sisters . . . no one home, and no one answered their cell phones. I thought, I've got one more sister to call. Next, I called Margret, she answered and told

me she would be right over to pick us up. Thank goodness!

She picked us up and we headed on to Richmond to Burford Chevrolet. The service manager thought it would probably take a couple of hours. So we decided to wait. And wait we did . . . from about 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 when finally, the service manager came in and told us they had to replace the calipers on the brakes but they weren't finished so it would be tomorrow before it would be ready. Again, we had to call Margaret to come pick us up and take us home. I really hated to ask her to take us somewhere again.

Then the next day we called about 12 and they said it was ready. Now who was going take us this time? Well, luckily, my daughter, Tara who lives in Georgetown had said she would come and get us the day before so I called her. I told her, that it's now her turn. Then she came and picked us up and took us to get our car. We started home and it did real good until we got to the red light on 52 just outside the Army Depot. Then same thing, noise and thump, thump, but it wasn't hot.

We finally made it home disgusted and wondering why it wasn't fixed after spending so much money. I was upset to say the least. So I called the service manager and I gave him an ear full; I didn't say anything bad but I let him know this was unacceptable. So he said bring it back . . . I said, no, you are coming to get it! He said without hesitation

we will take care of it.

In about hour he sent a wrecker for it. I thought, how could both of our vehicles be down at the same time? Meanwhile, our jeep was still at Bybee at my niece's. They said it was fine to leave it as long as we wanted. So we concentrated on the Tahoe. They called us about noon and said it was fixed. Of course I wanted to know what they missed the first time. He said it was a leaking hose somehow leaking the fluid and hitting the calipers and brakes and making the hub/wheel make noises and get hot. Well, WHY wasn't that found in the first place. I'm no mechanic, but hoses should be checked first of all things.

I called my other sister, (it's nice! to have several sisters when you are in trouble), HA! HA! She was home and she picked us up and took us to Richmond to get the Tahoe this time. We picked the car up and headed home again.

I was holding my breath all the way home. But it did ok and thus far it's ok. We were able to drive the Jeep from Bybee, but it got hot again, and the next day Flynn's picked it up for repair. Immediately, they found it was the thermostat. Luckily, it was fixed quickly and not very expensive. Thanks guys!

Whew! What a week! I know things go wrong and everyone has troubles. But we just have to hang in there and pray and keep our spirits up and remember the Lord will make a way and he will never leave us nor forsake us.

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