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Subject: Re: Regaining Momentum

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Wednesday, October 10; Opp, Alabama; Spencer family home; 10:20 a.m. (4:20 a.m. the next morning on Tracy Island)

Lorraine Spencer was busy replacing the ladles on the rack next to the stove. They had fallen off only 10 minutes earlier while the house shook. "Goodness, I haven't felt an earthquake in about 30 years. At least it wasn't too bad around here. I wonder where the source is."

She went to the living room and turned on the TV. On the news, she saw a terrifying sight. "My word...it wasn't too far from Memphis!" She quickly grabbed the phone and called her husband at the steel mill. "Richard, did you feel something there about 10 minutes ago?"

"Yeah, we all felt something shaking. Some tools fell off the walls and counters. Was there an earthquake around here?"

"Not around here, but the news is reporting one centered not too far from Memphis. We must've felt the shockwaves from that."

Following a few seconds of silence, he asked, "Is everything okay at the house?"

"It's all fine, hon. A few ladles fell off the rack. Everything else is still in one piece."

"Same here. Everybody here's already working again." After thinking for a second, he added, "Do you think we need to notify Callie in Hawaii?"

"What?" Lorraine gasped. "Honey, she's in a time zone 5 hours earlier than ours. It's only 5:22 there. She won't answer the phone that early."

"I know it's silly, but if she's heard about the quake, she may be worried about us. We just need to let her know we're all okay."

Lorraine nodded. "Okay, dear. At least I can leave a voice mail if she doesn't answer right away." After disconnecting with her husband, she contacted Callie's phone. "I sure hope you answer, sweetie."

Waiting patiently, she hoped to hear her daughter's voice. After five rings, though, she got the voicemail message. After the beep, Lorraine said, "Honey, it's Mom. I just wanted to let you know we had a bit of an tremor here at home, and it's probably stemmin' from the bigger quake near the Memphis area. Some things were knocked over at the mill and here at the house, but it wasn't anything like what they've had up there. I want to tell you we're all safe and sound here in Opp. I haven't heard any reports of injuries yet, so I'll call you back if anyone did get hurt. Take care, Callie. Bye."

Placing the phone back into its cradle, she sighed. "I sure hope those people up there are doing okay." She had no idea her daughter was about to take part in a rescue about 450 miles away

from the family home.

Posted by TracyFan4Ever on January 13, 2008

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