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Dr. John C. Whitcomb had been a professor at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Ind., for 19 years. My husband and I had been missionaries in the Philippines for 11 years. We came to the states intending to spend two years earning advanced degrees, after which we would return to our teaching ministry at Far Eastern Bible Institute and Seminary.

After my husband's sudden death, I moved to Kansas to teach and wait for God's timing to return to the Philippines. How was it possible for a professor in Indiana and a teacher in Kansas to get together? No, we did not go to the Web. God's ways are more reliable than that. Furthermore, there was no thought of remarriage in my plan. God warns us against "I will('s)" (Luke 12:18). Rather, His example to us by His own words is, "...not my will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). He has unimaginable rewards for His obedient followers. My nutshell story follows. There will be fill-ins in future installments of *A Window for Women*.

The day that I completed my master of arts in science degree in Kansas, I boarded the train for Winona Lake, Ind., to counsel in a summer youth camp for two weeks. When I arrived, the director apologized that she had neglected to inform me that the camp had been cancelled due to low enrollment. The next day Dr. Whitcomb, the professor whom my husband had highly admired, contacted me to say that he heard that I was in Winona Lake and would like to see me. That baffled me since I had never formally met him. I accepted his plan to accompany him for a couple of hours on a jaunt to do errands.

After driving a short distance Dr. Whitcomb said, "I have some matters that I would like to talk about." That was not surprising. Since he was the one who had informed me of my husband's

sudden death, I thought he wanted to share his sorrow over his wife's death, because that had happened since that time. *JEHOVAH-RAAH*, our Shepherd, was leading us into "green pastures" (Ps. 23:2).

To Be Continued...

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