

Fanfare for Roosevelt

On their way home from a lifetime of service as missionaries in Africa, an elderly couple found themselves on the same ocean liner as President Theodore Roosevelt, who was returning from a big-game hunting expedition.

The couple watched in awe at the fanfare given the president and his entourage. When the ship docked in New York, a band was waiting to greet him, the mayor was there to welcome him, and the newspapers heralded his return.

Meanwhile, the missionary couple slipped quietly off the ship and found a cheap apartment. They had no pension, they were in poor health, and they were discouraged and fearful. The husband, especially, could not seem to get over how President Roosevelt had received such acclaim, while their decades of service had gone without notice or reward. "God isn't treating us fairly," he complained bitterly to his wife.

"Why don't you pray about it?" his wife advised.

A short time later, the wife noticed a change in her husband's demeanor. "What happened?" she asked.

The man replied, "The Lord put His hand on my shoulder and simply said, 'But you're not home yet!'"

Note to followers of the Lord...

As you go about your responsibilities in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home today, do you:

- Feel overlooked and unappreciated?
- Struggle with grief over the loss of a loved one?
- Wrestle with financial difficulties?
- Wonder if what you do for those you serve is significant?
- Watch others bask in the limelight, deserved or not?

Just remember: You are not home yet. Your reward awaits in heaven.

– Beecher Hunter