

EDITOR'S  
LETTER



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Philippians 4:19

**As** I write this, there are close to 150 ships (or more) off the US coast, filled with all kinds of supplies, waiting to unload cargo. Some of these ships have been waiting multiple weeks to drop off their containers. As far as most of us can remember, this has never happened like this before. In fact, according to the Marine Exchange, the previous high number of ships waiting off the coast of California was 17! The causes have been a kind of perfect storm: Americans shopping and ordering more; a COVID-related shortage of dock workers to unload ships/containers; and an insufficient number of trucks and truckers ready to accept the containers even if they were to be unloaded. Isn't this mind-boggling? We will likely see shortages and delays of goods in the coming



# UNTOLD SUPPLY—



weeks and months, not because of a lack of supply but because we can't unload the surplus of supplies!

Aren't you glad this isn't the case with our Lord? With Him, we have both an endless supply of what He knows we need. And there is never a delay in the supply chain! We don't have to wait for His shipment to be unloaded from offshore. Not only does He have everything we need, but He always gets it to us right on time, every time.

Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (ESV). I love that He WILL supply (plērōsei—fill to the maximum) EVERY need according to His riches, which are unfathomable...endless. Ephesians 3:8 mentions the "...unsearchable riches of God..."

One of the things I find amazing is when we look back at the faithfulness of God. I'm sure you can do that in your own life—I know I can in mine. Time and time again, even though I was unfaithful to Him and others, He has never been unfaithful to me. When I start to get discouraged looking ahead, I only have to glance back and see how He has supplied the right thing at the right time.

We can also see His hand through the 25 years of the SBCVirginia. His faithfulness through local churches, pastors, and church members has been incredible. His supply through so many churches giving through the Cooperative Program is unbelievable (more than \$181 million!). The number of mission trips and projects, compassion ministries, Disaster Relief endeavors, and volunteers is astounding. And the best part of it all? The thousands upon thousands who have given their lives to Christ, been baptized and discipled, and are now spreading the Gospel to others. What started with just a handful of churches in 1996 is now more than 800 and growing!

We may have a temporary supply chain problem in the United States right now, but we never have to worry about that with our God. And because He never, ever has a shortage or delay, the SBCV can rest assured that, just like the past 25 years, as He tarries, He will continue to be faithful for another 25 (and beyond)! As Philippians 1:6 "And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." ■

# Just Offshore