By the time Beth became pregnant, her husband Herbert was pastoring a church in Canoas, Brazil. During her third month of pregnancy, they were visited by a pastor of their conference, who read to them some texts from the book, Child Guidance by Ellen G. White.

Among other things, he suggested that they bring a Thank Offering when they dedicate the child months later. And so they prepared an envelope with an offering for the occasion.

During the seventh month, things got tough. Beth was hit by severe anemia, and the upper part of her uterus pouch broke, causing the amniotic fluid to pour out. At the hospital, she contracted an infection, which continued to worsen to the point where the physician told her that if he wasn’t aware of the peculiarity of her case, the exams, taken alone, would suggest terminal leukemia.

The couple prayed. Pastors attending a ministerial council at the time stopped a meeting to pray in their behalf for a full hour.
Later that same day Beth had additional tests taken, which showed that her infection was no longer worsening. So the doctors scheduled and performed a Caesarean section. Mother and baby stayed in the hospital for two weeks until Beth’s infection cleared up.

Beth and Herbert Boger know that the birth of their son, William, on March 12, 2005, was a miracle. As they prepared for the baby dedication, they decided to offer five times more than the original amount they had purposed, concluding, however, that no sum could represent their gratitude to the Lord!

As you return your tithe and give your Promise, keep in mind all wonderful workings the Lord has done in your life.

May we put our desires last and God first.