

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

God's Surprise Grocery Delivery!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES

BIG IDEA

When we don't know where our next meal is coming from, God already does! He sees every need and loves to take care of His children in surprising ways.

THE STORY

Far away in South Africa lived a missionary family called the Freemans. There was Daddy, whose nickname was 'Bug,' and Mama Nona, and their five young children. They had left home to tell people about Jesus, and they trusted God for everything they needed.

But money from back home often came slowly, and sometimes it didn't come at all. One particular morning, things looked very hard. Mama Nona opened the cupboards, and they were completely bare. There was no food. There was no money. And five hungry children were waiting for breakfast.

What did Nona do? She didn't panic. She gathered all her children together on the floor of their little mission house, and they knelt down to pray a simple, childlike prayer.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

'Father,' Nona prayed, 'You said in Your Word that You would supply all our needs. Right now we have no food. We have no money. We are trusting You to take care of us.'

They said 'Amen,' sat quietly for a few moments, and then went about their morning the best they could. They had no idea what was about to happen!

A little while later, KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK! Someone was at the door. Nona hurried over and opened it.

There on the doorstep sat big bags and boxes of groceries! There was milk and bread, meat and vegetables, and lots of good things. It was enough to feed the whole family for days and days! But the most amazing part was this: there was no one in sight. No note. No name.

Just a wonderful surprise from God.

Nona stood in the doorway with happy tears running down her face.

She called her children, and right there at the door, they thanked the Lord together.

Later they found out what happened. Miles away, someone had felt a strong, sudden feeling from God to buy a big load of groceries and take them to the Freeman home. That person had no idea the family was completely out of food. But God knew, and God told them!

For the rest of her life, Nona told this story. With a smile and tears in her eyes she would say, 'God knows how to deliver groceries when His children are in need.' The same God who fed Elijah by a brook is still taking care of His children today!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Daddy Freeman's real name was E.L. Freeman, but everyone called him by his nickname, 'Bug'!
- The Freemans were missionaries in South Africa and had five young children with them.
- The person who brought the groceries lived miles away and had no idea the family had run out of food, God told their heart to go!
- Nona Freeman wrote her true stories in books like 'Bug and Nona on the Go' so others could read about God's miracles.
- In the Bible, God once fed the prophet Elijah by sending birds called ravens to bring him food (1 Kings 17)!

MEMORY VERSE

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did Mama Nona and her children do first when they had no food in the house?
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- 2 How did the person miles away know to bring groceries, when they didn't even know the family was hungry?

- 3 Why do you think Nona cried happy tears when she opened the door?

- 4 God promises to supply all our needs. What is a need in your life that you can trust God with right now?

- 5 God once nudged someone's heart to help the Freemans. How could God use YOU to help someone who is in need this week?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You always know exactly what I need before I even ask. Help me to trust You like the Freeman family did, and to thank You for everything You give me. And please use me to help others who are in need. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Pack a 'Surprise Blessing' for someone in need! As a class or family, fill a small bag or box with food or kind items and quietly give it to a family, a neighbor, or a food pantry, without asking for any thanks, just like the secret helper in the story. Then say Philippians 4:19 together and thank God for always providing.

