

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Check for the Exact Amount!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD PROVIDES EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED

BIG IDEA

God knows exactly what we need, even before we ask. He is never late, and He gives just the right amount at just the right time!

THE STORY

Nona and Bug Freeman were missionaries who had left their home to follow Jesus far away. They trusted God for everything, even the food they ate and the money they needed.

One day, a bill came due at the mission. They needed a certain amount of money to pay for an important repair, and the day to pay it was coming fast. It wasn't a huge amount, but the Freemans simply did not have it.

They prayed and prayed, but no money came. The day grew closer and closer. What would they do? They didn't worry, though. They knew their Father in Heaven had never let them down before.

Finally, the very morning the money was due, something arrived in the mail. It was a letter, all the way from the United States!



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THE STORY CONTINUES

Nona opened the envelope, and inside was a check. When she looked at the amount, her mouth fell open in wonder. The check was for the EXACT amount they needed! Not one penny more, not one penny less!

But here is the most amazing part. The kind person who sent the check had no idea how much the Freemans needed. Nobody had told them.

There had been no phone call, no message, nothing!

And the check had been mailed days before, long before the bill was even due. That means while the Freemans were just beginning to pray, God had already put it in someone's heart to send help. God was ahead of them the whole time!

This wasn't the only time it happened either. Sometimes the money came for groceries. Sometimes it came for another need at the mission. And the amount was always just right.

Nona said God was not only watching over them, He was paying attention to every tiny detail of their lives. He cared about every single dollar!

The Freemans never thought money would magically appear if they wished for it. Instead, they learned that the God who feeds the little birds and took care of the widow in the Bible was still taking care of His children today!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nona and Bug Freeman were real missionaries who wrote about God's provision in books like Bug and Nona on the Go.
- A check is a special paper that lets someone send money safely through the mail.
- The check was mailed days before the Freemans even knew how much they would need, which means God planned the answer before they prayed!
- In the Bible, God fed the prophet Elijah using ravens, and He kept a widow's oil and flour from ever running out.

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 the Freemans need money for, and what did they do while they waited?
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- 2 What was so surprising about the amount of money on the check?

- 3 The check was mailed days before they even knew the amount. What does that tell you about how well God knows our needs?

- 4 Have you ever needed something and God provided it in a special way? Tell about it.

- 5 The Freemans trusted God instead of worrying. What is something you could trust God with instead of worrying about it?

LET'S PRAY

Dear God, thank You that You know exactly what I need, even before I ask. Thank You that You are never late and always give just the right thing at just the right time. Help me to trust You and not to worry. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Play 'Exactly Enough'! Hide a small jar and a number of pennies or buttons that equals exactly enough for a pretend 'need.' Have the children count to discover it is the exact amount, just like Nona's check. Then make a 'Thank You God' list of all the things God provides for your family every day, like food, a home, and people who love you.

