

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Hungry Students and God's Surprise Supplies!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD PROVIDES WHEN WE PRAY

BIG IDEA

When God's people pray and trust Him, He sends exactly what they need, sometimes in the most surprising ways! God never forgets to feed His children.

THE STORY

A long time ago, a leader named D.C.O. Opperman had a wonderful idea. He started Bible schools to teach young people all about God so they could go and tell others the good news of Jesus.

The students came eager to learn. They studied the Bible, prayed together, and got ready to become preachers and missionaries. It was an exciting place to be!

But one day, a big problem appeared. The school ran out of money.

There was nothing left to buy food or supplies. The students were starting to get hungry, and that was scary.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

What would Brother Opperman do? He could not buy food with money he did not have. So he did the very best thing of all. He gathered everyone together to pray!

The students bowed their heads and asked God to help them. 'Lord, You know we are hungry,' they prayed. 'We trust You to take care of us.' They believed God would not let them down.

And then something amazing began to happen. Food and supplies started arriving! It came from people and places no one expected.

God was sending help from everywhere!

The most wonderful part was this: sometimes the supplies came in the exact amount they needed. Not too little, not too much, but just right.

God's provision was perfect!

Brother Opperman was filled with joy. He believed God was saying, 'Yes! Keep training these young people to serve Me. I will always take care of you.'

Those hungry students grew up to do great things for God. Many became missionaries and pastors who told people all around the world about Jesus!

And the school became famous as a place where God provided again and again. It all started with a prayer and a great big God who loves to surprise His children with exactly what they need!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- D.C.O. Opperman was a real early Apostolic leader who started Bible schools to train workers for God!
- A Bible school is a special place where people study God's Word to get ready to serve Him.
- Sometimes the supplies arrived in the exact amount the students needed, which the school saw as God's perfect provision!
- Many students who studied at Opperman's schools became missionaries and pastors who spread the gospel far and wide.

MEMORY VERSE

“And 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 big problem did the Bible school have, and how did the students feel?
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- 2 Instead of giving up, what did Brother Opperman and the students do together?

- 3 How did God answer their prayer? Where did the food and supplies come from?

- 4 The memory verse says God supplies ALL our need. Why do you think God likes us to ask Him and trust Him?

- 5 Can you remember a time your family prayed and God provided? How can you thank God for taking care of you?

LET'S PRAY

Dear God, thank You for always taking care of Your children. Thank You that when we pray and trust You, You send exactly what we need. Help me to trust You when things look impossible, and thank You for being so faithful. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Surprise Supplies! Set an empty bowl on the table to be your 'prayer bowl.' Talk about how the students prayed and God provided. Then go on a hunt around your home and count all the ways God has already provided for your family (food, a warm bed, clothes, people who love you). Thank God out loud for each one!

