

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

When God Sent Food Out of Nowhere!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD PROVIDES WHEN WE TRUST HIM

BIG IDEA

Even when the cupboards are empty and there is no food to be found, God can send exactly what we need. He is our great Provider, and He never forgets His children!

THE STORY

Far away on the mission field, a kind missionary named Nona Freeman and her family were serving God. They loved telling people about Jesus. But one day, a very hard time came - a famine. That is when there is almost no food anywhere.

The stores were empty. The shelves were bare. There was barely any food to buy, no matter how much money you had. Nona looked at her family and the local believers, and her tummy was not the only one that was hungry.

Things looked impossible. Where would the food come from? How would they eat? It was the kind of problem that no person could fix alone.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

So Nona and the believers did the most important thing of all. They prayed! They got down on their knees and asked God, 'Father, we are hungry. Please send us food. We are trusting in You.'

And then something wonderful began to happen. Food started to arrive - but from the most surprising places! Sometimes it came from people who didn't even know the family was hungry!

It was as if God whispered into people's hearts, 'Take some food over there.' And they did, never knowing that their kindness was God's answer to a hungry family's prayer.

Bite by bite, day by day, God kept them fed. He did not let His children go hungry. The same God who sent bread from heaven for Moses and the Israelites was sending food to Nona Freeman!

Nona never forgot those days. She later wrote that during those hard times, they learned to trust God in a deeper way than ever before.

When you have nothing left but God, you find out that God is more than enough!

The other believers who lived through it with her said the very same thing. They said it was a time when they saw God's faithfulness more clearly than ever. God showed up, again and again and again.

From that day on, they knew a secret worth more than gold: God sees His children, God hears their prayers, and God always provides. He is Jehovah-Jireh - the God who provides!



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nona Freeman was a real missionary who, with her husband, served God on the mission field and raised five children there!
- A famine is a time when there is so little food that whole towns can go hungry - it is a very serious problem.
- In the Bible, God once sent food called 'manna' from heaven every morning to feed His people in the desert (Exodus 16).
- Nona Freeman wrote many true missionary stories so that children and grown-ups could read about the amazing things God did.

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 was the big problem Nona Freeman and the believers were facing?
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- 2 Instead of giving up, what did they do first? Why is prayer so important?

- 3 God used people who didn't even know about the need to send food. What does that tell us about how God works?

- 4 Has God ever provided something for you or your family right when you needed it? What happened?

- 5 How can you be God's 'helper' this week by sharing food or kindness with someone who needs it?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You always take care of me, even when things look impossible. Help me to trust You like Nona did when the food ran out. Thank You for being my Provider, and help me share with others who are hungry. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Have a 'Trusting God' snack time! Share a simple snack as a class or family and, before you eat, thank God out loud for providing your food. Then collect a few canned goods to give to a local food pantry, so you can be God's helper to someone who is hungry, just like the people who helped Nona.

