

Make hope visible

This month's collection of inspiring stories of provision through Answered Prayers.

Money provided just in time

#26162

I was a single parent with a small income when my son got a bursary to a fantastic private school. Fees and uniform were paid for by the bursary but I had to pay his busfares to school which were about £500 a term. I opened a room in my home as Airbnb and trusted God. The money always came in on time. One year the bill was due by 5th January and I had no money for the bill about two weeks before it was due. I was praying and telling God I trust Him, over and over.

The Airbnb was very quiet in December...
maybe the odd booking for £30 or £40 but
nowhere near enough to pay the bus fare bill.
Then suddenly a booking came in from an
Australian woman who wanted to stay for two
weeks - her payment of £510 was paid into my
bank account the day before the bill was due!

So many times God used the Airbnb not just to pay the bus fares but for other things. For example, I was taking my son to a Christian activity camp for a week and I still had £180 to pay plus I needed money for petrol. A week before we were due to leave, two people came to stay for a few days and again, the money was in my account the day before my holiday.

God has answered prayers for provision so many times I could fill a book with it. He hasn't only used Airbnb... there are many ways God provides. That's just one way.

A lesson of obedience and generosity

#26226

I was doing mission training and about to go on my first mission trip abroad. I had paid for some of the trip but had a balance to pay. I had the money but felt God instruct me to give that money away. It was all I had.

After arguing with God, I then prayed letting Him know that if I gave this money away and I was meant to go on mission then I needed a miracle. I was obedient and did what was asked.

Later that same day I received two blessing gifts from friends that was double what I had given. God taught me a lesson of obedience and generosity with a very clear message that we can not out give God.

Trusting in Him to meet our needs

#26050

My husband was taken very ill and was unable to work. He was told this situation was long term. We had a mortgage that was taking almost all the money we had coming on. I prayed to the Lord to help our situation. We either needed to move or pay the mortgage off. I prayed and asked the Lord what should we do.

I was out walking our dog and from where we were walking I could see our home. I felt prompted to pray and as I prayed about our situation, I felt the Holy Spirit saying' "Look at that home I gave you it is used for my purposes. All the building work you have done has been for My work and My purposes. You will keep the house and continue to use it for my work. I will provide", says the Lord.

We had no savings, no parents that could leave us an inheritance. Our position looked hopeless yet the Lord said keep it. That is

what we decided to do and it was very hard money was tight. We waited on the Lord for His provision. Over a period of two years we saw many blessings from the Lord, money slowly came to us from all kinds of sources.

All the money we got from these sources we paid to the building society. In the natural we could not see a way to keep our home but the Lord had other ideas. At the end of the two years I was walking in the same place with the dog and as I looked at our home I felt the Lord say the last payment will come in and then you will be debt free. When I got home there was a letter in the post with a cheque in it for the exact amount we needed.

It was a long two years standing on God's, word believing and trusting Him for our needs to be met. It was a wonderful experience waiting and watching the Lord as He showed Himself strong on our behalf. Praise His Holy Name.

A job in the perfect location

#24856

After travelling for a year, we needed to settle down, which meant that I need a job. While praying for the future, my wife and I felt that we needed to settle close to family so that we could build relationships, having both come from broken homes.

I am a Veterinary Surgeon and there weren't many jobs available at that time. I looked in the magazine for adverts and there were very few, none of them in the area that we wanted to live in. I felt (God's nudge?) that I should call the magazine to see if any new adverts had come in. They said yes, one had been submitted, which was too late for entry into the most recent publication.

This job was in precisely the area that we wanted to move to! I set up an interview and was offered the job immediately, especially because there were, of course no other applicants, as no-one else knew about it! How good is that?

So many times in our lives, The Lord Jesus has guided us and we feel so blessed to be His children, because He looks after us so well.

Inundated with donations

#22852

I am coordinator of our local foodbank and I pray regularly for our needs to be met. This year alone we have been inundated with so many items from local shops and regular generous donors that we are able to regularly give our excess provisions to other local foodbanks.

We have also been blessed with regular money donations and unexpected larger sums which enable us to give all families who have accessed the foodbank a special Christmas Hamper each year which includes fresh vegetables and fruit and a voucher to obtain meat from our local butchers.

Its such a blessing to pray for spiritual support for our outreach work and to experience God's abundant blessings in such unexpected ways.



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