

**News from
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NAZARENE

God Will Make a Way!

Have you ever prayed and not received an answer? I have. Sometimes I'm glad as I look back in retrospect that I didn't get the answer that I wanted.

In praying about returning to Africa, I spoke very plainly with the Lord: "Now, you know, Jesus, that we will not be receiving a salary when we get there. The only way that we'll receive a salary is if the income from our rental property provides us with a salary. And, Lord, you know that won't happen unless you provide us with the money to cover our health insurance premiums for the duration of our stay in Africa. Let me remind you how much, Jesus; it is going to cost us just over \$10,000. Lord, the reason that I am asking you this is not selfish. You know that I would go without a salary, but I don't believe that I could go to Africa and abandon our son, Seth. You know that we don't help him out very much with his educational expenses. We only are able to help him out with a few of his expenses, but I just couldn't abandon him! Not my son! Lord, if you want us to go to Africa you'll have to provide a way for us to help him!" And, so I prayed. I

didn't tell anyone about the need, except Carla.

I am pleased to report to you that God has answered that prayer! Let me tell the story. On a Wednesday night in August, we went to a small, independent church in a rural area. We anticipated that there would be four people in the congregation. The congregation has dwindled in size to the point that the members had decided to close the doors.

When we arrived, the total number of people present was nine, including us. Carla and I both shared about God's call to return to Africa. I didn't mention money, until they asked about our needs. No one passed an offering plate. No fundraising meal was planned. No big appeal was made. But after the service was over, the treasurer of the local church handed Carla a check in the amount of \$10,000! I was so dumbfounded that I stumbled in finding the words to thank them. I say, "Praise the Lord! God has made a way!"

I told the Lord that I wouldn't go to Africa unless He enabled us to provide books for our son. Now, God has made a way! I have sung

it many times (perhaps you have too):

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see;
He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each
new day
He will make a way, He will make a
way. (Don Moen)

Please note that the funds mentioned above does not provide for our operational expenses. For information on that need, please see the next page.



Seth and Rachelle

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." - Philippians 1:3-5 NIV



“This is for your ministry in Africa!”

When the heart is transformed, we desire to join God in what He is doing.

Thank you for partnering with us to train and disciple pastors and district leaders for the harvest in Africa!

One Quarter

While we praise the Lord for His provision, it is not all about the large sums of money. His blessings can come in smaller packages as well. The smaller package was a five-year-old boy. The pastor told me his story.

As the evening shadows began to fall in Ozark, Missouri, the five-year-old boy, Nick, went to his dad and said, “It’s time, Dad.” His dad, John, replied, “Yes, it is that time, son. You had better go and get your pajamas on. It’s time to get ready for bed.” “No, Dad. It’s time!” After hearing him repeat this phrase sev-

eral times, John asked his son what he meant. “I mean that it’s time for me to ask Jesus into my heart!” Overjoyed, John prayed with his son and led him to invite Jesus into his heart.

The following Sunday after sharing his testimony in church, little five-year-old Nick listened as we shared our story about Africa. During the fellowship meal that followed, Nick asked his mom for some money so that he could give to the missionaries. He didn’t know what to say when he gave the money to me. Once instructed, he

marched over, held out a quarter and said to me, “This is for your ministry in Africa!”

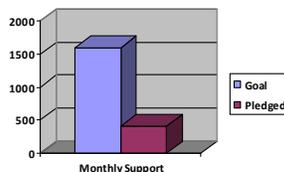
Today, I carry that very same quarter around in my pocket. It reminds me of Nick. It reminds me of the wonderful and encouraging people that I have met in the last few months. It reminds me that the amount doesn’t matter – the heart does. When the heart is transformed, we desire to join God in what He is doing. Thanks for the quarter, Nick! Thanks for the reminder!

Progress Report

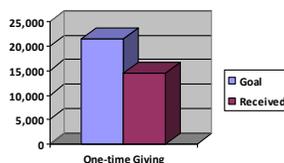
As you know, Carla and I are returning to Africa as Mission Corps volunteers. We will not be receiving a salary from the Church of the Nazarene during the next two years. While Africa Nazarene University will provide housing and utilities for us and the Africa Region will provide a plan to supplement our health insurance, we will be required to raise support for operational expenses. We need to raise \$21,500 for one-time expense such as the purchase of a vehicle, travel expenses, and household setup. We need to raise \$1,590 per month for a two-year period for food, consumables, on site travel, etc.

Several people have asked,

“How is your support coming in?” Here’s the report: On monthly support, we have raised \$405 out of the goal of \$1,590.



For the one-time giving, we have raised \$14,451 out of the goal of \$21,500.



If you would like to partner with us, please go to our website and click on the "Give Now" link. If you want to give by check, please make your check payable to: General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene. Please do not make them out to us, or you will not be eligible for a tax deduction. All checks should be mailed to General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184.

Please include “Frazier/ MissionCorps/Kenya” on the memo line of your check in order for the funds to go to the appropriate area of the world where we will be serving.