

Miraculous Provision

From the time I became a Christian in December 1991, I was involved in various types of ministry—youth work, street evangelism, college ministry and worship. But I knew that it was also part of God’s plan for me to minister overseas, even if only temporarily.

I had a strong desire to minister in India. I knew it would be a faith-building experience for me. And in June 1999, I was preparing to go there on my first short-term missions trip.

For several months, I had been experiencing severe dental pain because of four impacted wisdom teeth. Also, I had cavities, and I needed braces, which I knew would cost an exorbitant amount of money. I didn’t have it, but I knew that my heavenly Father did.

A dentist told me that I would need to have the wisdom teeth removed before going to India. Dental care would be difficult to come by if I needed it there, and it would also interfere with my trip.

I cried out to God to make a way. And I knew He would.

I didn’t want to ask for money or borrow from anyone. I stood on several Scriptures, including Mark 11:24 and Luke 11:5-13. I believed God would provide for me.

One day I was having prayer and talking over breakfast with a good Christian “mom.” I opened up about my teeth dilemma. We agreed that God would provide for me.

Then she pulled a check for \$1,000 out of her housecoat pocket to cover the cost of having my wisdom teeth removed. I began crying tears of joy at God’s faithfulness and provision.

This friend also accompanied me to the oral surgeon’s office, where I had the teeth removed. I was able to go on my trip and

minister pain-free.

While in India, God used me in ways He never had before. That experience of God's provision will always stay with me as a reminder of His faithfulness and love for His children.