

More than Sparrows

ministering to missionaries

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Depending on Grace

A note from a missionary family

My wife and I have been missionaries for 15 years in Kenya, serving missionary families from all over Africa by educating their children at Rift Valley Academy. One thing that has been impressed on my mind through the years is how God's grace has met us time and again in our times of need in ways that perhaps we would not see as well if we were not so dependent upon grace...

In June 2019, we found ourselves staring at an impossible \$2000 deficit which, if left unpaid, would mean our daughter would leave without a transcript or diploma. Not knowing where to turn, and feeling that we had exhausted all other options, we put out a desperate plea to our newsletter recipients.

I was crushed, questioning whether perhaps the message I was to receive from God was, "It's time for you to leave the mission field and do something else." I clicked send with a tear in my eye and a feeling of despair.

Within 24 hours, I had three responses to this email. One of them came from Melissa Haynes, founder and president of More Than Sparrows ministry. She told me that the ministry would like to cover the \$2000, and they immediately put the check in the mail.

Without the help of More Than Sparrows, we would have been sunk; but if that is all you see, you have missed the other half. Sparrows was a tool in the hand of God. God is the author of grace, and used Sparrows to give it, and this is just what He keeps doing for us time and again.

Thank you More Than Sparrows. You have not only been an instrument in meeting our physical needs, but you have also been an instrument used by God in my own walk of sanctification.

"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God... Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows." – Luke 12:6-7, ESV

IMPACT

The value of giving

More Than Sparrows is a Christian nonprofit ministry working to support, aid, and encourage the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ by assisting Christian workers in their need.

In 2020, we were able to bless others with over \$24,000, and helped alleviate financial burdens for four missionary families.

As we rejoice in these opportunities to serve, we want to share with you some stories of how God has faithfully cared for his people through the ministry of More than Sparrows.

Your generosity is what makes all this possible - Thank you for partnering with us this year!

God Does Provide a Way

A note from a missionary family

After a day of prayer, my husband and I made the difficult decision to return to the States early from our first term as missionaries in South East Asia.

We were expecting our first baby in four more months and with the pandemic hitting hard in our area, we knew it was wise to return. Since our return was so sudden, we didn't know where we'd be living, how long we'd be gone, or what the next season would look like.

One of the things we were most anxious about was how we were going to be able to afford having our baby since our insurance was set up for international care.

We knew that God saw our needs and that He would be faithful to provide, so we asked Him, through his grace, to provide a way.

A friend explained More than Sparrows ministry to us, and I thought... "Wow! What an amazing, practical way to love others." It sounded like a dream.

The day that we received confirmation that More than Sparrows was able to help take care of our labor/delivery expenses, my husband and I both stopped dead silent and just started worshipping God. I couldn't believe it! God had provided for our specific needs through the generosity and passion of this amazing ministry.

Because of More than Sparrows ministry, we didn't have to stress over the finances of prenatal care (including an unexpected diagnosis), delivery, and baby. "More than Sparrows" ministry will continue to be a reminder of God's abundant faithfulness and provision. Thank you for loving our family so well.



His Great Faithfulness

A note from a missionary family

As a missionary family of eight with a multicultural blend, we have learned what it means to walk by faith and not by sight as we have ministered in Africa for many years. God has always shown us His great faithfulness. This could not have been more apparent than recently when we had a substantial financial burden for one of our children. In faith we prayed that the Lord would provide. Never knowing how or who He will use to meet our needs, as Isaiah 26:3-4 says, we simply trusted and had perfect peace in His eventual provision.

Then God brought Melissa Haynes and More than Sparrows into our lives through a series of circumstances that we could have never foreseen. Melissa shared with us the vision of More than Sparrows and then asked if she could share our need with the board. Eventually we learned that the board had approved the donation to help with our expenses.

We were overwhelmed by God's goodness through More than Sparrows to provide for this cost that we had no ability to pay. We rejoiced as a family once again that the Lord had used His people to care for us. More than Sparrows was a blessing beyond words to our family and we cannot thank them enough!

Ways You Can Contribute

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More Than Sparrows, 506 Caswell Kern Road, Kernersville, NC 27284

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<https://morethansparrows.net/donate.cfm>

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