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Growing up our family hosted many missionaries in our home. I heard a plethora of intriguing stories. I heard a lot of stories of hardship; but I also heard time and time again how God is faithful and is working even in the midst of those hardships. Yet, one story sticks out in mind the most. It is probably because it impacted my family profoundly.

When my parents were students at Vennard College, they went to a special missions conference to hear a missionary to Asia. At the close of the service, my parents felt God calling them to give \$10 to the missionary. The only problem was, \$10 was all my parents had left to get by on for the rest of the week. My parents struggled, but ultimately obeyed and put the \$10 in the offering plate. The next morning my dad went to his mailbox at school and found an envelope. On the outside of the envelope was written. "God woke me up in the middle of the night and told me you needed this." On the inside was, you guessed it, was ten dollars.



This was the foundation to my learning that God provides. But a lot of times, God will not bless us until we step out on faith and are obedient to what He asks of us. I hope you have these types of stories. I hope you know firsthand of God's calling, your surrender, and His provision.

Growing up, I never thought about how the missionary felt in receiving those ten dollars. I wish I could express to you adequately how humble we as missionaries feel in receiving those steps of faith. In many ways it truly is harder to receive than give.

Although I greatly appreciate your prayers, this month I am not going to give any prayer requests. I believe you know how to pray. This month instead I am asking you to step out in faith. For me to return to Japan, I still need to raise \$36,000 a year. Breaking it down, that means it would take 300 people to give \$10 a month during my 4 year term or any other variation. Would you consider being one of those people?

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