

True Giving Stories from God's People

These stories are actual real-life examples of how others made it possible to give. It is pretty exciting to see God's grace evident in lives!

- A Milwaukee mother "volunteered" her family (husband and 2 children) for a cleaning job at her place of work. The duties of the extra job meant cleaning the office every weekend for two years, but enabled the family to give over \$17,000 over 3 years.
- A retired couple in Phoenix gave up eating out once per week. They stayed home and together made dinner from scratch. This translated in a gift of over \$4,800 to their church ministry during the three years. A side benefit for them was a renewed closeness because of the quality time spent together.
- A widow in Arizona gave a valuable ring toward her church building expansion project. The church then sold it to an antique dealer for cash.
- A family owned business donated all of the printing needs for a major funding appeal in Wisconsin. This gift-in-kind was equivalent to a cash gift exceeding \$18,000.
- A woman in Midland, Texas, struggled with how she was going to give a gift of any size. She asked God to open a door for her thinking and giving. The end result was to sell her diamond ring for \$1,600. This gift amount far exceeded any of her original expectations.
- A financially challenged family of three, mother and two children, gave up cable TV for 3 years. Their gift totaled \$2,200 over a three-year period.

- A Wisconsin couple gave the profit of one commercial real estate transaction to their favorite ministry. The profit amounted to a \$250,000 gift.
- An Austin, Texas waitress decided to place the amount of her gift in God's hands. She dedicated 20% of all *future* tips for a special gift to her church.

King David understood the basis of Christian giving. *"Everything comes from you, (Lord) and we have given you only what comes from your hand"* 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV). May your heart-felt giving continue to reflect this ownership truth.

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