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A Miracle in 10 Minutes

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It was a tough first year at the Seventh-day Adventist college in Spain. Dante Marvin Herrmann used up the last of his savings to pay the annual tuition of about 5,000 euros. Between classes, he worked to earn another 5,000 euros to provide for his wife and two young sons. Now he faced a long summer away from home, working as a literature evangelist to raise money to pay for his second year of studies. Dante didn't mind the hard work, but he hadn't enrolled at Sagunto Adventist College to sell books.

After fiercely arguing with God for several years, he had surrendered to the conviction that God, speaking with a still, small voice, was calling him to become a pastor. So, rather than sell books, he wanted to spend the summer traveling from church to church, telling his story of how a drug-addicted, tattoo-covered German raised in the Canary Islands had become an Adventist.

Dante needed to talk to God about the money matter. With little privacy at home, he made his way to his favorite place of quiet solitude — the bathroom — and locked the door. Kneeling, he poured out his heart to God. “Daddy, the first year has finished. I received top marks in my classes, and I see that You have called me here,” he said. Dante always addressed God as “Daddy” in his personal prayers. “Daddy, I know You provide scholarships to some students,” he said. “Please help me because I don't want to work as literature evangelist with a focus on earning money. I want to preach Jesus. I need freedom to preach. I don't have any money after using up my savings. Daddy, please help me.”

Dante paused, and he sensed a still, small voice asking, “How much do you need?” “Let me see,” Dante said. “I have five years left at the college, and it costs 10,000 euros per year. I need 50,000 euros.” “OK, Dante,” the voice said. “Do you believe that I can give it to you?” “You know that I don't believe,” Dante said. “But I'm very grateful that You can help me to believe, and I thank You now for giving me 50,000 euros.”

Ten minutes later, Dante received 50,000 euros. Here's what happened.

After praying, Dante left the bathroom and went to the guestroom to check on his mother, who was visiting. “Hi,” he said as he walked into the room.

“You know that I love you.” Mother sat motionless on the bed, her face as white as a sheet. She held her cell phone on one hand. “What happened?” Dante asked, alarmed. “Something amazing happened,” she said. “What is it?” he said.

“You know, I have been trying to sell my house in Germany for 10 years,” she said. “Well, I just received a WhatsApp message from a man who wants to buy the house, and he offered 50,000 euros more than I asked.”

Dante didn’t know what to do. He didn’t feel that it would be right to blurt out, “That’s my money. I prayed for it.” “Wait,” Dante said. “Wait here a few minutes. I have to go to the bathroom.” Locking the door, he knelt on the floor.

“Daddy, if I had said that I wanted 100,000 euros, would You have given me 100,000 euros?” he said. “Dante,” the voice said. “You asked for 50,000 euros, and I gave you 50,000 euros.” “Yes, but if I had asked for 100,000, would you have given it to me?” “Yes, I would have given 100,000 euros. But you asked for 50,000, so I gave 50,000.” “Can I change my mind?” “No, you can’t.” the voice said. “You have to learn to think bigger. You think very small. You think for only the moment, but I want to give you more. I want you to believe in Me. I want you to believe that I will give you what you need.”

“OK,” Dante said. “But who will tell my mother that she should give this money?” “Do you believe that I can do it?” “Yes, I believe, I believe!” Dante exclaimed.

He returned to the guestroom, where his mother was still sitting on the bed. “Dante, you know something?” she said as he entered the room. “I think it would be best if I gave you this extra money so you can pay for your studies.”

Dante, who is 36 and finishing his second year of studies, said the answer to prayer for money is one of many remarkable experiences that he has had with God at the college.

“When I finished my first year of theology, I realized that walking with God was walking with faith,” he said. “God doesn’t necessarily reveal to you all that will happen. He only asks you to trust in Him.”

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World Church Prayer Requests

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- **PRAYER REQUEST:** This week we start the annual Ten Days of Prayer, which will run January 8-18, 2020. The theme is “Seeking God’s Spirit.” Pray that we each will come to understand more deeply how we are to pray. Pray that lives are changed for eternity as church families press together seeking a closer walk with God. It’s not too late to be part of this special life-changing Ten Days of Prayer! To learn more, visit: tendaysofprayer.org
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray for the many different ministries represented within the Adventist church—both official church organizations and the many vital supporting ministries. Pray for those who lead these ministries, that their lives will be used for God’s glory, and that they would receive an extra outpouring of the Holy Spirit this coming year. If you can think of specific ministries or church organizations, pray for the leaders by name.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray for the multiple Seventh-day Adventist World Church media networks who broadcast the gospel throughout the globe. Pray for special wisdom and protection for these avenues of communication, especially in areas where it is becoming more difficult to freely share the gospel.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray for the presidents, directors, and managers of approximately 50 Hope Channel affiliates around the world who are broadcasting the gospel message in 56 languages.