



# POCKET MONEY

**I**t was almost 40 years ago that my husband Frank and I decided to be baptized together. The hardest part of that decision came when we learned about tithing, returning to God what is rightfully His.

At the time our income was quite limited. We were stationed in a foreign country, and I had no job. Also, we had a 4-year old child and I was eight months pregnant. Reducing our income by ten percent just did not seem possible. Nevertheless, we decided to take God at His Word that He would supply all our needs (Philippians 4:19). We did not use a bank while in that foreign country, but kept all our money in a designated pocket of my husband's dress uniform. Whenever we needed to purchase anything, we merely went to that coat in the closet.

One day I needed diapers and milk. I searched all the pockets in that dress uniform but there was

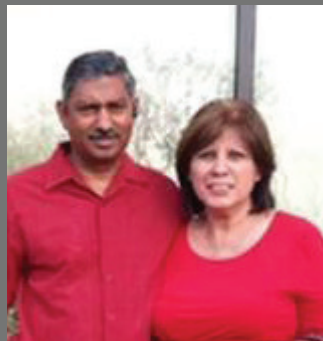
nothing. My husband was a combat medic, was out in the field, and I had no way to reach him. I specifically prayed for \$20 to cover the cost of the things my baby needed. While praying, a thought came to me, "Check the coat pocket." I protested, "Lord, I've already checked all the pockets; there is nothing!" I kept getting the same thought as I continued to pray. I finally gave in and checked the coat pocket again, finding nothing. But another coat next to the uniform caught my attention. I thought, "Perhaps that's the coat God is telling me to check." We never kept any money there; however, I checked the first pocket in the second coat and found a \$50 bill!

When my husband returned, I told him what happened. He said, "Honey, I never put money in that coat.

The money must have come from God." This experience was proof to us of the truth in Ephesians 3:20: Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think..."

Ever since then, we have returned our meager tithes and given offerings, and the Lord has "Opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessing" upon us. **IT IS ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM!**

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