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Local Conference Advance

It had been a hard year for the family. Expenses had been high, income ran low. They had to go to the food bank to receive powdered milk, blocks of cheese, and whatever other staples were available. They had few special treats.

By the middle of December, the children began asking questions.

“Will we have a Christmas tree?” “Will we get any Christmas gifts this year?” “What about Christmas dinner?”

Mom told the children to keep praying. “The Lord will provide,” she said. “You never know how God will bless us.”

A few days before Christmas, their uncle came to visit. He was the head elder of a church in the Bronx. He came to see how things were with the family. Tears welled up in his eyes as he hugged them goodbye. He hadn’t realized how bad it had been for them.

Two days later, someone delivered a Christmas tree. By the end of the week, presents appeared under the branches. A gift box came that contained a nativity scene.

We worship a wonderful God who promises to provide for our needs. God inspired their uncle to look after the family that year for Christmas. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17 Remember during this season, as we give for Conference Advance, that God wants to use our hands to give to others in their times of need.