

# Family Night OF PRAYER

## HOW TO WALK BY FAITH

George Mueller hadn't faced a situation quite like it. Before him were 120 orphans, expectantly seated at long dinner tables. But something at this mealtime tested the mettle of Mueller's heart. On the dinner plates at that table was...nothing but water. Eager faces looked toward him, as if to say, "What's for dinner?" But he didn't know; the cupboard was bare and the icebox was empty. There was no milk, and no money to buy food or drink.

What was George to do? It didn't take long for him to decide. He would do what he had done every other mealtime. He would instruct the children to bow their heads and join him in thanking God for the meal they were about to eat. He would praise God for the faithfulness of His provision. And so he did. Mueller prayed simply, directly, and with a heart filled with faith.

When the "amen" was pronounced, the plates were still empty.

But as the eyes of those 120 youngsters turned again to the head table, a knock sounded at the door. One of the boys was sent to answer. A moment later, he called out, "Mr. Mueller, it's the vegetable man! He's got a lot of stuff for us!" "Coincidentally," there were many vegetables that would spoil if he didn't do something with them. While the vegetables were being unloaded, another person came to the door – the butcher! He had run out of ice at the end of a hot day and faced the prospect of awful, rotting meat. Could the orphanage use it?

No sooner had he spoken the words than another amazing "coincidence" occurred. The milkman's wagon pulled up, overloaded with milk and dairy products and needing desperately to do something with them!

Needless to say, it was quite a banquet that night. And it was the finest lesson in faith those orphans ever received. Would the same thing have happened had Mueller not prayed, believing God for his provision ahead of time for it? We don't know, but we do know that Jesus said we have not because we ask not. And we know that His will for us is to walk by faith, not by sight.

God is calling each partner of Jesus Calls USA to answer a vital question: Do you have the faith to trust God for His provision? As we move toward the future – personally and corporately (JCI) – this must be our attitude and focus.

**Prayer Focus: Begin to praise God, in faith for the provision that has not manifested yet in your home, and at JCI. Allow the Holy Spirit to build your faith and expand your expectation of the provision that is coming.**