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Local Church Budget

The General of the Army of Syria was a leper. During one of the conquests against Samaria, the general captured a young girl and gave her to his wife as a maid. The Bible never gives the name of this precious child, but her influence would be great. She spoke of the God of Israel who could heal the husband of her mistress.

The wife told her husband of the hope of a cure. Naaman asked the king of Syria to write a letter to the king of Samaria requesting healing.

After several delays, Naaman arrived at the home of the prophet Elisha. He found a humble home. To make matters worse, Elisha didn't even come out in person to meet the general. He sent his servant out to deliver the simple message. "Go and wash in Jordan seven times." 2 Kings 5:10

Angry, Naaman headed home. But his servants urged him to follow the command of the prophet. When he did, God healed him of the leprosy.

A little girl shared with her mistress. The woman shared with her husband. The general shared with the king of Syria. Naaman came before the prophet of God, and God changed him. Today, we can do the same. When we give to the local budget, the funds are used to help share the gospel with others. Your name may never be known, but by sharing—like the little maid—lives will change as did that of Naaman the General.