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Miracles from a Cubicle

BY KATIE SHAW

Does God care where you go to college? The student financial services advisors at Andrews University definitely think so! They have seen miracle stories unfold within their cubicle walls which confirm the existence of a God who cares about Christian education.

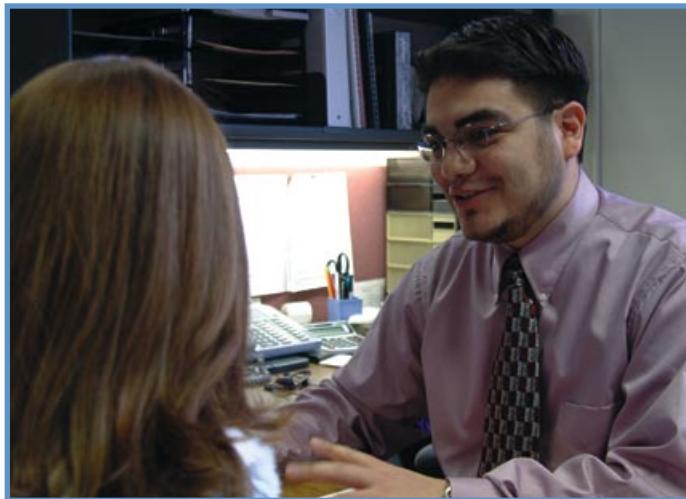
Matt* is from a single-father, low-income family, and needed to find a job to help pay his college expenses. He told his advisor that he wanted to get a job off campus, but his car was unreliable and frequently in the shop. His advisor prayed with him and was impressed with his determination to do whatever necessary to stay at Andrews.

Within the week, another student came to the same advisor to speak about her finances. She said: "Before we get started, I have something to ask you. Do you know anyone who needs a car?" She explained that a friend was giving her a car, and she didn't need hers anymore. The advisor thought of Matt immediately.

At the same time, a list of scholarships was given to the advisor who nominated Matt for one of them, and he received an extra \$1,000. "When I called him to let him know about the car and the scholarship, he was not only thankful, but was praising God!" the advisor said.

Jamila* and her family came to Andrews from abroad. In the final semester of her senior year, her "well" ran dry and she could not

pay the large balance still owed from fall semester, let alone the coming spring semester expenses. Her advisor prayed with her, and she went to her department to see if they could help her. They gave what they could, but it was still not enough. One day before the financial clearance deadline, she received a check for \$10,000, completely wiping out her old balance, her entire spring semester balance, and giving her money to help with her family's living expenses. She praises God for the way He took care of her.



Andrews University financial services advisor Juan Fresse helps a student.

Jeff* and his family had been facing hard times and wanted the opportunity to serve God as a pastor; however, he still hadn't completed his undergraduate degree which he needed for acceptance to the seminary. His wife believed in his dream and helped him get his finances in order while he worked during the day. Pregnant with their fifth child, she and Jeff moved their family to Berrien Springs only to find out

that they could not obtain campus housing. Before the day was over, they had found a four-bedroom house on a spacious country lot for just \$450 per month! Jeff soon realized he would need a full-time job to support his family and was blessed with a manager-in-training position.

Mikaela* owed \$4,400 from fall semester and needed to pay that balance before she could give her down payment for spring semester and graduate. She put her faith in God and prayed about her situation. She found out days

later that she had been awarded two \$1,000 scholarships, but this was still not enough to wipe out her balance. Through the Andrews Partnership Scholarship she received an additional \$2,000. During this time, her advisor received information about several Michigan Colleges Foundation scholarships to be awarded, and he nominated her. She received \$3,000. Her advisor reported: "When I saw her in the cafeteria and shared the good news,

she was dumbfounded! I could see that it was an emotional moment—her eyes teared and her voice was shaky as she gave the glory to God."

Who knows. Maybe there is a miracle waiting at Andrews University for you, too.

**All student names have been changed.*

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