More than Enough
Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7

This is a beautiful story of faith and provision. A servant of the Lord has died and left behind his wife and two sons. But the man had debts to pay, and his creditors are coming to take his sons as slaves to repay the debts he owed. The widow has lost her husband and is in danger of losing her two sons, so she cries out to the prophet Elisha for help.

Elisha asks the woman what she has in her house, but the cupboards are pretty empty; all she can come up with is a little oil. “Go, ask your neighbors for all the jars they have,” said Elisha. “Don’t ask for just a few!”

I think if I were the woman, I would’ve at least thought, This guy is off his rocker. But, instead, she exhibited her faith by obeying. She and her sons went and collected all the jars they could and took them home. Following Elisha’s instructions, they began to pour oil into the jars, filling them one by one and setting them aside. After a long time of working, the mother asked her son to bring another bottle, but he said there were none left. All the bottles had been filled with just a little oil. The widow sold the oil and she and her sons were able to pay off the debts and remain together.

You may feel today like you don’t have much to offer. You may be hurting, your faith may be shaken, and you may be searching for meaning and purpose. A little bit of oil may be all you have in the cupboard. But Jesus wants you to know that your little bit of oil will go further than you could ever imagine, if you will simply put it in his hands. He will provide for you, and, even better, he will give you enough oil to fill the empty jars.

The world is full of empty jars, people who don’t know Jesus and his life-changing grace. No matter how small you feel your gift is, he is telling you that he can use your gift to fill the empty vessels around you.

Will you allow your oil to be used by God on this mission trip?