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About the age of 20 Olga moved to Moscow and found a job at a nice restaurant. By this time she had become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was thinking of attending Brigham Young University.

Olga worked seven years to save enough money to get to Provo. Then she received a great blessing—a scholarship for two-thirds of her tuition.

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